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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Heads of the Entities mentioned in Rule 1, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the first Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons[1], adopted on 17 July 2026 through Intersessional Decision 3[2], and has the honour to refer to the preparations for the first Review Conference.

The third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty decided, at its 10th plenary meeting on 7 March 2025, that the first conference to review the operation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the progress in achieving its purposes ("the first Review Conference") would be held during the week of 30 November to 4 December 2026 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and elected the Republic of South Africa as President of the first Review Conference (see TPNW/MSP/2025/11/Rev.1, Decision 2, [para. 24]). The General Assembly, in operative paragraph 10 of its resolution 80/54 of 5 December 2025, "[c]onfirm[ed] that the first Review Conference of Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 30 November to 4 December 2026". In operative paragraph 11 of that same resolution, the General Assembly "request[ed] [the Secretary-General] to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, as may be required, for the first Review Conference [and its informal intersessional processes] […]".

Rule 1, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure states that "The United Nations, its specialized agencies and related organizations[3], the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, representatives selected by the States parties of treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons may attend the Meeting of States Parties as observers without the right to vote".

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[2] Wherein the States parties decided that the rules of procedure of the Meeting of States Parties would apply mutatis mutandis to the first Review Conference.

[3] For the purpose of the present rules, the term "related organizations" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Criminal Court, the International Organization for Migration, the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the World Trade Organization and any other related organization.

Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite the entities mentioned in Rule 1, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure to attend the first Review Conference as observers.

Additional information on the arrangements for the conference will be made available in due course, including on the website of the first Review Conference (https://meetings.unoda.org/-revcon/treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons-first-review-conference-2026).

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of the Entities mentioned in Rule 1, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure the assurances of his highest consideration.

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