

Second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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

I. Draft decision 1: “Intersessional structure for the implementation of the Treaty”

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- (a) To extend the intersessional structure as contained in decision 4 of the first Meeting of States Parties to the intersessional period between the second and third Meetings of States Parties:
 - i. The informal working group on universalization will be co-chaired by South Africa and Uruguay.
 - ii. The informal working group on victim assistance, environmental remediation, international cooperation and assistance will be co-chaired by Kazakhstan and Kiribati.
 - iii. The informal working group on the implementation of article 4, in particular work related to the future designation of a competent international authority or authorities will be co-chaired by Malaysia and New Zealand.
 - iv. Mexico will be appointed as gender focal point.
- (b) To reconfirm decision 3 of the first Meeting of States Parties regarding the complementarity of the Treaty with the existing nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation regime and to appoint Ireland and Thailand as informal facilitators between the second and third Meetings of States Parties.
- (c) That the co-chairs of the informal working groups, the informal facilitators and the gender focal point will be informed, inter alia, by documents TPNW/MSP/2023/2, TPNW/MSP/2023/3, TPNW/MSP/2023/4, TPNW/MSP/2023/5 and TPNW/MSP/2023/7, respectively.

II. Draft decision 2: Thematic debates at the Meetings of States Parties”

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- (a) That Presidents of future Meetings of States Parties shall have the option to convene thematic debates at the Meetings, taking into account the relevance of specific topics for the implementation of the Treaty's objectives and current international developments, amongst others;
- (b) That, towards that aim, the President – if they so choose – shall select a specific topic for thematic debate and propose it to the States Parties, for their concurrence, following consultations with the Coordinating Committee;
- (c) That, following the approval of the proposal, the President will work with the Secretariat to present the corresponding thematic debate in the timetable of the Meeting of States Parties.

III. Draft decision 3: “Voluntary reporting on articles 6 and 7”

The Meeting of States Parties decides to adopt, on a provisional basis, for voluntary use by States parties’, the reporting guidelines and the reporting format as contained in document TPNW/MSP/2023/3 and further recommends that States parties continue to review the voluntary reporting guidelines and format with a view to further improvement as part of the activities of the informal working group on victim assistance, environmental remediation, international cooperation and assistance.

IV. Draft decision 4: “International trust fund for victim assistance and environmental remediation”

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- (a) That focused discussions will be held under the informal working group on victim assistance, environmental remediation, international cooperation and assistance, taking into account inter alia document TPNW/MSP/2023/3, regarding the feasibility of, and possible guidelines for, establishing an international trust fund for victim assistance and environmental remediation.
- (b) That a report will be submitted to the third Meeting of States Parties with recommendations related to the feasibility of, and possible guidelines for, the establishment of an international trust fund for victim assistance and environmental remediation, with the aim of examining the establishment of such a trust fund at the third Meeting of States Parties as a priority.

V. Draft decision 5: “Consultative process on security concerns of States under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”

The Meeting of States Parties decides:

- (a) To establish an intersessional consultative process, between the second and third Meetings of States Parties, among States Parties and Signatories, with the involvement of the Scientific Advisory Group, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and other stakeholders and experts, to consult and submit a report to the third Meeting of States Parties containing a comprehensive set of arguments and recommendations:
 - i. To better promote and articulate the legitimate security concerns, threat and risk perceptions enshrined in the Treaty that result from the existence of nuclear weapons and the concept of nuclear deterrence;
 - ii. To challenge the security paradigm based on nuclear deterrence by highlighting and promoting new scientific evidence about the humanitarian consequences and risks of nuclear weapons and juxtaposing this with the risks and assumptions that are inherent in nuclear deterrence.
- (b) Austria will be appointed as coordinator for the consultative process on security concerns of States under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- (c) The coordinator will collaborate closely with the co-chairs of the informal working group on universalization to maximize synergies with respect to universalization efforts.