PRESS BRIEFING
by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
Izumi Nakamitsu on the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons (TPNW)
Wednesday 22 June

UNITED NATIONS, June 2022 – On the margins of the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition
of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament
Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu will speak to members of the media about her expectations for the meeting and the role of the
United Nations.

The TPNW, the first multilateral nuclear disarmament treaty to be negotiated in more than two decades, was adopted
on 7 July 2017 at the United Nations and entered into force on 22 January 2021. To date, 65 States have ratified or
acceded to the TPNW and 86 have signed it.

United Nations 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.”

States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons are meeting from 21 – 23 June 2022 in Vienna to
examine the Treaty’s implementation and measure progress towards its goals.

Who: United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu
What: Press briefing on the margins of the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons (TPNW)
When: Wednesday 22 June 2022, 15:00 p.m. (CET)
Where: Media Room (-2.47/-2.48), Vienna Center Austria (Vienna)
Access: 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.

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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