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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In its relevant part, Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Treaty states that a review conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of the Treaty, and that the Secretary-General shall convene further review conferences at intervals of six years thereafter, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties. Article 8, paragraph 5, of the Treaty states that “States not party to the Treaty, as well as the relevant entities of the United Nations system, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and relevant non-governmental organizations, shall be invited to attend the meetings of States Parties [...] as observers”.

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] [...]”.

Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the first Review Conference of Parties to the Treaty from 30 November to 4 December 2026 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite the States not party to the Treaty to attend the first Review Conference as observers. States not party to the Treaty intending to attend the Review Conference as observers are requested to inform the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at their earliest convenience by contacting tpnw@un.org.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Treaty provides as follows:

“The costs of the meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not party to this Treaty participating therein as observers, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.”

Additional information on the arrangements for the conference will be communicated in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



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