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Information for participation by non-governmental organizations

Summary

The present document contains preliminary information for non-governmental organizations participating in the second session of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction. Any additional information that may be necessary will be provided as needed. Documentation and other information will be posted on the website of the session (<https://meetings.unoda.org/meating/mc-nwmdfz-2020/>) as they become available.



I. Dates and venue

1. In accordance with General Assembly decision 73/546, and as decided by the participating States of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction, the second session of the Conference will be held at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, from 29 November to 3 December 2021.
2. The opening meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 November 2021.
3. Owing to restrictions related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, civil society representatives will participate in the conference online, in accordance with the safety and health guidelines implemented at United Nations Headquarters. There is no expectation of travel to United Nations Headquarters. Any side events will take place in a fully virtual format. The exact format of the session will be determined by Member States in the run-up to the session.

II. Accreditation

4. All requests for accreditation must be received by the Secretariat no later than **4 November 2021**. Non-governmental organizations must submit to Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org) a written accreditation request on their official letterhead indicating previous interactions between them and the United Nations. They must also submit a brief mission statement or summary of their work related to the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.
5. Those non-governmental organizations that have requested accreditation as stated above will be informed by email by **11 November 2021** of whether the Office for Disarmament Affairs will submit their request for participation to the Conference, for final decision. Questions regarding accreditation should be directed to Ms. Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org).

III. Documentation

6. All documents for the session will be made available on the website of the conference. No hard copies of pre-session documents will be provided.

IV. Side events

7. Accredited organizations that plan to hold a virtual side event sponsored by a Member State may request for that event to be added to the calendar of side events maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs by contacting Ms. Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org).

V. Taking action on sexual harassment

8. The organizations of the United Nations system are committed to enabling events at which everyone may participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. All conferences and events taking place on United Nations premises are guided by the highest ethical and professional standards, and all participants are expected to behave with integrity and respect towards all participants attending or involved in any United Nations event. To that end, all persons involved in the session

will be bound by the Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at United Nations System Events. The text of and further information on the Code of Conduct are available at www.un.org/en/content/codeofconduct/.

9. If you feel that you have been a victim of or a witness to harassment, including sexual harassment, at United Nations Headquarters during the session, you are encouraged to contact the Secretariat. The “Speak up” helpline (+1 917 367 8910) and email address (speakup@un.org) are available to provide confidential support about what to do and where to find help.
