

Submission to Secretary-General's report on Youth, disarmament, and non-proliferation. Please note the maximum length for submissions is 500 words / 3K characters (website)

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would greatly appreciate receiving any information that is available about the activities of your Organization on its youth engagement and empowerment activities in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation covering the last two years (after July 2023 until June 2025). The material is a helpful biennial compilation of governmental, UN organization, and non-governmental work on the issue of the promotion of youth engagement and empowerment activities in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation. It is presented to the full membership of the General Assembly (as requested in the resolution), and also circulated to a wide audience of youth, peace, security, and disarmament actors.

The Qazaq Nuclear Frontline Coalition (QNFC), also known as ASQAQ Koalitsiyasy, is a youth-led civil society organization representing the interests and amplifying the voices of nuclear-affected communities and allies from Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Our work since November 2024 has focused on meaningfully engaging youth and elders from frontline communities impacted by the legacy of nuclear weapons testing, particularly around the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site also known as Polygon, where the Soviet government conducted over 400 nuclear detonations between 1949 and 1989. The Coalition is the dynamic partner of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, ICAN and IPPNW, international NGOs such as PeaceBoat, Nuclear Truth Project, Japan Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, etc.

QNFC has facilitated youth participation in key global disarmament forums, including the 3rd Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in March 2025. Our Co-Founders Aigerim Seitenova and Yerdaulet Rakhmatulla conducted 3 preparation sessions for new Kazakh delegates, co-organized 8 side events during the Nuclear Ban Week, and delivered the 1st historic Statement on behalf of Kazakh nuclear-affected communities and civil society, emphasizing meaningful youth engagement in disarmament decision-making.

QNFC has produced a comprehensive Working Paper based on our nationwide survey of 500+ respondents from nuclear-affected regions highlighting urgent needs for making health protocols sensitive to nuclear-related diseases considering intergenerational impact of ionising radiation, creating intergenerational rehabilitation and genetic testing for future generations. Overall, this document includes 15 policy recommendations to TPNW States Parties and the Kazakh Government. Coalition calls for the establishment of an International Trust Fund under the TPNW framework to provide just and sustainable support for survivors. Additionally, we facilitated the 1st Civil Society Consultation on the TPNW Articles 6 and 7 in cooperation with the Kazakh Permanent Mission to the UN.

We screened the independent documentary – JARA: Radioactive Patriarchy, Women of Qazaqstan – produced by QNFC Co-Founder Aigerim Seitenova and premiered at the UN Church Center. Our Coalition co-organized 15+ screening-panel events at Harvard, New

Zealand/Aotearoa, Almaty, Hamburg University and PRIF, University of Geneva, Vienna, London, Scottish Parliament, Paris, and more. JARA is the first film amplifying the lived experiences of affected women and girls, fostering awareness and advocacy on reproductive justice. Our Coalition contributed to the 2nd OHCHR report on the nuclear legacy of the Marshall Islands

In May 2025, Coalition participated in an intensive 10-day Study Tour to four German cities, incl. Berlin and Bonn, to engage with civil society, Federal Foreign Office, and Mayors for Peace to advocate for international cooperation in research, Track II and youth diplomacy, and meaningful assistance to survivors. QNFC's interventions were featured in The Diplomat, Seikyō Shimbun (聖
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The QNFC is continuing JARA Tour in Europe and beyond, starting the next stage of research project, and preparing for a series of commemorative events in East Asia.

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The Qazaq Nuclear Frontline Coalition (QNFC), also known as ASQAQ Koalitsiyasy, is a youth-led civil society group representing nuclear-affected communities, allies across Central Asia. Since November 2024, QNFC has focused on engaging youth and Elders from areas impacted by nuclear weapons testing, particularly near the Semipalatinsk Polygon, where the Soviet government carried out 400+ nuclear tests between 1949 and 1989.

QNFC is a dynamic partner of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates ICAN and IPPNW, as well as INGOs like PeaceBoat, the Nuclear Truth Project, and the Japan Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. QNFC has enabled youth participation in major global disarmament forums, incl. the 3rd MSP to the TPNW in March 2025.

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QNFC produced a comprehensive Working Paper based on a nationwide survey of 500+ respondents, highlighting urgent needs for health protocols sensitive to nuclear-related illnesses, considering the intergenerational impact of ionizing radiation, and calling for rehabilitation and genetic testing for future generations. The document offers 15 policy recommendations to TPNW States Parties and the Kazakh government. The Coalition also advocates for an International Trust Fund under the TPNW framework to provide just, sustainable support for survivors.

Also, QNFC facilitated the 1st Civil Society Consultation on TPNW Articles 6 and 7 in cooperation with the Kazakh Permanent Mission to the UN. The Coalition screened the independent documentary "JARA: Radioactive Patriarchy, Women of Qazaqstan" – produced by Co-Founder Aigerim Seitenova and premiered at the UN. QNFC co-organized over 15 screening-panel events at Harvard, New Zealand, Almaty, Hamburg, PRIF, UniGeneva, Vienna, London, the Scottish Parliament, Paris, and more. "JARA" is the first film amplifying the experiences of affected women and girls, raising awareness and advocacy on reproductive justice.

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Executive summary of your organization's submission. Please note the maximum length for submissions is 200 words (report)

In order to comply with the page-limit requirement for UN documents and to facilitate the timely processing of relevant documentation in all UN official languages, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to request your Organization to provide an executive summary of its information in its submission. The executive summary will be included in the report of the Secretary-General, while the submission in extenso will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, if so requested by your organization.

The Qazaq Nuclear Frontline Coalition (QNFC) or ASQAQ Koalitsiyasy is a youth-led intergenerational civil society organization advancing nuclear disarmament and justice for communities affected by nuclear testing in Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Since 2024, QNFC has actively engaged youth from frontline regions, amplifying their voices at global forums including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) 3rd Meeting of States Parties and UN events in Vienna and New York.

QNFC's Co-Founders, Aigerim Seitenova and Yerdaulet Rakhmatulla, led preparations for new Kazakh youth delegates, co-organized eight side events during Nuclear Ban Week, and delivered the first historic statement on behalf of nuclear-affected communities. The coalition produced a comprehensive Working Paper based on a nationwide survey of 500+ respondents, offering 15 policy recommendations and calling for the establishment of an International Trust Fund under the TPNW to support survivors.

QNFC also amplified women's voices through the independent documentary JARA: Radioactive Patriarchy, Women of Qazaqstan, screened at the UN and over 15 international venues. Collaborations with UNODA, OHCHR, Nobel Laureates, and global NGOs have strengthened QNFC's advocacy. Through education, research, international advocacy tours, and media engagement, QNFC exemplifies meaningful youth participation in disarmament, aligned with the objectives of Resolution 78/31.

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Organization wishes their submission to be posted on the ODA website.

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