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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2023

[on the report of the First Committee (A/78/409, para. 89)]

78/35. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 72/31 of 4 December 2017, 73/48 of 5 December 2018, 74/41 of 12 December 2019, 75/40 of 7 December 2020, 76/34 of 6 December 2021 and 77/54 of 7 December 2022,

1. *Recalls* the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons¹ on 7 July 2017;

2. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the Treaty on 22 January 2021;

3. *Notes* that the Treaty has been open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York since 20 September 2017;

4. *Welcomes* that already 93 States had signed the Treaty and 69 States had become parties to it as at 9 October 2023;

5. *Also welcomes* the convening of the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, held in Vienna, Austria from 21 to 23 June 2022, which examined the status and implementation of the Treaty and considered the progress towards achieving its objectives, purpose and the goal of a world free from nuclear weapons;

6. *Further welcomes* the decisions taken at the first Meeting of States Parties,² including the adoption of the declaration entitled "Our commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons" and the Vienna Action Plan, as well as the ongoing informal intersessional work to implement it;

² See TPNW/MSP/2022/6.





¹ A/CONF.229/2017/8.

7. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Treaty's Scientific Advisory Group;

8. *Also welcomes* the participation of States signatories, as well as of other States not party to the Treaty, 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 at the first Meeting of States Parties as observers;

9. *Confirms* 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;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, as may be required, for the second Meeting of States Parties and its informal intersessional process;

11. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Treaty at the earliest possible date;

12. *Calls upon* those States in a position to do so to promote adherence to the Treaty through bilateral, subregional, regional and multilateral contacts, outreach and other means;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as depositary of the Treaty, to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session on the status of signature and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of the Treaty;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled "General and complete disarmament", the sub-item entitled "Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons".

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