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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CABINET DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Notes Verbales dated 27 April and 7 September 2021, regarding the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the further honour to refer to the letter, dated 22 March 2022 (A/76/773, attached for ease of reference), from Mr. Alexander Kmentt, President-designate of the first Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW, informing the Secretary-General that the States Parties to the TPNW have agreed to hold the first Meeting of States Parties from 21 to 23 June 2022 at the Austria Centre in Vienna, and requested the Secretary-General to convene the first Meeting of States Parties accordingly.

Pursuant to the request of the States Parties to the TPNW, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the first Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW from 21 to 23 June 2022 at the Austria Centre in Vienna, Austria.

The Secretary-General has the further honour to invite States not party to the TPNW to attend the Meeting of States Parties as observers, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 5, of the TPNW. States not party to the TPNW intending to attend the Meeting of States Parties as observers are requested to inform the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at their earliest convenience by contacting tpnw@un.org.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that Article 9, paragraph 1, of the TPNW provides, inter alia, as follows:

"The costs of the meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not party to this Treaty participating therein as observers, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately." Additional information on the arrangements for the Meeting of States Parties will be communicated in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

