

Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Information for non-governmental organizations

Summary

The present document provides preliminary information for non-governmental organization participants at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Any necessary additional information will be provided closer to the date of the session. Documentation and other information will be posted, as it becomes available, on the website of the Preparatory Committee (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-preparatory-committee-for-the-eleventh-review-conference-second-session-2024>).



I. Dates and venue

1. The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held in room XIX in building E of the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 22 July to 2 August 2024.
2. The second session will be a nine-day meeting. The opening meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 22 July. No plenary meetings will be held on 1 August, as the Palais des Nations will be closed for a public holiday.

II. Provisions for the attendance of representatives of non-governmental organizations

3. Based on the practice of the previous preparatory committees and on the relevant rules of procedure of the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which will apply provisionally for the session of the Preparatory Committee until a final decision on this matter is taken, representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) shall be allowed, upon request, to attend the meetings of the Committee other than those designated closed, to be seated in the public gallery, to receive documents of the Committee and, at their own expense, to make written material available to the participants in the Committee. The Committee will also allocate a meeting for NGOs to address the Committee.

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

A. Accreditation

4. All requests for accreditation must be submitted to the Office for Disarmament Affairs no later than 2 June 2024 using the online form (<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/rQbhaYbeKb>). In addition, NGOs must submit to Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org) a separate, written accreditation request on the official letterhead of the organization, listing the full names and titles of the representatives who will attend. Additional representatives may be included in a revised accreditation request letter, which should be submitted by 17 July 2024. NGOs that have not attended a meeting under the Treaty in the past 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.
5. NGOs that have requested accreditation as stated above will be informed by the Office for Disarmament Affairs by email of the outcome of their request by 16 June 2024 at the latest. It is important to bear in mind that individuals requesting accreditation, as well as those planning to attend side events, must be at least 18 years of age. Questions relating to accreditation should be addressed to Diane Barnes (diane.barnes@un.org).

B. Registration and issuance of grounds passes

6. Incomplete registrations and registrations received after the deadline will not be processed.

7. Online registration will be available from 19 June to 17 July 2024 to representatives of NGOs whose accreditation has been approved.

8. Attendees must complete the registration form on the online Indico system (<https://indico.un.org/event/1007190/>). Once a participant is registered in the system, the profile will remain valid and will have to be updated only if needed. Online registrations must include: (a) the accreditation request letter, including the name of the participant; (b) the passport nationality and email address of the participant; and (c) a photograph of the participant that will appear on the participant's digital pass for the United Nations Office at Geneva. Without those items, the system will reject the application.

9. Within 48 hours of submitting their registration form, participants should receive an email from the Indico system approving their registration. Subsequently, within a few days, they should receive a QR code for a digital badge for access to the Palais des Nations. On the first day of the session, participants will be asked to: (a) scan their digital badge on the readers at the badging desks at the Pass and Identification Unit at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations; and (b) present a valid photo identification. Once verified, the digital badge will be activated, and participants will be able to enter the Palais des Nations throughout the session. In addition to the electronic access control, physical screening will be conducted as usual. For more information, please refer to the instructional video on the digital badge system, available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtftcHpaiyE.

10. The regular working hours of the Pass and Identification Unit are from 8 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Digital badges can be activated from 22 July until the last day of the session (2 August).

IV. Facilities for non-governmental organizations

11. To facilitate the participation of NGOs in the work of the Preparatory Committee, room XXIII will be made available for use by all accredited NGOs for their meetings, briefings, side events and for the distribution of official conference documents to their representatives. The designated NGO coordinator, Emma Bjertén, will be responsible for the allocation of time and the availability of the room for NGO briefings and meetings. Ms. Bjertén's contact details are provided below.

12. NGOs are solely responsible for delivering, storing, distributing and removing their materials (including documents), as well as for all costs related thereto. The Secretariat does not receive or store materials on behalf of NGOs. NGOs are advised to ensure that boxes or other containers can be easily opened for security inspection, upon request. The Secretariat will authorize the removal of materials judged to be inappropriate.

V. Documentation

13. All documents and statements for the session will be available on the website of the Preparatory Committee (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt/-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-preparatory-committee-for-the-eleventh-review-conference-second-session-2024>).

14. Pending a decision by the Preparatory Committee, NGOs may be allowed to display their documents and other information materials on a designated table. One copy of each document should be provided to the Secretariat through the NGO coordinator prior to its being publicly displayed.

VI. Presentations by non-governmental organizations

15. Without prejudice to a decision by the States parties as to the programme of work of the Preparatory Committee, it is tentatively expected that a plenary meeting for NGO presentations will be held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. As during previous sessions, NGOs are requested to coordinate among themselves in deciding which NGO representatives will address the Committee during that meeting.

16. NGOs are kindly asked to provide their statements in advance for the interpreters. Owing to liquidity constraints, the United Nations Office at Geneva will no longer collect paper copies of statements and speeches. Instead, NGOs should send an electronic copy of their statement to speeches@un.org, with a copy to npt@un.org, and clearly indicate the meeting (“NPT PrepCom”), agenda item title and number and delegation name in the subject line.

VII. Side events and exhibitions

17. The number of rooms available for holding side events during the session is limited. Side events that can be accommodated within the room allocated to NGOs will be scheduled by the NGO point of contact, who will maintain a public schedule on the following web page: <https://reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/npt/2024/calendar>.

18. Limited space is available for exhibitions. All exhibitions 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. Sponsorship requests should be submitted directly to the relevant permanent mission points of contact. Member States should contact the Secretariat (npt@un.org) as soon as possible and no later than 27 May 2024.

VIII. Point of contact

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

Emma Bjertén
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
New York, United States of America
Email: emma.bjerten@wilpf.org

IX. Letters of invitation and visas

20. The United Nations is not in a position to provide letters of invitation or letters to consulates requesting that representatives of NGOs be provided with visas for travelling to Geneva in order to attend the session. It is the responsibility of such representatives to make their own arrangements for visas, travel and related costs. Organizations with delegates requiring host country visas are therefore encouraged to complete, as soon as possible, the steps described in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8, respectively.

<i>Checklist for representatives of NGOs</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Requests for accreditation sent to the Secretariat	2 June 2024
Notification by email from the Secretariat to representatives informing them of the status of their request	16 June 2024
Request for representative registration	17 July 2024
