

**FIRST MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

10 August 2021

Excellency,

On 2 August 2021, I circulated a draft decision regarding the postponement of the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW 1MSP), which was placed under silence procedure until 9 August 2021, 6 pm CET. At the expiration of the silence procedure, I had received no objections to or comments on the proposed decision.

The States Parties to the TPNW have thus agreed:

1. To hold the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at an appropriate time after 22 January 2022, notwithstanding Article 8 paragraph 2, of the Treaty, due to the unprecedented circumstances arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which have made it no longer feasible to hold the Meeting by that date;
2. To confirm that the Secretary-General of the United Nations is no longer required to convene the first Meeting of States Parties within one year of the entry into force of the Treaty in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 2;
3. To hold the first Meeting of States Parties from 22 to 24 March 2022 at the United Nations Office at Vienna, to request the Secretary-General to convene the first Meeting on those dates and the Secretariat to make the appropriate arrangements to that end; and
4. To authorize the President-designate to transmit the present text to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to request him to circulate the communication as an official document of the General Assembly under an appropriate agenda item.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of the decision, I will transmit the text of the decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and will request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers
States Parties and Signatory States to the Treaty on the
Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to the United Nations
New York

This decision demonstrates the flexible and supportive approach of TPNW States Parties and Signatories towards the entire nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation regime. The additional time will allow us to deal with the global health challenges and, thus, facilitate more inclusive participation at the 1MSP. I also look forward to continuing our substantive preparations after the summer break, in order to ensure the success of 1MSP.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Kmentt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander Kmentt
President-designate