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 Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW/MSP/2022/3), and has the honour to refer to the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

The first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty decided at its 6th plenary meeting on 23 June 2022, that “the second Meeting would be held during the period of 27 November to 1 December 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York” (see TPNW/MSP/2022/6, para. 27). The United Nations General Assembly, in operative paragraph 9 of its resolution 77/54, of 7 December 2022, “[c]onfirm[ed] that the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 November to 1 December 2023.” In operative paragraph 10 of that same resolution, the General Assembly “[r]equest[ed] the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, as may be required, for the second Meeting of States Parties”.

Rule 1, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure states that “The United Nations, its specialized agencies and related organizations ², 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”.

Accordingly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to invite the entities mentioned in Rule 1, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure to attend the second Meeting of States Parties as observers.

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¹ The United Nations, its specialized agencies and related organizations, 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.

² 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.
Further information on the arrangements for the Meeting of States Parties is contained in the document entitled “Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations” (TPNW/MSP/2023/INF/1), and on the website of the Meeting of States Parties (https://meetings.unoda.org/tpnw/tpnw-msp-2023).

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 of the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons the assurances of his highest consideration.

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