First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)
21 June – 23 June 2022 at the Austria Center Vienna

UNITED NATIONS, May 2022 – The First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will be held at the Austria Center Vienna in Vienna from 21 – 23 June 2022. The President-designate of the meeting is Ambassador Alexander Kmentt (Austria).

The TPNW entered into force on 22 January 2021 - the first multilateral nuclear disarmament treaty in more than two decades. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has called the Treaty “an important step towards the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons and a strong demonstration of support for multilateral approaches to nuclear disarmament.”

The TPNW contains, inter alia, a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in any nuclear weapon-related activities. This includes undertakings not to develop, test, produce, acquire, possess, stockpile, use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. The Treaty also prohibits the deployment of nuclear weapons on national territory as well as the provision of assistance to any State in the conduct of prohibited activities. The TPNW requires States parties to assist individuals under their jurisdiction affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons, as well as to take environmental remediation measures in areas under their jurisdiction or control that have been contaminated due to the testing or use of nuclear weapons.

At the First Meeting of States Parties, States parties will examine the Treaty’s implementation and measure progress towards its goals.

The opening meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 June, and will be held in the “D” hall of the Austria Centre Vienna. Entry into the venue will be via Gate One of the Vienna International Centre. Media should go through the M-building and follow the signs to the Austria Centre Vienna.

Media access: Media representatives wishing to cover the Meeting are advised to apply for accreditation in advance through the United Nations Information Service in Vienna. Please send a letter of assignment and a copy of your press card to press.vienna@un.org. Criteria for media accreditation and information on the required documents are available on the UNIS website. Facilities for the media including a media centre will be available at the Meeting.

For more information about the Treaty, see the Office for Disarmament Affairs website
For more information about the First Meeting of States Parties, see the Conference Website
For accreditation, see the Media Accreditation to the Vienna International Center website.

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