I. Introduction

1. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 23 June 2022, the first Meeting of States Parties “decided that the second Meeting would be held during the period of 27 November to 1 December 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.” By its resolution 77/54, the General Assembly of the United Nations “confirm[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.”

2. Accordingly, in a note verbale dated 31 July 2023, the Secretary-General convened the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty from 27 November to 1 December 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the Meeting

3. The second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 November to 1 December 2023.

4. The Meeting was opened on 27 November by the President of the Meeting, Juan Ramón de la Fuente (Mexico). The President made introductory remarks.

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting conducted its high-level opening session under agenda item 8, during which it heard an address by Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on behalf of the Secretary-General and addresses by high-level officials.1

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1 The following high-level officials addressed the Meeting: Ms. Laetitia Marie Isabelle Courtois
B. Officers

6. At its 6th plenary meeting, the first Meeting of States Parties had elected Juan Ramón de la Fuente (Mexico) as President of the second Meeting, in accordance with rule 6 (3) of the rules of procedure. The second Meeting of States Parties elected its other officers, as follows:

_Vice-Presidents:_
- Ireland
- Kiribati
- Namibia

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting adopted its agenda (TPNW/MSP/2023/1), as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting.
5. Decisions adopted in the period between Meetings of States Parties in accordance with rule 45.
6. Organization of work.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Meeting:
   (a) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. High-level session: address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and addresses by high-level officials.
9. Thematic discussion on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Consideration of the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty:
   (a) Declarations regarding the ownership, possession or control of nuclear weapons (article 2);
   (b) Universality (article 12);
   (c) Towards the elimination of nuclear weapons (article 4);

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Permanent Observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations, on behalf of the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; Ms. Melissa Parke, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; Mr. Sueichi Kido, representative of survivors of nuclear weapon explosions; H.E. Murat Nurtileu, Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Gilbert Kabanda Kurhenga, Minister of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Gerardo Peñalver Portal, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations; and H.E. Mr. Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Victim assistance, environmental remediation and international cooperation and assistance (articles 6 and 7);

National implementation measures (article 5);

Other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty:

i. Scientific and technical advice for the effective implementation of the Treaty;

ii. Intersessional structure for the implementation of the Treaty;

iii. Complementarity of the Treaty with the existing nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime;

iv. Implementing the gender provisions of the Treaty.


13. Preparations for the third Meeting of States Parties:

(a) Election of the President;

(b) Dates and venue.

14. Other matters.

15. Consideration and adoption of the final document of the Meeting.


8. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting took note of the indicative timetable (TPNW/MSP/2023/INF/3).

D. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting

9. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of Christopher King, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch in the Office for Disarmament Affairs, as Secretary-General of the Meeting.

F. Documentation

10. The documents for the Meeting are listed in annex VI to the present report.

III. Credentials

11. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure, according to which the Credentials Committee is to be composed of five members, the Meeting appointed Austria, Chile, Malaysia, Nigeria and Uruguay as members of its Credentials Committee.

12. At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 December, the Meeting adopted the draft resolution set out in paragraph 14 of the report of the Credentials Committee (TPNW/MSP/2023/12), as recommended by the Committee after it had examined the credentials of the representatives of States parties to the Meeting and found them to be in order.
IV. Attendance

13. The following 56 States parties participated in the Meeting: Austria, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Ireland, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, South Africa, State of Palestine, Thailand, Timor Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

14. The following 33 States attended the Meeting as observers: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Germany, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Norway, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen.

15. Representatives of the United Nations, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, attended the Meeting as observers without the right to vote, in accordance with rule 1 (2) of the rules of procedure.

16. Representatives of 122 relevant NGOs attended the Meetings under rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

17. The list of participants will be contained in a document to be issued after the conclusion of the Meeting.

V. Decisions adopted in the period between Meetings of States Parties in accordance with rule 45

18. At its 1st plenary meeting, acting in accordance with rule 45, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the Meeting took note of the decisions adopted through the procedure referred to in rule 45, paragraph 1, and decided to annex them to the present report (annex III).

VI. Thematic discussion on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons

19. At its 2nd and 3rd plenary meetings, on 27 and 28 November, under agenda item 9, the Meeting conducted a thematic discussion on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the co-chairs of the Scientific Advisory Group introduced the Report of the Scientific Advisory Group on the status and developments regarding nuclear weapons, nuclear weapon risks, the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament and related issues (TPNW/MSP/2023/8).
VII. General exchange of views

21. At its 4th to 6th plenary meetings, the Meeting held its general exchange of views under agenda item 10,

VIII. Consideration of the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty

22. At its 6th to 9th plenary meetings, on 29 November to 1 December, under agenda item 11, the Meeting considered the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty. The President, co-chairs of the informal working groups, co-facilitators and the focal point presented their reports and working papers related to the sub-items of agenda item 11.\(^2\) The co-chairs of the Scientific Advisory Group presented the reports of the Group.\(^3\) Delegations asked questions and made comments.

IX. Financial matters

23. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 November, the Meeting took note of its financial report (TPNW/MSP/2022/9).

X. Preparations for the third Meeting of States Parties

24. At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 December, the Meeting […]

XI. Consideration and adoption of the final document of the Meeting

25. At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 December, the Meeting […]
26. At the same plenary meeting, the Meeting adopted its report.

\(^2\) Documents TPNW/2023/2 to 4 and 7 and working papers TPNW/MSP/2023/WP.2 and WP.3.
\(^3\) Documents TPNW/2023/6 and 8.
Annex I

Declaration of the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

[Text of the declaration to be inserted]
Annex II

Decisions of the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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Annex III

Decisions adopted in the period between Meetings of States Parties in accordance with rule 45

Intersessional decision 11

The Meeting of States Parties,

Recalling paragraph 27 of the Report of the first Meeting (TPNW/MSP/2022/6),

Acting in accordance with rule 45 of its rules of procedure,

1. Approves the cost estimates for the second Meeting of presented by the Secretariat;

2. Requests the Secretariat to make all necessary organizational arrangements for the second Meeting in accordance with the cost estimates and in consultation with the President.

Intersessional decision 21

The Meeting of States Parties,

Recalling paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Report of the first Meeting (TPNW/MSP/2022/6),

Acting in accordance with rule 45 of its rules of procedure,

1. Decides to apply a maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent of the total costs to contributions for the second Meeting, without prejudice to assessed contributions for future Meetings;

2. Also decides to review the question of the maximum assessment rate ahead of the third Meeting.

Intersessional decision 31

The Meeting of States Parties,

Recalling paragraph 27 of the Report of the first Meeting (TPNW/MSP/2022/6),

Noting the positive effect of the sponsorship programme for the first Meeting, which enabled the participation of 24 delegates in the Meeting;

Expressing its appreciation to the States that made financial contributions to the sponsorship programme for the first Meeting

Acting in accordance with rule 45 of its rules of procedure,

1. Decides to establish a sponsorship programme to ensure inclusivity and broad participation in the second Meeting, to be operated by the Office for Disarmament Affairs;

2. Also decides that the sponsorship programme should be operated within the parameters set out annex I to the present decision, as well as within the specifications

1 Adopted through a silence procedure that expired without objection on 31 July 2023.
contained in the 18 February 2022 letter of the President-designate of the first Meeting, reproduced in annex II to the present decision;

3. Requests the Office for Disarmament Affairs to take the necessary administrative and organizational steps to ensure operability of the sponsorship programme;

4. Invites States Parties in a position to do so to consider making a voluntary contribution to the sponsorship programme.

Annex I

The sponsorship programme is to be financed exclusively through voluntary contributions of those States in a position to do so. The sponsorship programme would cover 1 person per delegation from States to ensure, as a priority, the participation of States Parties at the 2MSP. Subject to availability of funds, the participation of delegates from Signatory states as well as states that have supported the TPNW (e.g., voted in favour of its adoption and/or voted in favour of the TPNW UNGA resolutions) can also be sponsored. Eligible States for the sponsorship programme are LDC States ODA recipient countries (based on DAC-List of ODA countries) or Small Island Developing States. Additional criteria for the sponsorship programme are equitable regional representation and gender equity. All States in a position to do so are requested to consider contributing to this programme.

Annex II

Excerpt from a letter dated 18 February 2022 from the President-designate of the first Meeting

a. Priority for the Sponsorship Programme is to facilitate the participation of States Parties at the 1MSP.

b. It is recommended that the Secretariat sends out a call for applications to all eligible States at the same time with a deadline well in advance of the 1MSP to allow for sufficient time;

c. Once the applications are received, the Secretariat should prepare a list of eligible States Party delegates –

   a) If more than one delegate is nominated from a State, the Secretariat should request this State to select one delegate. Within the group of eligible States Parties, priority is to be given the LDC States ODA recipient countries. If there are no sufficient funds to sponsor all eligible States Parties, the Secretariat should revert back to the President-designate who will consult with the donor countries;

   b) Once the selection of States Party delegates is concluded and subject to the availability of resources, the Secretariat should prepare a list of sponsorship applicants from eligible Signatory States and, following this, from States that voted in favour of its adoption and/or voted in favour of the TPNW UNGA resolutions. Within the group of Signatory States, priority is to be given to LDC States ODA recipient countries. Only once all requests for signatory States are fulfilled, should non-Signatory States Parties who supported the TPNW be considered for
sponsorship with, again with priority given to LDC ODA recipient countries.

d. Notwithstanding the above points, donor States for the Sponsorship Programme may earmark part of their funds to sponsor States, including Signatory States and non-States Parties, from specific regions;

e. A contingency reserve of no more than 5% of the available funds should be kept to be able to accommodate late or special requests for sponsorship for up to 1 month before the MSP, any grants to such late or special requests being subject to consultations by the President-designate with the donor countries;

f. In case of any open questions regarding the implementation of the Sponsorship Programme or the use of funds, the Secretariat should inform the President-designate who will consult with the donor countries of the Sponsorship Programme and any other delegation, as appropriate.

Intersessional decision 4

The Meeting of States Parties,

Recalling rule 1, paragraphs 3 and 4 of its rules of procedure,

Acting in accordance with rule 45 of its rules of procedure,

1. Takes note of the list of other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations whose purpose and activities are consistent with the object and purpose of the Treaty that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 contained in annex I;

2. Accepts the participation in the second Meeting of States Parties of the other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations whose purpose and activities are consistent with the object and purpose of the Treaty that do not have consultative status with the Council contained in annex II.

Annex I

(Organizations that participated in the first meeting of States Parties are marked with an asterisk)

1. Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children
3. Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy (AIDD)*
4. Article 36*
5. Canadian Pugwash Group*
6. Chernobyl-Hibakushua Support, Kansai
7. F N Forbundet

2 Adopted through a silence procedure that expired without objection on 9 November 2023.
8. Indigenous World Association
9. International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
10. International Association of World Peace Advocate
11. International Center for the Study, Prevention and Treatment of Multigenerational Trauma Inc.
12. International Peace Bureau (IPB)*
13. International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War*
14. International Trade Union Confederation*
15. Japanese Liaison Council of Second-Generation Atomic Bomb Survivors*
16. Mayors for Peace*
17. Mines Action Canada
18. Mouvement de la Paix*
19. New Japan Women's Association*
20. Northern Citizen Community Board (NCCB)
21. Norwegian People’s Aid*
22. Nuclear Age Peace Foundation*
23. Pace University
24. Pax Christi International*
25. Peace Action
26. Peace Boat*
27. People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy
28. Physicians for Social Responsibility
29. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung - Gesellschaftsanalyse und Politische Bildung e.V.
30. Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House*
31. Servas International*
32. Soka Gakkai International*
33. South African Institute of International Affairs*
34. Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV - Pax Christi (IPC)
35. The Elders Foundation*
36. The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)*
37. The Simons Foundation Canada*
38. United Religions Initiative
39. Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)*
40. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*

Annex II
1. 80,000 Voices
3. Affected Communities and Allies Working Group
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5. African Council of Religious Leaders- Religions for Peace
6. Asociación para Políticas Publicas - Seguridad Humana en Latinoamerica y el Caribe
7. Archdiocese of Santa Fe
8. Arms Control Association*
9. Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (APLN)
10. Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
11. BASIC (British American Information Security Council)*
12. beHuman
13. Blue Banner
14. Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament*
15. Carnegie Corporation of New York*
16. Center for Countermeasures against Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents
17. Center for International Security and Policy
18. Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Désarmement et Sécurité (CRIDS)
19. Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy
20. Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge
21. Comitato Senzatomica*
22. Congolese Campaign to Ban Landmines
23. Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)*
24. Disarmament and Arms Control
25. Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences*
26. FAPROS DRC
27. Federation of American Scientists
28. Forum on Disarmament and Development
29. Gender and Radiation Impact Project
30. Hidankyo/Hibakusha Organization of Japan*
31. Hiroshima Prefectural Government*
32. Human Security Lab, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
33. ICAN Austria - Kampagne zur Abschaffung von Nuklearwaffen
34. ICAN France
35. ICAN Germany
36. Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)*
37. Japan Congress Against A-and H-Bombs (Gensuikin)
38. Japan NGO Network for Nuclear Weapons Abolition*
39. Know Nukes Tokyo
40. Lex International
41. Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World*
42. Marshall Islands Student Association
43. Marshallese Educational Initiative
44. Mediator and Observer Group of Madagascar
45. Middle East Treaty Organization*
46. Nei til Atomväpen
47. Northwestern University*
48. Nuclear Threat Initiative
49. Nuclear Watch New Mexico
50. NuclearBan.US*
51. Nukewatch, The Progressive Foundation*
52. Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA)
53. Organisation de soutien à la paix et la sécurité en Afrique (OJAP)
54. Pacific Network on Globalisation
55. Parliamentarians for the TPNW*
56. PATH Collective
57. Pax Christi Flanders
58. Peace Union of Finland
59. Princeton University Program on Science and Global Security*
60. RealistRevolt
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65. Secure Scotland
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67. Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea(SPARK)
68. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)*
69. Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society
70. The Timbuktu Center For Strategic Studies on the Sahel
71. UNHouse Scotland*
72. Union of Concerned Scientists
73. Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
74. University of Leeds*
75. University of York
76. Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*
77. Western States Legal Foundation
78. Women Concern
79. Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy
80. World without Wars and Violence (Mundo sin Guerras y sin Violencia)*
81. Youth for Privacy
82. Youth for TPNW
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