



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson
Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

AGENDA

January 19, 2022

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 15, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

Winter Farmers' Market Update

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

Urban League of Rochester/ESL/Town of Brighton First-time Homebuyer's Program Update

Adopt-A-Site Program Update

Clean Sweep 2022 Update

2022 Community Services Committee Agenda Final Revisions

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Brighton Town Historian Report – Mary Jo Lanphear

United Nations' Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – David Kramer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEA National Pharmaceutical take Back

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NEXT MEETING:

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PRESENT: William Moehle, Christine Corrado, Robin Wilt, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 9:36 am

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November 17, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks Department will continue to monitor and adjust masking and occupancy protocols in facilities and parks, as needed—especially given that the indoor season is upon us
- For now, lodge rental groups have tended to be on the smaller side, but staff will pivot, as needed, should changes be required in response to evolving COVID regulations
- Discussion of the Parks Department's cooperation with Brighton Symphony, which has resumed in-person concerts, and the need to review Parks Department internal policy and practices to prepare for the New Year and any pivots in state and county regulations regarding COVID safety
- Discussion of flagpole at the Veteran's Memorial – There is a stress fracture in the flagpole. To be safe, no flag is flying until the crack is repaired, or the pole is replaced
- Discussion of the trails in Brighton and celebrating and highlighting trails as good sources of safer options for active recreation during these times. National Trails Day is June 4, 2022. Registering your event opens in mid March
- Discussion of lighting being installed by Brighton Little League on the softball field at Meridian Centre Park as a memorial to a past coach

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Discussion of yet another successful remote Friday with Frosty on the Go event programming on December 10th. We are thankful for the robust participation and support for this type of flexible programming that the Recreation Department has been able to provide during the pandemic

- Recreation Department is currently wrapping up 2021 programs and events and preparing for Winter/Spring 2022, with continued consideration of COVID concerns while establishing its programs and events
- Discussion of progress in analyzing the results of the Feasibility Study and the proposals and guidance offered by our consultants to the study, SWBR
- Discussion of possible next steps for the Grab and Go Meal Program for Calendar 2022. The Recreation Department continues to work with the County to sustain this crucial programming
- COVID Test Kits are being distributed to Brighton Seniors through the Grab n Go program and were also available at the final extended outdoor season Farmers' Market on Sunday, December 19th

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Next phase development underway
- Initial sketches have been reviewed, and staff are awaiting revisions from our consultants at Insite
- Proposed development will be presented to the Town Board and to the public for input in the upcoming months
- Will tentatively go out to bid on construction in an early summer/June timeframe

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- Finalizing plans and roll out of the Draft IDE Action Plan with an anticipated presentation to the Community Services Committee in January
- The IDEA Board Website is also in its final stages of review
- Both the draft plan and website components will be rolled out simultaneously. When these versions are finalized, all will be linked to the Town Website
- The IDEA Board looks forward to furthering its mission and charter in conjunction with the DEI Director that is anticipated in the 2022 Annual Budget

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- Roctricity and Monroe Community Power recently compiled information about the great success of Brighton's CCA program.
- The information is for the first 10 months of the program, running through October.
- Since the program launched in January 2021, Brighton residents, through participation in the CCA, have collectively saved over \$363,000 off of their electricity bills, from a 100% renewable electricity supply!
- Perhaps even more importantly, this fossil fuel energy savings translates into an environmental impact of participants having helped avoid 13,830 metric tons of CO₂ emissions, which is tantamount to having taken 2,735 cars off of the road for a year

CEC (Clean Energy Community) Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Programming Update

- The SOC will be working with Mike Guyon to set up meetings with the Lac de Ville Neighborhood Association and the Seneca Park Zoo to discuss pollinator habitat in the new year
- The Sustainability Oversight Committee met for the first time with CAP Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, and will be focused on developing a community engagement plan—which is an important step in the guidelines articulated by the DEC for grant compliance on the CAP.

- The CAP must be grounded in principles of equity and environmental justice, so the SOC will be engaging with the IDEA Board to ensure that the engagement process on the CAP is not only inclusive, but also to garner feedback on IDEA Plan components that might be relevant to the CAP
- Discussion of a Geothermal Loop NYSERDA PON (Program Opportunity Notice) for which Jerry Acton of GreyEdge Consulting and Lisa Marshall of Heat Smart Tompkins County are seeking a letter of support from the Town of Brighton
- Discussion of Color Penfield Green's offer to coordinate with the Town of Brighton to replicate their Community Campaign Programming on geothermal heat pumps.

Urban League of Rochester/ESL/Town of Brighton First-time Homebuyer's Program Update

- Met with Dr. Seanelle Hawkins and Dr. Sebrane Johnson of the Urban League Rochester to discuss their Town of Irondequoit collaboration, and the potential for Brighton to implement similar programming
- We are still determining the most appropriate source of federal funding to support the program.
- Urban League suggested that, in addition to a First-Time Homebuyer program, Brighton investigate a Lease to Purchase program as a potential option (similar to rent to own) to offer to our residents. More information to follow.

Adopt-A-Site Program Update

Still in progress

Clean Sweep 2022 Update

- Official date of Saturday, May 7th
- Facility and event applications have been made with BCSD and Monroe County
- Wegmans Donation request has been submitted
- Alternate set ups discussed to be COVID safe to ensure the continuation on the program

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of 2022 Community Services Committee Agenda

May meeting will also commence immediately following a FASC meeting

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road, Multipurpose Room

Date: Third Wednesdays of the Month

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

(Unless otherwise noted*)

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

April 20th

***May 18th**

***June 15th**

***July 20th**

***August 17th**

September 21st

October 19th

November 16th

December 14th

***Meeting will immediately follow Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC) Meeting, and may convene slightly later than anticipated.**

Brighton Town Historian's Report for 2021

Talks and Public Programs

ZOOM talk on Brighton Cemetery for Historic Brighton's annual meeting, January 27
Telephoned program for Genesee Community Charter School at Stone-Tolan house, Jan. 22

ZOOM program for the Irondequoit Public Library, February 8

ZOOM program for Twelve Corners Middle School 6th grade, February 10

ZOOM program on women in Brighton history for Summit of Brighton, March 30

Talk and tour of Brighton Cemetery for Historic Brighton, August 8

Talk on Erie Canal and Migration for Rochester Genealogical Society, November 16

Talk on the Kodakids for the Walworth Historical Society, November 15

Reports for the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission

3144 East Avenue
88 Hollywood Avenue
960 Landing Road North
340 Avalon Drive
921 Crittenden Road
1041 Highland Avenue
2178 West Henrietta Road
42 Varinna Drive

Meetings and Workshops

Association of Public Historians of New York State regional meetings on January 28 and July 21.

Monroe County Historians' meetings on May 5 and October 13

Meetings with the neighborhood group CORD on May 26, July 28, and Nov. 16

Local History Network meeting on September 15.

Training for conducting virtual tours for school groups at the Stone-Tolan house, March.

Many ZOOM meetings and presentations from museums, historical societies, etc. throughout the year.

Acquisitions

Leo Dodd research files from daughter, Amy Enis

West Brighton Fire Department artifacts

Asa Dunbar court records from the Plainfield, MA, Historical Society

Jane Lord Parsons' rocking chair for Buckland House

Poster from 19th century agricultural fair in West Brighton

Billinghurst records from descendant, Susan Sauers

Two 20th maps of Brighton de-accessioned from Brighton Mem. Library

Book of local photographs by professional photographer John Mills of Australia

Collaborations

Geneseo history students and Professor Michael Oberg of projects concerning the murals in the town hall lobby and restrictive covenants in 20th c. deeds.

Patrina Freeman, Town of Irondequoit Councilwoman, on project to erect a historical marker in honor of Asa Dunbar, early Brighton resident whose land became part of Irondequoit when it was formed from Brighton in 1839

Architect Thomas W. Boyde, Jr. project with the Greece Historical Society and SUNY Geneseo history department.

Monroe County Historian's project to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Monroe County in 1821. Worked with St. John Fisher College students on history of the Council Rock

Jim Memmott of the Democrat & Chronicle re Brighton Cemetery and the Kodakids.

Worked with Matthew Bashore of Brighton Memorial Library to obtain a technology grant from the Rochester Regional Library Council to digitize the 111 reels of microfilm of the Brighton-Pittsford Post from 1932 to 2015.

Worked with Brighton Police Chief David Catholdi on the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Brighton Explosions on September 21, 1951. Event was held at the Brighton #2 Firehouse.

Helped Bridget Monroe acquire props for the first Juneteenth celebration on June 19.

Helped Patricia Hinckley with her "Doors of Brighton" project.

Worked with CORD to identify Brighton neighborhoods with restrictive covenants in their deeds.

With Mike Guyon and Steve Zimmer of Brighton and Cynthia Howk of the Landmark Society, retrieved the 1842 headstone of Eliphalet Edmunds of Brighton from Pulteneyville where it had been used as a bench in the garden of the man who, with other U of R students many years ago, had taken it from the family farm on Westfall Road.

Requests for Information

About 100 requests including:

Question about a headstone found on Pinnacle Hill

A dog tag found at the Stone-Tolan property

Crittenden family for a descendant

Asa Dunbar for Patrina Freeman

Brighton Garden clubs

LaFayette's visit to Stone-Tolan house for D.A.R.

The statue at Meridian Centre

1884 train wreck in Brighton

Cold War bomb shelters

Why Colonial Village Road houses are all painted white

Malek's Bakery for Hillel School

Other

Made list of Brighton Town Supervisors, their terms, and brief biographies for the town website

Made list of Brighton Town Clerks, their terms, and brief biographies for website

Finished sorting through the last of about 50 boxes of photographs discarded by the Brighton-Pittsford Post about 20 years ago. Removed Brighton photos and sent the rest on to the Penfield Historian.

Sorted and organized into Brighton neighborhood files two large, legal-sized file drawers of Photostatic copies of deeds from the 1920s through the 1940s. This collection became the source for references to deed restrictions for that period. Using the 1931 plat maps and the sorted deeds, made a chart of all of Brighton's neighborhoods, 1920s through 1940s, identifying those with restrictive covenants and showing the street names and lot numbers for each. Shared this with CORD, Historic Brighton, and Prof. Timothy Kneeland of Nazareth College.

With former Brighton town justice Jim Morris, went through the collection of the West Brighton Fire Department, identifying records that could be discarded and those that should be saved.

Sent Holly Watson, deputy Livingston County historian, biographical information for the GAHWNY website that features municipal historians with thirty or more years of service.

Top-to-bottom tour of Country Club of Rochester with David Laiacona focusing on new exhibits and history programs for members.

Mary Jo Lanphear
Town of Brighton Historian
5 January 2022

Full Text of The Treaty

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TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS



The States Parties to this Treaty,
Determined to contribute to the realization of
the purposes and principles of the Charter of
the United Nations,

Deeply concerned about the catastrophic
humanitarian consequences that would result
from any use of nuclear weapons, and
recognizing the consequent need to completely
eliminate such weapons, which remains the
only way to guarantee that nuclear weapons
are never used again under any
circumstances,

Mindful of the risks posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons, including from any
nuclear-weapon detonation by accident, miscalculation or design, and emphasizing that
these risks concern the security of all humanity, and that all States share the responsibility to
prevent any use of nuclear weapons,

Cognizant that the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately
addressed, transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the
environment, socioeconomic development, the global economy, food security and the health
of current and future generations, and have a disproportionate impact on women and girls,
including as a result of ionizing radiation,

Acknowledging the ethical imperatives for nuclear disarmament and the urgency of achieving
and maintaining a nuclear-weapon-free world, which is a global public good of the highest
order, serving both national and collective security interests,

Mindful of the unacceptable suffering of and harm caused to the victims of the use of nuclear
weapons (hibakusha), as well as of those affected by the testing of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing the disproportionate impact of nuclear-weapon activities on indigenous peoples,

Reaffirming the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law,

Basing themselves on the principles and rules of international humanitarian law, in particular the principle that the right of parties to an armed conflict to choose methods or means of warfare is not unlimited, the rule of distinction, the prohibition against indiscriminate attacks, the rules on proportionality and precautions in attack, the prohibition on the use of weapons of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, and the rules for the protection of the natural environment,

Considering that any use of nuclear weapons would be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict, in particular the principles and rules of international humanitarian law,

Reaffirming that any use of nuclear weapons would also be abhorrent to the principles of humanity and the dictates of public conscience,

Recalling that, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, States must refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations, and that the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security are to be promoted with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources,

Recalling also the first resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, adopted on 24 January 1946, and subsequent resolutions which call for the elimination of nuclear weapons,

Concerned by the slow pace of nuclear disarmament, the continued reliance on nuclear weapons in military and security concepts, doctrines and policies, and the waste of economic and human resources on programmes for the production, maintenance and modernization of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that a legally binding prohibition of nuclear weapons constitutes an important contribution towards the achievement and maintenance of a world free of nuclear weapons, including the irreversible, verifiable and transparent elimination of nuclear weapons, and determined to act towards that end,

Determined to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Reaffirming that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

Reaffirming also that the full and effective implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which serves as the cornerstone of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, has a vital role to play in promoting international peace and security,

Recognizing the vital importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and its verification regime as a core element of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime,

Reaffirming the conviction that the establishment of the internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned enhances global and regional peace and security, strengthens the nuclear non-proliferation regime and contributes towards realizing the objective of nuclear disarmament,

Emphasizing that nothing in this Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of its States Parties to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination,

Recognizing that the equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is an essential factor for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security, and committed to supporting and strengthening the effective participation of women in nuclear disarmament,

Recognizing also the importance of peace and disarmament education in all its aspects and of raising awareness of the risks and consequences of nuclear weapons for current and future generations, and committed to the dissemination of the principles and norms of this Treaty,

Stressing the role of public conscience in the furthering of the principles of humanity as evidenced by the call for the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and recognizing the efforts to that end undertaken by the United Nations, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, other international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious leaders, parliamentarians, academics and the hibakusha,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Prohibitions

1. Each State Party undertakes never under any circumstances to:

(a) Develop, test, produce, manufacture, otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

- (b) Transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly or indirectly;
- (c) Receive the transfer of or control over nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices directly or indirectly;
- (d) Use or threaten to use nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
- (e) Assist, encourage or induce, in any way, anyone to engage in any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty;
- (f) Seek or receive any assistance, in any way, from anyone to engage in any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty;
- (g) Allow any stationing, installation or deployment of any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or at any place under its jurisdiction or control.

Article 2 Declarations

1. Each State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, not later than 30 days after this Treaty enters into force for that State Party, a declaration in which it shall:

- (a) Declare whether it owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices and eliminated its nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, prior to the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party;
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 1 (a), declare whether it owns, possesses or controls any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
- (c) Notwithstanding Article 1 (g), declare whether there are any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or in any place under its jurisdiction or control that are owned, possessed or controlled by another State.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit all such declarations received to the States Parties.

Article 3 Safeguards

1. Each State Party to which Article 4, paragraph 1 or 2, does not apply shall, at a minimum, maintain its International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards obligations in force at the time of entry into force of this Treaty, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.

2. Each State Party to which Article 4, paragraph 1 or 2, does not apply that has not yet done so shall conclude with the International Atomic Energy Agency and bring into force a comprehensive safeguards agreement (INFCIRC/153 (Corrected)). Negotiation of such agreement shall commence within 180 days from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. Each State Party shall thereafter maintain such obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.

Article 4 Towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons

1. Each State Party that after 7 July 2017 owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and eliminated its nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, prior to the entry into force of this Treaty for it, shall cooperate with the competent international authority designated pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Article for the purpose of verifying the irreversible elimination of its nuclear-weapon programme. The competent international authority shall report to the States Parties. Such a State Party shall conclude a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency sufficient to provide credible assurance of the non-diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and of the absence of undeclared nuclear material or activities in that State Party as a whole. Negotiation of such agreement shall commence within 180 days from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. That State Party shall thereafter, at a minimum, maintain these safeguards obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.
2. Notwithstanding Article 1 (a), each State Party that owns, possesses or controls nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices shall immediately remove them from operational status, and destroy them as soon as possible but not later than a deadline to be determined by the first meeting of States Parties, in accordance with a legally binding, time-bound plan for the verified and irreversible elimination of that State Party's nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities. The State Party, no later than 60 days after the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party, shall submit this plan to the States Parties or to a competent international authority designated by the States Parties. The plan shall then be negotiated with the competent international authority, which shall submit it to the subsequent meeting of States Parties or review conference, whichever comes first, for approval in accordance with its rules of procedure.

3. A State Party to which paragraph 2 above applies shall conclude a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency sufficient to provide credible assurance of the non-diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and of the absence of undeclared nuclear material or activities in the State as a whole. Negotiation of such agreement shall commence no later than the date upon which implementation of the plan referred to in paragraph 2 is completed. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months after the date of initiation of negotiations. That State Party shall thereafter, at a minimum, maintain these safeguards obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future. Following the entry into force of the agreement referred to in this paragraph, the State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a final declaration that it has fulfilled its obligations under this Article.
4. Notwithstanding Article 1 (b) and (g), each State Party that has any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or in any place under its jurisdiction or control that are owned, possessed or controlled by another State shall ensure the prompt removal of such weapons, as soon as possible but not later than a deadline to be determined by the first meeting of States Parties. Upon the removal of such weapons or other explosive devices, that State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a declaration that it has fulfilled its obligations under this Article.
5. Each State Party to which this Article applies shall submit a report to each meeting of States Parties and each review conference on the progress made towards the implementation of its obligations under this Article, until such time as they are fulfilled.
6. The States Parties shall designate a competent international authority or authorities to negotiate and verify the irreversible elimination of nuclear-weapons programmes, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article. In the event that such a designation has not been made prior to the entry into force of this Treaty for a State Party to which paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article applies, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene an extraordinary meeting of States Parties to take any decisions that may be required.

Article 5 National implementation

1. Each State Party shall adopt the necessary measures to implement its obligations under this Treaty.
2. Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

Article 6 Victim assistance and environmental remediation

1. Each State Party shall, with respect to individuals under its jurisdiction who are affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons, in accordance with applicable international humanitarian and human rights law, adequately provide age- and gender-sensitive assistance, without discrimination, including medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, as well as provide for their social and economic inclusion.
2. Each State Party, with respect to areas under its jurisdiction or control contaminated as a result of activities related to the testing or use of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, shall take necessary and appropriate measures towards the environmental remediation of areas so contaminated.
3. The obligations under paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be without prejudice to the duties and obligations of any other States under international law or bilateral agreements.

Article 7 International cooperation and assistance

1. Each State Party shall cooperate with other States Parties to facilitate the implementation of this Treaty.
2. In fulfilling its obligations under this Treaty, each State Party shall have the right to seek and receive assistance, where feasible, from other States Parties.
3. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide technical, material and financial assistance to States Parties affected by nuclear-weapons use or testing, to further the implementation of this Treaty.
4. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the victims of the use or testing of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
5. Assistance under this Article may be provided, *inter alia*, through the United Nations system, international, regional or national organizations or institutions, non-governmental organizations or institutions, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, or national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, or on a bilateral basis.
6. Without prejudice to any other duty or obligation that it may have under international law, a State Party that has used or tested nuclear weapons or any other nuclear explosive devices shall have a responsibility to provide adequate assistance to affected States Parties, for the purpose of victim assistance and environmental remediation.

Article 8 Meeting of States Parties

1. The States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider and, where necessary, take decisions in respect of any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Treaty, in accordance with its relevant provisions, and on further measures for nuclear disarmament, including:
 2. (a) The implementation and status of this Treaty;
 3. (b) Measures for the verified, time-bound and irreversible elimination of nuclear-weapon programmes, including additional protocols to this Treaty;

(c) Any other matters pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of this Treaty.

2. The first meeting of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations within one year of the entry into force of this Treaty. Further meetings of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on a biennial basis, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties. The meeting of States Parties shall adopt its rules of procedure at its first session. Pending their adoption, the rules of procedure of the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, shall apply.
3. Extraordinary meetings of States Parties shall be convened, as may be deemed necessary, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the written request of any State Party provided that this request is supported by at least one third of the States Parties.
4. After a period of five years following the entry into force of this Treaty, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene a conference to review the operation of the Treaty and the progress in achieving the purposes of the Treaty. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene further review conferences at intervals of six years with the same objective, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties.
5. States not party to this 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 and the review conferences as observers.

Article 9 Costs

1. The costs of the meetings of States Parties, the review conferences and the extraordinary 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.
2. The costs incurred by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the circulation of declarations under Article 2, reports under Article 4 and proposed amendments under Article 10 of this Treaty shall be borne by the States Parties in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.
3. The cost related to the implementation of verification measures required under Article 4 as well as the costs related to the destruction of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and the elimination of nuclear-weapon programmes, including the elimination or conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, should be borne by the States Parties to which they apply.

Article 10 Amendments

1. At any time after the entry into force of this Treaty, any State Party may propose amendments to the Treaty. The text of a proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall circulate it to all States Parties and shall seek their views on whether to consider the proposal. If a majority of the States Parties notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations no later than 90 days after its circulation that they support further consideration of the proposal, the proposal shall be considered at the next meeting of States Parties or review conference, whichever comes first.
2. A meeting of States Parties or a review conference may agree upon amendments which shall be adopted by a positive vote of a majority of two thirds of the States Parties. The Depositary shall communicate any adopted amendment to all States Parties.
3. The amendment shall enter into force for each State Party that deposits its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment 90 days following the deposit of such instruments of ratification or acceptance by a majority of the States Parties at the time of adoption. Thereafter, it shall enter into force for any other State Party 90 days following the deposit of its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment.

Article 11 Settlement of disputes

1. When a dispute arises between two or more States Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Treaty, the parties concerned shall consult together with a view to the settlement of the dispute by negotiation or by other peaceful means of the parties' choice in accordance with Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.
2. The meeting of States Parties may contribute to the settlement of the dispute, including by offering its good offices, calling upon the States Parties concerned to start the settlement procedure of their choice and recommending a time limit for any agreed procedure, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Treaty and the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 12 Universality

Each State Party shall encourage States not party to this Treaty to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Treaty, with the goal of universal adherence of all States to the Treaty.

Article 13 Signature

This Treaty shall be open for signature to all States at United Nations Headquarters in New York as from 20 September 2017.

Article 14 Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States. The Treaty shall be open for accession.

Article 15 Entry into force

1. This Treaty shall enter into force 90 days after the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession has been deposited.
2. For any State that deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date of the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Treaty shall enter into force 90 days after the date on which that State has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

Article 16 Reservations

The Articles of this Treaty shall not be subject to reservations.

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1. This Treaty shall be of unlimited duration.
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3. Such withdrawal shall only take effect 12 months after the date of the receipt of the notification of withdrawal by the Depositary. If, however, on the expiry of that 12-month period, the withdrawing State Party is a party to an armed conflict, the State Party shall continue to be bound by the obligations of this Treaty and of any additional protocols until it is no longer party to an armed conflict.

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The implementation of this Treaty shall not prejudice obligations undertaken by States Parties with regard to existing international agreements, to which they are party, where those obligations are consistent with the Treaty.

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Treaty.

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The Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Treaty shall be equally authentic.

DONE at New York, this seventh day of July, two thousand and seventeen.

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Signature and Ratification



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“Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”
A step-by-step guide to become a State party**

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Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Part I

Signature and Ratification

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons includes a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in any nuclear weapon activities. These include undertakings not to develop, test, produce, acquire, possess, stockpile, use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. The Treaty also prohibits the deployment of nuclear weapons on national territory and the provision of assistance to any State in the conduct of prohibited activities. States parties will also be obliged to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

The Treaty also obliges States parties to provide adequate assistance to individuals affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons as well as to take necessary and appropriate measure of environmental remediation in areas under its jurisdiction or control contaminated as a result of activities related to the testing or use of nuclear weapons.

This brochure describes the procedures that States must follow in order to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to this treaty.

Included are model instruments that can be used for deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Also included is the complete text of the Treaty.

1. Signature

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will open for signature on 20 September 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Thereafter it can be signed at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign multilateral treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers signed by one of these authorities. States wishing to sign the Treaty should, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of Legal Affairs.

By signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a State signals its intention to become a party to it in the future. Once it has signed the Treaty, a State must not take any action that would undermine its object and purpose (see Article 18, Vienna Treaty on the Law of Treaties, 1969). Signing the Treaty does not make the State a party to it.

Signature does not legally bind the signatory State or require it to begin to implement the provisions of the Treaty. To become legally bound by a multilateral treaty, a signatory State must subsequently deposit its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval. That State will then become a party in accordance with the entry into force provisions of the treaty in question.

States that have not signed a treaty may also consent to be bound by the treaty through the act of accession.

2. Consent to be bound (ratification, acceptance, approval and accession)

To become party to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a State must formally consent to be bound by the Treaty. This involves two steps: action by the concerned State at national level, and the notification to the depositary of consent to be bound.

A. Action by the national government

At the national level, a State must agree to adhere to the Treaty in accordance with domestic procedures for becoming party to treaties. This usually requires discussion within the country and action by its parliament and/or its executive.

B. Notification to the depositary

After domestic procedures have been followed and the decision to be bound by the Treaty has been taken, a State will need to prepare an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

A State that has signed the Treaty may consent to be bound by preparing an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

A State that has not signed the Treaty may consent to be bound by preparing an instrument of accession.

For constitutional reasons, certain States use the terms ‘acceptance’ or ‘approval’ to describe their adherence to multilateral treaties. These terms have the same legal effect as ratification and consequently express a signatory State’s consent to be bound by a treaty.

Instruments of consent to be bound by the Treaty (ratification, acceptance, approval or accession) must be deposited with the Treaty's depositary: the Secretary-General of the United Nations (contact: Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section). The deposit of an instrument of consent to be bound with the depositary is a pre-requisite for the entry into force of a multilateral treaty for a State.

Some States can ratify treaties immediately, if their domestic procedures so permit. Nothing prohibits a State from depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on the same day as it signs the Treaty.

3. Entry into force

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons shall enter into force 90 days after 50 States have deposited their instrument of consent to be bound (ratification, acceptance, approval or accession). The specific date on which the Treaty becomes binding on a State is determined as follows:

- a) For the first 50 States that deposit instruments with the United Nations Secretary-General, the Treaty will enter into force 90 days after the 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is deposited.
- b) For States that deposit their instrument thereafter, the Treaty will enter into force 90 days following the date on which they deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the United Nations Secretary-General.

4. Model instruments

Models of instruments to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations are annexed.

A. Model Instrument of Full Powers

FULL POWERS

I, [name and title of Minister for Foreign Affairs, Head of State or Head of Government],

HEREBY AUTHORIZE, [name and title], to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, done at New York on 7 July 2017, on behalf of the Government of [name of State].

Done at [place] on [date]

[Signature]

This instrument must be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs.

B. Model Instrument of Ratification, Acceptance or Approval of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted at New York on 7 July 2017 and opened for signature at New York on 20 September 2017,

WHEREAS the said Treaty has been signed on behalf of the Government of _____ on _____,

NOWTHEREFORE I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs], declare that the Government of _____, having considered the above-mentioned Treaty, ratifies [accepts, approves] the same Treaty and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have signed this instrument of [ratification, acceptance, approval] at _____ on _____.

[Signature] + [seal]

This instrument must be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs.

C. Model Instrument of Accession to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted at New York on 7 July 2017,

NOWTHEREFORE I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs], declare that the Government of _____, having considered the above-mentioned Treaty, accedes to the same Treaty and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have signed this instrument of accession at _____ on _____.

[Signature] + [seal]

This instrument must be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Part II

Text of the “Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”

The States Parties to this Treaty,

Determined to contribute to the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences that would result from any use of nuclear weapons, and recognizing the consequent need to completely eliminate such weapons, which remains the only way to guarantee that nuclear weapons are never used again under any circumstances,

Mindful of the risks posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons, including from any nuclear-weapon detonation by accident, miscalculation or design, and emphasizing that these risks concern the security of all humanity, and that all States share the responsibility to prevent any use of nuclear weapons,

Cognizant that the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately addressed, transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the environment, socioeconomic development, the global economy, food security and the health of current and future generations, and have a disproportionate impact on women and girls, including as a result of ionizing radiation,

Acknowledging the ethical imperatives for nuclear disarmament and the urgency of achieving and maintaining a nuclear-weapon-free world, which is a global public good of the highest order, serving both national and collective security interests,

Mindful of the unacceptable suffering of and harm caused to the victims of the use of nuclear weapons (hibakusha), as well as of those affected by the testing of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing the disproportionate impact of nuclear-weapon activities on indigenous peoples,

Reaffirming the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law,

Basing themselves on the principles and rules of international humanitarian law, in particular the principle that the right of parties to an armed conflict to choose methods or means of warfare is not unlimited, the rule of distinction, the prohibition against indiscriminate attacks, the rules on proportionality and precautions in attack, the prohibition on the use of weapons of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, and the rules for the protection of the natural environment,

Considering that any use of nuclear weapons would be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict, in particular the principles and rules of international humanitarian law,

Reaffirming that any use of nuclear weapons would also be abhorrent to the principles of humanity and the dictates of public conscience,

Recalling that, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, States must refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations, and that the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security are to be promoted with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources,

Recalling also the first resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, adopted on 24 January 1946, and subsequent resolutions which call for the elimination of nuclear weapons,

Concerned by the slow pace of nuclear disarmament, the continued reliance on nuclear weapons in military and security concepts, doctrines and policies, and the waste of economic and human resources on programmes for the production, maintenance and modernization of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that a legally binding prohibition of nuclear weapons constitutes an important contribution towards the achievement and maintenance of a world free of nuclear weapons, including the

irreversible, verifiable and transparent elimination of nuclear weapons, and determined to act towards that end,

Determined to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Reaffirming that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

Reaffirming also that the full and effective implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which serves as the cornerstone of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, has a vital role to play in promoting international peace and security,

Recognizing the vital importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and its verification regime as a core element of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime,

Reaffirming the conviction that the establishment of the internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned enhances global and regional peace and security, strengthens the nuclear non-proliferation regime and contributes towards realizing the objective of nuclear disarmament,

Emphasizing that nothing in this Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of its States Parties to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination,

Recognizing that the equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is an essential factor for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security, and committed to supporting and strengthening the effective participation of women in nuclear disarmament,

Recognizing also the importance of peace and disarmament education in all its aspects and of raising awareness of the risks and consequences of nuclear weapons for current and future generations, and committed to the dissemination of the principles and norms of this Treaty,

Stressing the role of public conscience in the furthering of the principles of humanity as evidenced by the call for the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and recognizing the efforts to that end undertaken by the United Nations, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, other international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious leaders, parliamentarians, academics and the hibakusha,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Prohibitions

1. Each State Party undertakes never under any circumstances to:
 - (a) Develop, test, produce, manufacture, otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
 - (b) Transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly or indirectly;
 - (c) Receive the transfer of or control over nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices directly or indirectly;
 - (d) Use or threaten to use nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
 - (e) Assist, encourage or induce, in any way, anyone to engage in any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty;
 - (f) Seek or receive any assistance, in any way, from anyone to engage in any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty;
 - (g) Allow any stationing, installation or deployment of any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or at any place under its jurisdiction or control.

Article 2

Declarations

1. Each State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, not later than 30 days after this Treaty enters into force for that State Party, a declaration in which it shall:

(a) Declare whether it owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices and eliminated its nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, prior to the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party;

(b) Notwithstanding Article 1 (a), declare whether it owns, possesses or controls any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(c) Notwithstanding Article 1 (g), declare whether there are any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or in any place under its jurisdiction or control that are owned, possessed or controlled by another State.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit all such declarations received to the States Parties.

Article 3

Safeguards

1. Each State Party to which Article 4, paragraph 1 or 2, does not apply shall, at a minimum, maintain its International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards obligations in force at the time of entry into force of this Treaty, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.

2. Each State Party to which Article 4, paragraph 1 or 2, does not apply that has not yet done so shall conclude with the International Atomic Energy Agency and bring into force a comprehensive safeguards agreement (INFCIRC/153 (Corrected)). Negotiation of such agreement shall commence within 180 days from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months from the entry into force of this Treaty for that

State Party. Each State Party shall thereafter maintain such obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.

Article 4

Towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons

1. Each State Party that after 7 July 2017 owned, possessed or controlled nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and eliminated its nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, prior to the entry into force of this Treaty for it, shall cooperate with the competent international authority designated pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Article for the purpose of verifying the irreversible elimination of its nuclear-weapon programme. The competent international authority shall report to the States Parties. Such a State Party shall conclude a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency sufficient to provide credible assurance of the non-diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and of the absence of undeclared nuclear material or activities in that State Party as a whole. Negotiation of such agreement shall commence within 180 days from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months from the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party. That State Party shall thereafter, at a minimum, maintain these safeguards obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future.

2. Notwithstanding Article 1 (a), each State Party that owns, possesses or controls nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices shall immediately remove them from operational status, and destroy them as soon as possible but not later than a deadline to be determined by the first meeting of States Parties, in accordance with a legally binding, time-bound plan for the verified and irreversible elimination of that State Party's nuclear-weapon programme, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities. The State Party, no later than 60 days after the entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party, shall submit this plan to the States Parties or to a competent international authority designated by the States Parties. The plan shall then be negotiated with the competent

international authority, which shall submit it to the subsequent meeting of States Parties or review conference, whichever comes first, for approval in accordance with its rules of procedure.

3. A State Party to which paragraph 2 above applies shall conclude a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency sufficient to provide credible assurance of the non-diversion of declared nuclear material from peaceful nuclear activities and of the absence of undeclared nuclear material or activities in the State as a whole. Negotiation of such agreement shall commence no later than the date upon which implementation of the plan referred to in paragraph 2 is completed. The agreement shall enter into force no later than 18 months after the date of initiation of negotiations. That State Party shall thereafter, at a minimum, maintain these safeguards obligations, without prejudice to any additional relevant instruments that it may adopt in the future. Following the entry into force of the agreement referred to in this paragraph, the State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a final declaration that it has fulfilled its obligations under this Article.

4. Notwithstanding Article 1 (b) and (g), each State Party that has any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in its territory or in any place under its jurisdiction or control that are owned, possessed or controlled by another State shall ensure the prompt removal of such weapons, as soon as possible but not later than a deadline to be determined by the first meeting of States Parties. Upon the removal of such weapons or other explosive devices, that State Party shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a declaration that it has fulfilled its obligations under this Article.

5. Each State Party to which this Article applies shall submit a report to each meeting of States Parties and each review conference on the progress made towards the implementation of its obligations under this Article, until such time as they are fulfilled.

6. The States Parties shall designate a competent international authority or authorities to negotiate and verify the irreversible elimination of nuclear-weapons programmes, including the elimination or irreversible conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article. In the event that such a designation has not been made prior to the entry into force of

this Treaty for a State Party to which paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article applies, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene an extraordinary meeting of States Parties to take any decisions that may be required.

Article 5

National implementation

1. Each State Party shall adopt the necessary measures to implement its obligations under this Treaty.
2. Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Treaty undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.

Article 6

Victim assistance and environmental remediation

1. Each State Party shall, with respect to individuals under its jurisdiction who are affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons, in accordance with applicable international humanitarian and human rights law, adequately provide age- and gender-sensitive assistance, without discrimination, including medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, as well as provide for their social and economic inclusion.
2. Each State Party, with respect to areas under its jurisdiction or control contaminated as a result of activities related to the testing or use of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, shall take necessary and appropriate measures towards the environmental remediation of areas so contaminated.
3. The obligations under paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be without prejudice to the duties and obligations of any other States under international law or bilateral agreements.

Article 7

International cooperation and assistance

1. Each State Party shall cooperate with other States Parties to facilitate the implementation of this Treaty.
2. In fulfilling its obligations under this Treaty, each State Party shall have the right to seek and receive assistance, where feasible, from other States Parties.
3. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide technical, material and financial assistance to States Parties affected by nuclear-weapons use or testing, to further the implementation of this Treaty.
4. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the victims of the use or testing of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
5. Assistance under this Article may be provided, *inter alia*, through the United Nations system, international, regional or national organizations or institutions, nongovernmental organizations or institutions, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, or national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, or on a bilateral basis.
6. Without prejudice to any other duty or obligation that it may have under international law, a State Party that has used or tested nuclear weapons or any other nuclear explosive devices shall have a responsibility to provide adequate assistance to affected States Parties, for the purpose of victim assistance and environmental remediation.

Article 8

Meeting of States Parties

1. The States Parties shall meet regularly in order to consider and, where necessary, take decisions in respect of any matter with regard to the application or implementation of this Treaty, in accordance with its relevant provisions, and on further measures for nuclear disarmament, including:

- (a) The implementation and status of this Treaty;

(b) Measures for the verified, time-bound and irreversible elimination of nuclear-weapon programmes, including additional protocols to this Treaty;

(c) Any other matters pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of this Treaty.

2. The first meeting of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations within one year of the entry into force of this Treaty. Further meetings of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on a biennial basis, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties. The meeting of States Parties shall adopt its rules of procedure at its first session. Pending their adoption, the rules of procedure of the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, shall apply.

3. Extraordinary meetings of States Parties shall be convened, as may be deemed necessary, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the written request of any State Party provided that this request is supported by at least one third of the States Parties.

4. After a period of five years following the entry into force of this Treaty, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene a conference to review the operation of the Treaty and the progress in achieving the purposes of the Treaty. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene further review conferences at intervals of six years with the same objective, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties.

5. States not party to this 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 and the review conferences as observers.

Article 9

Costs

1. The costs of the meetings of States Parties, the review conferences and the extraordinary 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.
2. The costs incurred by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the circulation of declarations under Article 2, reports under Article 4 and proposed amendments under Article 10 of this Treaty shall be borne by the States Parties in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.
3. The cost related to the implementation of verification measures required under Article 4 as well as the costs related to the destruction of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and the elimination of nuclear-weapon programmes, including the elimination or conversion of all nuclear-weapons-related facilities, should be borne by the States Parties to which they apply.

Article 10

Amendments

1. At any time after the entry into force of this Treaty, any State Party may propose amendments to the Treaty. The text of a proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall circulate it to all States Parties and shall seek their views on whether to consider the proposal. If a majority of the States Parties notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations no later than 90 days after its circulation that they support further consideration of the proposal, the proposal shall be considered at the next meeting of States Parties or review conference, whichever comes first.
2. A meeting of States Parties or a review conference may agree upon amendments which shall be adopted by a positive vote of a majority of two thirds of the States Parties. The Depositary shall communicate any adopted amendment to all States Parties.

3. The amendment shall enter into force for each State Party that deposits its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment 90 days following the deposit of such instruments of ratification or acceptance by a majority of the States Parties at the time of adoption. Thereafter, it shall enter into force for any other State Party 90 days following the deposit of its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment.

Article 11

Settlement of disputes

1. When a dispute arises between two or more States Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Treaty, the parties concerned shall consult together with a view to the settlement of the dispute by negotiation or by other peaceful means of the parties' choice in accordance with Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

2. The meeting of States Parties may contribute to the settlement of the dispute, including by offering its good offices, calling upon the States Parties concerned to start the settlement procedure of their choice and recommending a time limit for any agreed procedure, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Treaty and the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 12

Universality

Each State Party shall encourage States not party to this Treaty to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Treaty, with the goal of universal adherence of all States to the Treaty.

Article 13

Signature

This Treaty shall be open for signature to all States at United Nations Headquarters in New York as from 20 September 2017.

Article 14

Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States. The Treaty shall be open for accession.

Article 15

Entry into force

1. This Treaty shall enter into force 90 days after the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession has been deposited.
2. For any State that deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date of the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Treaty shall enter into force 90 days after the date on which that State has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

Article 16

Reservations

The Articles of this Treaty shall not be subject to reservations.

Article 17

Duration and withdrawal

1. This Treaty shall be of unlimited duration.
2. Each State Party shall, in exercising its national sovereignty, have the right to withdraw from this Treaty if it decides that extraordinary events related to the subject matter of the Treaty have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to the Depositary. Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events that it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

3. Such withdrawal shall only take effect 12 months after the date of the receipt of the notification of withdrawal by the Depositary. If, however, on the expiry of that 12-month period, the withdrawing State Party is a party to an armed conflict, the State Party shall continue to be bound by the obligations of this Treaty and of any additional protocols until it is no longer party to an armed conflict.

Article 18

Relationship with other agreements

The implementation of this Treaty shall not prejudice obligations undertaken by States Parties with regard to existing international agreements, to which they are party, where those obligations are consistent with the Treaty.

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Depositary

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Treaty.

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Authentic texts

The Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Treaty shall be equally authentic.

DONE at New York, this seventh day of July, two thousand and seventeen.



The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is adopted in a historic vote at the United Nations on 7 July 2017.

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