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TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
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OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Treaty was adopted on 7 July 2017 at the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, held in New York from 27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017.

In accordance with its article 13, the Treaty shall be open for signature to all States at United Nations Headquarters in New York as from 20 September 2017.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, 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 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 emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address: [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1\\_en.xml](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1_en.xml).

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