

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Entered into Force on January 22, 2021

Against the backdrop of globally increasing awareness of the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and the stagnation of nuclear disarmament, on July 7, 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted by 122 countries, which accounts for over 60 percent of UN member states. These countries demonstrated their unequivocal determination to achieve nuclear abolition.

The treaty opened for signature on September 20, 2017, and on October 24, 2020, the number of states ratifying the treaty reached 50, ensuring its entry into force. On January 22, 2021, 90 days after the 50th ratification, the treaty entered into force.



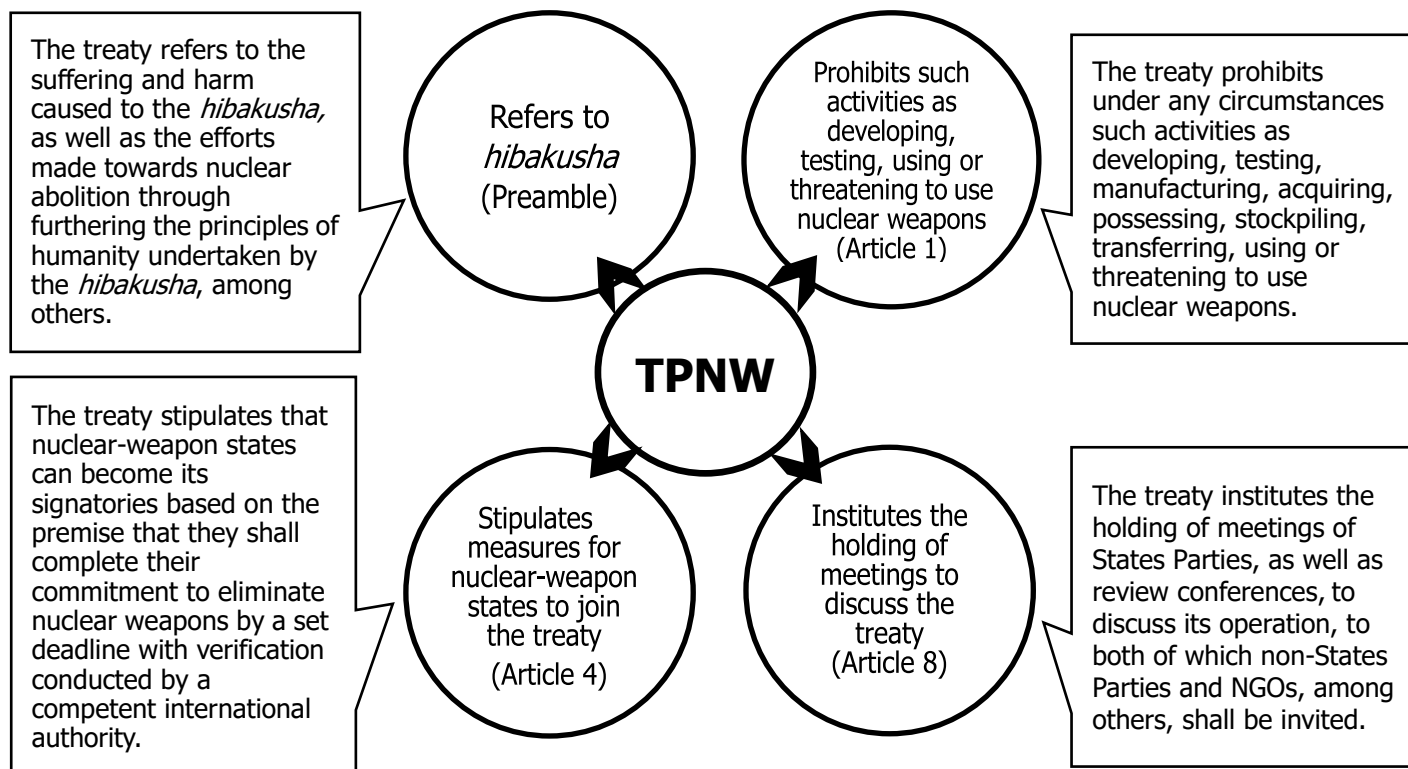
Conference to negotiate a prohibition treaty

What's next?

The first meeting of States Parties will be convened within one year of the treaty entering into force, where the implementation and progress of the treaty will be discussed.

What challenges do we face now?

Measures for time-bound and irreversible elimination of nuclear-weapon programs will be decided at the meeting of States Parties. Moving forward, the participation of nuclear-weapon and nuclear-umbrella states is crucial in exploring the specifics of these measures. The challenge is how to facilitate universal ratification through this treaty becoming widespread and making it an impetus for nuclear abolition. The City of Hiroshima will continue to work with Mayors for Peace towards this goal.



Support our petition drive calling for all states to join the TPNW as soon as possible!
(See reverse for details)

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Support our Petition Drive Calling for All States to Join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons As Soon As Possible!

In order to achieve a world without nuclear weapons, it is essential that the nuclear-weapon and nuclear-umbrella states participate in the discussions concerning the treaty's effective implementation, and attend the meeting of States Parties. Furthermore, we must urge all states to sign and ratify the treaty to enhance its effectiveness.

Mayors for Peace, an international organization led by the City of Hiroshima, is pushing a petition drive calling on all states to ratify the treaty. Petition forms are available at ward offices, as well as on the Mayors for Peace website.



Let the world hear our appeal for peace and urge all states to ratify the TPNW through this petition drive!

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Online petition:

www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/projects.html#section06

Who are Mayors for Peace?

Mayors for Peace was established in 1982, inspired by the then mayor of Hiroshima's call for cities throughout the world to come together in solidarity to work for nuclear abolition. As of January 1, 2021, we have 8,002 member cities from 165 countries and regions around the world. In collaboration with its member cities, their citizens, and NGOs, Mayors for Peace undertakes various initiatives and activities aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Member Cities (as of January 1, 2021)

8,002 cities (The Number Includes 1,734 Japanese Cities) in 165 countries & regions	Area	Countries & Regions	Member Cities
	Asia	31	3,242
	Oceania	9	131
	Africa	49	436
	Europe	48	3,130
	North America	3	328
	Latin America and the Caribbean	25	735



Regions: Taiwan / Palestine / Northern Cyprus (Asia), Northern Mariana Islands / French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Greenland (North America), Puerto Rico (Latin America and the Caribbean)

See reverse for details regarding the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons