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**General and complete disarmament: Treaty on the Prohibition  
of Nuclear Weapons****Letter dated 23 March 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit a letter from Mr. Alexander Kmentt, President-designate of the first meeting of States parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, addressed to the Secretary-General (see annex).

We kindly request your assistance in forwarding the present letter and its annex to its destination. Furthermore, we kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 100 (ii).

(Signed) Hans J. Almoslechner  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 23 March 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires  
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

**First meeting of States parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of  
Nuclear Weapons**

22 March 2022

Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as President-designate of the first meeting of States parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. In a letter dated 10 August 2021, I previously informed you of the decision of the States parties to hold the first meeting from 22 to 24 March 2022, at the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Since then, the States parties have continued to review the conditions in Vienna and the continually evolving calendar of disarmament-related meetings resulting from the postponement of many meetings due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. An important consideration for States parties was the unprecedented circumstances arising as a result of the pandemic and the related restrictions currently in place at the United Nations Office at Vienna. States parties also considered the recent decision to hold the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons from 1 to 26 August 2022 and expressed a strong desire to avoid a scheduling conflict between these two important conferences.

Following extensive discussions and consultations on the matter, the States parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons decided to hold the first meeting of States parties from 21 to 23 June 2022 at the Austria Centre Vienna, which will be accessible directly from the United Nations premises in Vienna for these dates. The decision to hold the meeting at this venue was taken due to the unavailability of appropriate facilities at the Vienna International Centre.

In the light of the above, I would like to request that you convene the first meeting of States parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons from 21 to 23 June 2022, at the Austria Centre Vienna, and that you inform States parties and States not parties to the Treaty accordingly.

The States parties and signatory States to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons are grateful for the support of the Secretariat for the preparations for the first meeting of States parties. I have no doubt that the first meeting will enjoy the highest level of support from the Secretariat. The States parties and signatory States also appreciate your high-level advocacy for nuclear disarmament and look forward to continuing their work towards our shared goal of a world without nuclear weapons.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Alexander **Kmentt**  
President-designate