

Security Risks Emanating from Nuclear Weapons: A TPNW Perspective

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Context and Mandate

- **Mandate from 2MSP:**

- Articulate security concerns under the TPNW emanating from nuclear weapons – e.g. Humanitarian impact and risks of nuclear weapons and risks inherent in theory of nuclear deterrence
- Challenge the nuclear deterrence paradigm with the scientific evidence on the humanitarian consequences and risks of nuclear weapons

➔ Promote the underlying rationale of the TPNW.
Universalization and Engagement with TPNW sceptics

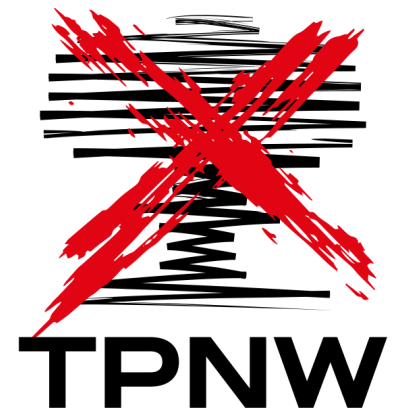


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Consultative Process

- **Stakeholders and Contributors:**
 - States Parties, Signatories, Scientific Advisory Group, ICRC, ICAN, experts
- **Facilitator to report to 3MSP:**
 - Report presented at 3MSP
 - with analysis and recommendations
 - the report is a tool/resource from which States Parties can draw in the future



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Key Points - 1

Humanitarian Consequences & Risks of Nuclear Weapons Security concerns for TPNW States Parties

- Graver, more complex and global consequences than previously understood with multiple and direct impacts on TPNW States
- No region in the world would remain immune
- This creates security threats to TPNW States, as all states carry the risks of NWs Seeking to eliminate these risks is a prime responsibility and legitimate concern for TPNW States
- Elimination is the “risk reduction gold standard”

Key Points – Nuclear Deterrence Paradigm

Security concerns for TPNW States Parties

- **Uncertainties of Nuclear Deterrence:**
 - Assumptions stability, predictability, and rationality and possible bias and overconfidence
 - Nuclear deterrence theory abstracts the reality and risks of consequences of nuclear weapons
- **Weighing the Humanitarian Consequences and Risks vs. “Security Benefits”:**
 - Don’t know if nuclear deterrence “works” or not but know for sure that it can fail.
 - More evidence on consequences and risks than on nuclear deterrence stability
- **Acknowledge uncertainties and apply prudential principle**
- **Pursuit of elimination is rational and *realist* response to nuclear dangers and increasing scientific evidence**

Key Points - 3

Recommendations:

Messaging

Engagement - Transparency

Research Priorities

Next Steps

- Operationalise recommendations in next intersessional period to be decided among States Parties
 - Use report/findings for joint activities
 - Universalization
 - Engagement with TPNW sceptics
 - Engagement with other stakeholders (IOs, academia etc.)



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Thank You

