

# First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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## Decisions to be taken by the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

1. **Draft decisions for the institutionalization of scientific and technical advice for the effective implementation of the Treaty (establishment of a scientific advisory group).**

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- a. To establish a Scientific Advisory Group based on the mandate as contained in TPNW/MSP/2022/WP.6 submitted by the President;
- b. That State Parties are invited to submit nominations for membership of the Scientific Advisory Group within 90 days after the first Meeting of States Parties.
- c. That nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, with States Parties taking into account their publications, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international and scientific advisory experience.
- d. That nominees should be ready to make substantive contributions to Scientific Advisory Group meetings, during the intersessional periods and at other relevant science and technology events.
- e. That all nominees are to submit a written statement describing how they intend to have a substantial impact on the work of the Scientific Advisory Group and the Treaty.
- f. That the Scientific Advisory Group will be comprised of up to 15 members to be appointed by the President following consultations with States Parties, taking into account the need for a comprehensive spread of relevant fields of scientific and technological expertise, gender balance, and equitable geographical distribution.

- g. That the Scientific Advisory Group will annually elect two co-chairs from among its members and take up its work without delay in accordance with its terms of reference.
- h. That the Scientific Advisory Group will convene its first constitutive meeting as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days after the appointment by the President, elect two Co-Chairs and take any other decision related to its effective functioning.
- i. That the Scientific Advisory Group will provide a report on its annual activities to the President for circulation amongst States Parties.
- j. That the Scientific Advisory Group will report to the second Meeting of States Parties on the status and developments regarding nuclear weapons, nuclear weapon risks, the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament, and related issues.
- k. That by the second Meeting of States Parties, with a view to contributing to capacity building, the Scientific Advisory Group will identify and engage scientific and technical institutions in States Parties and more broadly to establish a network of experts to support the goals of the Treaty.

**2. Draft decisions on the establishment of an intersessional structure for the implementation of the Treaty.**

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- a. To establish a Coordination Committee to coordinate the conduct and organisation of intersessional work between the first and second Meetings of States Parties. The Committee will comprise the outgoing President, the President of the subsequent meeting, the co-chairs of the informal working groups, the informal facilitator to further explore and articulate the possible areas of tangible cooperation between the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and the Gender Focal Point (see below), with the participation as observers of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. The Co-Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Group may be invited to participate by the Coordination Committee. .
- b. In order to facilitate continuity in the implementation of the Treaty, the President of the most recently concluded Meeting of States Parties (or Review Conference) will chair the Coordination Committee until the midway point between meetings of States Parties (or between a meeting of States Parties and a Review Conference) at which time the chair will be assumed by the President of the succeeding meeting of States Parties (or Review Conference).<sup>1</sup>
- c. The Coordination Committee will meet at least once every quarter or on an ad hoc basis, as necessary.
- d. The Coordination Committee will be supported by the Secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> This arrangement to facilitate continuity of work between the first and second meeting of States Parties does not set a precedent for subsequent intersessional chairing modalities.

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- e. To establish the following informal working groups to coordinate and take forward the intersessional work between Meetings of States Parties (or Review Conferences):
    - i. Informal working group on universalization. This group will be co-chaired by South Africa and Malaysia.
    - ii. Informal working group on victim assistance, environmental remediation; international cooperation and assistance. This group will be co-chaired by Kazakhstan and Kiribati.
    - iii. Informal working group on the implementation of Article 4, in particular work related to the future designation of (a) competent international authority(ies), This group will be co-chaired by Mexico and New Zealand.
  - f. that the informal working groups will be open to participation of all States parties, with the involvement of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, the Secretariat, and relevant international organisations as observers. Interested Signatory States and additional experts and civil society partners, as well as other relevant stakeholders may be invited by the co-chairs to participate in the work of the informal working groups as observers in line with the guiding principle of inclusivity and the substantive requirements of the respective informal working groups;
  - g. that the informal working groups will meet on a regular basis, using virtual or hybrid means wherever possible;
  - h. that the purpose of the informal working groups is to coordinate efforts regarding the implementation of the Treaty and decisions and actions agreed by the Meeting of States Parties, to exchange information and to develop recommendations to be considered at future Meetings of States Parties and Review Conferences;
  - i. that the co-chairs of the informal working groups, the informal facilitator, the gender focal point, as well as the co-chairs of the Scientific Advisory Group will submit regular reports to the Coordination Committee and submit a written report on their activities to each meeting of States Parties;
  - j. that the President will inform State Parties on a regular basis, in writing and/or through informal in-person or virtual meetings of the activities undertaken by the Coordination Committee.
  - k. To appoint Ireland as an informal facilitator to further explore and articulate possible areas of tangible cooperation between the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and other relevant nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation instruments, during the period between the first meeting of States Parties and the second meeting of States Parties. The informal facilitator will submit recommendations for distribution through the Coordination Committee, as appropriate, and report to the second meeting of States Parties;

1. The Meeting of States Parties further decides to appoint Chile as Gender Focal Point to work during the intersessional period to support the implementation of the gender provisions of the Treaty and report on progress made to the second Meeting of States Parties.

**3. Adoption of the financial report.**

**4. Election of the president of the second meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.**

On 26 May 2022, following a silence procedure, States Parties decided to designate Mexico as President of the second meeting of States Parties and also to designate the presidency of the third meeting of States Parties.

The first meeting of States Parties will elect the president of the second meeting of States Parties.

**5. Designation of the president of the third meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.**

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

To note that on 1 June 2022, States Parties agreed that Kazakhstan would preside over the third meeting of States Parties.

That the first meeting of States Parties will designate Kazakhstan as the president of third meeting of States Parties, to be elected at the second meeting of States Parties.

That Kazakhstan will nominate a candidate for the president of the third meeting of States Parties prior to the second meeting of States Parties.

**6. Adoption of the Vienna Declaration of the 1st Meeting of States Parties of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, “Our Commitment to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons” (as circulated amongst States Parties).**

**7. Adoption of the final report, including the Vienna Action Plan for the effective and timely implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (as circulated amongst States Parties).**

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