

# **Input from Turkmenistan for the Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Comprehensive Study of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in All Its Aspects**

**Submitted by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations**

## **Background**

Turkmenistan, as a signatory and active participant in the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia (CANWFZ), reaffirms its commitment to the principles of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and the promotion of global and regional peace and security. The establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs) has demonstrated significant progress in reinforcing international security by preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and ensuring peaceful cooperation among nations.

Recognizing the importance of UN General Assembly resolution [A/RES/79/241](#), which calls for a comprehensive study on nuclear-weapon-free zones in all their aspects, Turkmenistan underscores the necessity of strengthening existing NWFZs, promoting collaboration among them, and exploring the creation of new zones, including in regions of geopolitical tension.

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## **Turkmenistan's Contributions and Recommendations**

### **1. Strengthening Cooperation Among Existing NWFZs**

- Turkmenistan emphasizes the need for increased coordination and information-sharing among existing NWFZs, including through inter-regional forums and mechanisms.
- The signing of the **Memorandum of Understanding between the CANWFZ and the OPANAL Agency** and the **Memorandum of Cooperation with the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONe)** are vital steps toward greater synergy between NWFZs. Turkmenistan encourages the institutionalization of such cooperation through regular joint meetings, capacity-building initiatives, and policy harmonization.

### **2. Enhancing the Legal and Political Framework of NWFZs**

- Turkmenistan calls on **nuclear-weapon States that have not signed or ratified the relevant protocols to NWFZ treaties** to do so promptly, thereby providing legally binding security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States.
- Turkmenistan urges the UN Secretary-General to facilitate discussions on mechanisms ensuring **stronger compliance and enforcement** of NWFZ treaties, particularly in cases of violation.

### **3. Promoting the Establishment of New NWFZs**

- In accordance with the **principles outlined in the 1999 Disarmament Commission report**, Turkmenistan supports the establishment of new NWFZs based on voluntary agreements among States in the respective regions.

#### 4. Addressing Emerging Challenges in Nuclear Disarmament

- Turkmenistan acknowledges the **risks associated with new nuclear technologies**, including the potential for proliferation through advanced uranium enrichment, plutonium reprocessing, and military applications of artificial intelligence.
- The report should consider the **impact of new geopolitical dynamics on NWFZs** and propose measures to reinforce these zones amid evolving security threats.

#### 5. Integrating NWFZs into Global Disarmament Efforts

- The **UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)** should play an active role in facilitating discussions between NWFZs and nuclear-armed States within relevant UN disarmament forums.
  - The **2024 Anniversary Meeting of the CANWFZ States Parties in Ashgabat ([A/79/698](#))** demonstrated the necessity of **consolidating global disarmament efforts** by leveraging the successes of NWFZs to achieve the broader goal of a **nuclear-weapon-free world**.
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### Conclusion

Turkmenistan reiterates its firm commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We urge the United Nations to incorporate these recommendations into the comprehensive study on nuclear-weapon-free zones to be prepared under resolution A/RES/79/241. Strengthening NWFZs, ensuring their legal effectiveness, and expanding their reach to new regions will serve as a cornerstone for advancing international peace and security.

Turkmenistan stands ready to actively participate in the preparation of the Secretary-General's report and in discussions aimed at promoting the full implementation of nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties worldwide.

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