2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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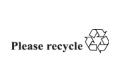
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Information for participation by non-governmental organizations

Summary

The present document contains preliminary information for non-governmental organization participants in the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Additional information will be provided closer to the date of the Review Conference. Documentation and other information, as it becomes available, will be posted on the website of the Review Conference (www.un.org/en/conferences/npt2020).





I. Dates and venue

- 1. In accordance with a decision taken by the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held in New York from 4 to 28 January 2022.
- 2. The general debate will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 January, in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters.
- 3. Owing to the prevailing conditions relating to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the restricted nature of the arrangements for the Review Conference, access to the United Nations Headquarters premises remains limited to delegations and staff. Therefore, participation by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at the tenth Review Conference is envisaged to take place virtually/online, in view of the health and safety guidelines implemented at United Nations Headquarters. There is no expectation at this stage that representatives of NGOs will travel to United Nations Headquarters in New York. Any side events will take place entirely virtually. The exact format of the session will be determined by States parties in the run-up to the Conference.

II. Practical arrangements for accreditation, registration and issuance of grounds passes

Accreditation

- 4. If your organization requested and received accreditation in 2020 to attend the Review Conference, its accreditation remains valid. Previously accredited organizations do not need to apply again.
- 5. All requests for accreditation must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 19 November 2021 using the online form available at https://forms.office.com/r/j4vz1Sj0sa. NGOs must also submit to Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org) a written accreditation request on the official letterhead of the organization listing the representatives who will attend, including their full names and titles. Additional representatives may be included in a revised accreditation request letter, which should be submitted by 14 December 2021. To facilitate communications concerning accreditation and registration, the letter must include the personal email address and direct telephone number of a point of contact in the organization.
- 6. NGOs that have not attended a previous Review Conference or Preparatory Committee meeting of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons should indicate previous interactions between the organization and the United Nations in relation to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues. A mission statement or summary of work of the organization should be provided.
- 7. Those NGOs that have requested accreditation as stated above will be informed by the Secretariat by email by 30 November 2021 of the outcome of their request. For questions relating to accreditation, please contact Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org).

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Registration

- 8. Incomplete registrations and registrations received after the deadline will not be processed.
- 9. Online registration will be available from 1 to 14 December 2021 to representatives of NGOs whose accreditation has been provisionally approved.
- 10. Attendees must complete a registration form on the online Indico system at https://indico.un.org/event/1000162/registrations/ and follow the process described. Once a participant is registered in the system, the profile will remain and will only have to be updated if needed. Online registrations must include the accreditation request letter, including the name of the participant. If the requested documents are not attached, the system will reject the application.
- 11. Once their registrations have been approved in Indico, representatives of NGOs will receive a confirmation email.

III. Documentation

12. Official documents and statements of the Review Conference will be posted on its website (www.un.org/en/conferences/npt2020).

IV. Presentations

- 13. Without prejudice to a decision by the States parties as to the programme of work of the Review Conference, it is tentatively expected that a meeting for NGO presentations will be held virtually on a date to be determined by States parties in the run-up to the Conference. As in the past, NGOs are requested to coordinate among themselves in deciding which representatives will address the Review Conference during the session allocated for presentations by NGOs.
- 14. In order to facilitate the provision of interpretation, delegations are requested to submit their statements (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as in PDF format) by email to estatements@un.org with a copy to Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org). The name of the meeting and of the speaker, as well as the organization(s) represented, should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery.

V. Side events and exhibits

- 15. Should current restrictions continue to be in place, no side events will take place at United Nations Headquarters during the Review Conference. All side events should be held off site or virtually.
- 16. Limited space is available for exhibits. All exhibits at United Nations facilities require sponsorship by a State party willing to assume responsibility for their placement and content as well as the submission of associated costs. Please submit sponsorship requests directly to the relevant permanent mission points of contact. Member States may contact Gabiden Laumulin (gabiden.laumulin@un.org) as soon as possible and no later than 26 November 2021.

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VI. Taking action on harassment, including sexual harassment

- 17. The organizations of the United Nations system are committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. All conferences and events taking place on United Nations system 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 with any United Nations system event. To that end, the Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, including Sexual Harassment will apply to all persons involved in this Review Conference. The text of the Code of Conduct and further information on it are available at www.un.org/en/content/codeofconduct/.
- 18. If you feel you have been a victim of or a witness to harassment, including sexual harassment at the United Nations Secretariat during the Review Conference, you are encouraged to contact the NGO point of contact. The "Speak up" helpline and email address (1 917 367 8910 and speakup@un.org) are available to provide confidential support on what to do and where to go for help.

VII. Accessibility services for persons with disabilities

19. The United Nations has established an Accessibility Centre, which is located on level 1B of the Conference Building, reachable by the Secretariat escalators, as part of the conference-servicing facilities of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The Centre offers assistive information and communications technology to support persons with auditory, visual or physical impairments. Assistive devices are available on site or as loans to participants with disabilities. For more information, please visit www.un.org/accessibilitycentre/.

VIII. Point of contact

20. The Secretariat has been informed that the designated NGO point of contact in connection with participation by NGOs in the Review Conference is as follows:

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Checklist for representatives of non-governmental organizations	Deadline
Requests for accreditation sent to the Secretariat	19 November 2021
Notification by email from the Secretariat to representatives informing them of the status of their request	30 November 2021
Request for representative registration	14 December 2021

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