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NATO / Nuclear Ban Treaty

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Resolved: European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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Pro Evidence Sample

NATO_TPNW-P-001

TPNW parties accept a categorical obligation never to develop, acquire, possess, or stockpile nuclear weapons.

United Nations 17 — United Nations, Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted July 7, 2017, Article 1(a), certified treaty text, United Nations Treaty Collection, corrected authentic-text notices through 2024, https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?chapter=26&mtmsg_no=XXVI-9&src=TREATY, accessed July 28, 2026.

Each State Party undertakes never under any circumstances to develop, test, produce, manufacture, otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons.

TRACE: NSRC-003 | SF-P-001 | Article 1(a) | controlled snapshot
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f0393b8ae497403f1cfb1f9ac796a9cd2da10bcbbb2c2a1616d01236e1194829 | quoted 20 words | underlined 20 words. RIGHTS: Official treaty text; attributed limited quotation approved under project policy; no full-source redistribution. TRANSLATION: English authentic text; no translation used. LIMITATION: This proves the Article 1(a) prohibition. It does not by itself establish every ratification, implementation, humanitarian-solvency, or alliance-transition step. DUPLICATE: PASS — unique source or unique Stage 015-A source family in this batch; no duplicate quotation. REPAIR: NONE — planned NSRC-003 / PPASS-CAND-001 preserved.

NATO_TPNW-P-002

No state or international organization can adequately manage both the immediate emergency and long-term consequences of a nuclear detonation.

International Committee of the Red Cross 26 — International Committee of the Red Cross, neutral and independent humanitarian organization with a mandate under the Geneva Conventions, “Nuclear Weapons,” institutional humanitarian portal, current source record verified July 28, 2026, <https://www.icrc.org/en/war-and-law/weapons/nuclear-weapons>, accessed July 28, 2026.

No State or international organization could adequately address the immediate humanitarian emergency or long-term consequences of a nuclear weapon detonation.

TRACE: NSRC-028 | SF-P-001 | ICRC nuclear-weapons overview; NPASS-CAND-012 | controlled snapshot
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NATO_TPNW-P-003

High radiation doses can impair organs and produce burns or acute radiation syndrome, with severity increasing as dose and dose rate rise.

World Health Organization 23 — World Health Organization, United Nations specialized agency responsible for international public-health guidance, “Ionizing Radiation and Health Effects,” fact sheet, July 27, 2023, section “Health effects of ionizing radiation,” <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/ionizing-radiation-and-health-effects>, accessed July 28, 2026.

Beyond certain thresholds, radiation can impair the functioning of tissues and/or organs and can produce acute effects such as skin redness, hair loss, radiation burns, or acute radiation syndrome. These effects are more severe at higher doses and higher dose rates. For instance, the dose threshold for acute radiation syndrome is about 1 Sv (1000 mSv).

TRACE: NSRC-029 | SF-P-001 | Health effects of ionizing radiation, paragraph beginning “Beyond certain thresholds” | controlled snapshot
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NATO_TPNW-P-004

Atmospheric nuclear testing caused long-term harm to human health and the environment on a global scale.

United Nations 26 — United Nations Academic Impact, official United Nations educational initiative, “Examining the Human Cost of Nuclear Testing,” current page, <https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/examining-human-cost-nuclear-testing>, accessed July 28, 2026.

In the seven and a half decades since that fateful July morning in 1945, a total of eight nations have carried out 2,056 nuclear tests, one-quarter of them in the atmosphere, causing long-term harm to human health and the environment globally.

TRACE: R-SRC-P004-UN | SF-P-001 | Opening historical overview paragraph | controlled snapshot
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Con Evidence Sample

NATO_TPNW-C-001

NATO presents nuclear planning and sharing as a collective deterrence mechanism: the NPG centralizes consultation, planning, and political control; nuclear sharing links Europe and North America and distributes consultation, support, and operational burdens; and NATO says the posture preserves peace, prevents coercion, and deters aggression.

SOURCE UNIT A — NPG CONSULTATION, PLANNING, AND COMMAND-AND-CONTROL MECHANISM

NATO 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, “Nuclear Planning Group (NPG),” opening complete paragraph, updated May 20, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/about-us/organization/nato-structure/nuclear-planning-group-npg>

The Nuclear Planning Group (NPG) is the senior body responsible for NATO’s nuclear deterrence. Established in 1966, it provides a forum for consultation and decision-making on all issues that relate to nuclear deterrence, including nuclear policy, doctrine, planning, force posture, capabilities and exercises. It also addresses the overall effectiveness, safety and security of NATO’s nuclear weapons, and the corresponding consultation, command and control systems.

SOURCE UNIT B — NATO’S STATED DETERRENCE AND COERCION-PREVENTION PURPOSE

NATO 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, “NATO’s nuclear deterrence policy and forces,” complete opening policy paragraph, updated May 20, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/what-we-do/deterrence-and-defence/natos-nuclear-deterrence-policy-and-forces>

Nuclear deterrence has been at the core of NATO’s collective defence strategy for over 75 years. The fundamental purpose of NATO’s nuclear capability is to preserve peace, prevent coercion and deter aggression. NATO’s goal is a safer world for all; the Alliance seeks to create the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons, in accordance with the goals of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), to which all NATO Allies are States Parties.

SOURCE UNIT C — TRANSATLANTIC LINK, CONSULTATION, SUPPORT, AND BURDEN SHARING

NATO 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, “NATO’s nuclear deterrence policy and forces,” two complete consecutive paragraphs in “Nuclear sharing arrangements,” updated May 20, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/what-we-do/deterrence-and-defence/natos-nuclear-deterrence-policy-and-forces>

In their nuclear role, the aircraft are equipped to carry nuclear weapons in a conflict, and personnel are trained accordingly. These nuclear sharing arrangements are a visible manifestation of the transatlantic link between Europe and North America and the indivisibility of the Alliance.

All Allies that participate in the NPG play important roles in sharing the burden of nuclear deterrence by participating in and contributing to nuclear consultations and decision-making, hosting nuclear-related events and providing conventional support to nuclear operations. Allies also contribute in other ways, for example by planning, hosting and participating in exercises.

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Ratification cannot be assigned one automatic alliance effect: a Con internal link exists only where a member's verified role includes NPG consultation or a concrete contribution such as DCA, infrastructure, events, conventional support, or exercises that the policy change would actually alter.

SOURCE UNIT A — PARTICIPATION, POLITICAL CONTROL, AND NPG CONSULTATION

NATO 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, "NATO's nuclear deterrence policy and forces," three complete consecutive paragraphs, updated May 20, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/what-we-do/deterrence-and-defence/natos-nuclear-deterrence-policy-and-forces>

The Alliance ensures the broadest possible participation by Allies concerned in NATO's nuclear deterrence, demonstrating the Alliance's unity and resolve. For decades, Allies' commitments and contributions to NATO's nuclear deterrence have been a central part of NATO's broader deterrence and defence posture, and a source for security and stability in Europe. These contributions represent an enduring commitment to share both the benefits as well as the risks and costs of nuclear deterrence.

NATO Allies retain political control of all aspects of the Alliance's nuclear decision-making. The key principles of NATO's nuclear policy are established by all NATO Heads of State and Government. The development and implementation of NATO's nuclear policy are the responsibility of the Nuclear Planning Group (NPG), NATO's senior body responsible for nuclear deterrence, which was founded in 1966.

The NPG provides the forum for consultation and decision-making on all issues that relate to NATO nuclear deterrence (including nuclear policy, planning, force posture, capabilities and exercises) in peacetime, crisis and conflict. All Allies – with the exception of France, which has decided not to participate – are members of the NPG.

SOURCE UNIT B — DISTINCT OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT CONTRIBUTIONS

NATO 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, "NATO's nuclear deterrence policy and forces," first four complete paragraphs of "Nuclear sharing arrangements," updated May 20, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/what-we-do/deterrence-and-defence/natos-nuclear-deterrence-policy-and-forces>

NATO's nuclear deterrence posture relies on the United States' nuclear weapons forward-deployed in Europe, as well as on the capabilities and infrastructure provided by Allies concerned. The United States maintains absolute control and custody of its nuclear weapons forward-deployed in Europe.

A number of NATO Allies contribute dual-capable aircraft (DCA) to the Alliance on a voluntary basis. These aircraft are central to NATO's nuclear deterrence posture and are available for nuclear roles at various levels of readiness.

In their nuclear role, the aircraft are equipped to carry nuclear weapons in a conflict, and personnel are trained accordingly. These nuclear sharing arrangements are a visible manifestation of the transatlantic link between Europe and North America and the indivisibility of the Alliance.

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NATO's institutional claim is that credible, modernized nuclear forces underpin extended deterrence, prevent coercion, and deter aggression; reduced credibility therefore supports only a bounded risk of coercion or aggression, not proof that ratification causes war, miscalculation, or escalation.

SOURCE UNIT A — 2026 NPG DETERRENCE, COERCION, AND BURDEN-SHARING CLAIM

NATO Nuclear Planning Group 26 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, “2026 Nuclear Planning Group Statement,” complete substantive statement, June 18, 2026, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/about-us/official-texts-and-resources/official-texts/2026/06/18/2026-nuclear-planning-group-statement>

The Nuclear Planning Group (NPG), NATO's senior body for nuclear deterrence matters, met in a regular Ministerial Session on 18 June 2026. NPG Ministers recalled that the strategic nuclear forces of the Alliance remain the supreme guarantee of Allied security and underpin NATO's extended deterrence architecture.

NPG Ministers agreed to continue enhancing NATO's nuclear deterrence mission by modernising NATO's nuclear capabilities, strengthening its nuclear planning capacity, and adapting to achieve its security interests. The Alliance maintains a safe, secure, effective, and credible nuclear posture to preserve peace, prevent coercion and deter aggression.

The NPG Allies reaffirmed their enduring commitment to sharing the responsibilities, risks, and burdens of collective defence by investing in the resources, capabilities, and forces required to deliver NATO's nuclear mission and demonstrate Alliance unity and resolve.

SOURCE UNIT B — CREDIBILITY, FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND STRATEGIC-RISK CONTROL

NATO 22 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, “NATO 2022 Strategic Concept,” paragraphs 29–30, June 29, 2022, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/about-us/official-texts-and-resources/strategic-concepts/nato-2022-strategic-concept>

29. The strategic nuclear forces of the Alliance, particularly those of the United States, are the supreme guarantee of the security of the Alliance. The independent strategic nuclear forces of the United Kingdom and France have a deterrent role of their own and contribute significantly to the overall security of the Alliance. These Allies’ separate centres of decision-making contribute to deterrence by complicating the calculations of potential adversaries. NATO’s nuclear deterrence posture also relies on the United States’ nuclear weapons forward-deployed in Europe and the contributions of Allies concerned. National contributions of dual-capable aircraft to NATO’s nuclear deterrence mission remain central to this effort.

30. NATO will take all necessary steps to ensure the credibility, effectiveness, safety and security of the nuclear deterrent mission. The Alliance is committed to ensuring greater integration and coherence of capabilities and activities across all domains and the spectrum of conflict, while reaffirming the unique and distinct role of nuclear deterrence. NATO will continue to maintain credible deterrence, strengthen its strategic communications, enhance the effectiveness of its exercises and reduce strategic risks.

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NATO's defense is conditional rather than anti-disarmament: it says credible deterrence remains necessary in the present environment while reciprocal arms control, risk reduction, NPT implementation, and movement toward a world without nuclear weapons must preserve the security of all Allies.

SOURCE UNIT A — DETERRENCE, ARMS CONTROL, RISK REDUCTION, NPT, AND UNDIMINISHED SECURITY

NATO 22 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization, "NATO 2022 Strategic Concept," complete consecutive paragraphs 29–33, June 29, 2022, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://www.nato.int/en/about-us/official-texts-and-resources/strategic-concepts/nato-2022-strategic-concept>

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31. We will continue to invest in our defence against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear threats. We will enhance our policies, plans, training and exercises and assess our capabilities to ensure that these requirements are integrated into our deterrence and defence posture.

32. Strategic stability, delivered through effective deterrence and defence, arms control and disarmament, and meaningful and reciprocal political dialogue, remains essential to our security. Arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation strongly contribute to the Alliance's objectives. Allies' efforts on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation aim to reduce risk and enhance security, transparency, verification, and compliance. We will pursue all elements of strategic risk reduction, including promoting confidence building and predictability through dialogue, increasing understanding, and establishing effective crisis management and prevention tools. These efforts will take the prevailing security environment and the security of all Allies into account and complement the Alliance's deterrence and defence posture. We will make use of NATO as a platform for in-depth discussion and close consultations on arms control efforts.

33. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is the essential bulwark against the spread of nuclear weapons and we remain strongly committed to its full implementation, including Article VI. NATO's goal is to create the security environment for a world without nuclear weapons, consistent with the goals of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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