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REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

From: Working Party on General Affairs

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER
E-006816/2020 - Mounir Satouri (Verts/ALE), Hannah Neumann
(Verts/ALE)
'Council discussions for the EU to become an observer regional
organisation at the first meeting of States Parties to the Treaty Prohibiting
Nuclear Weapons'

1. Delegations will find attached:
 - the text of the above question for written answer;
 - a draft reply prepared by the Working Party on General Affairs at its meeting on 13 April 2021.

2. This draft reply is submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) and to the Council for approval.

Question for written answer E-006816/2020

to the Council

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Mounir Satouri (Verts/ALE), **Hannah Neumann** (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Council discussions for the EU to become an observer regional organisation at the first meeting of States Parties to the Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons

The Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will enter into force on 22 January 2021.

Three EU Member States, the republics of Austria, Ireland and Malta, have signed and ratified the Treaty and will attend the meetings and review conferences of its States Parties. Austria will host the first meeting of States Parties, in Vienna.

The EU can attend these meetings as an observer regional organisation, as set out in Article 8 of the Treaty.

1. Will European Council discussions take place for the Council to adopt a decision for the EU to attend the first meeting of States Parties to the TPNW as an observer regional organisation?
2. Have any Member States or institutions proposed this, and if so, which ones?
3. Have any Member States or institutions opposed this, and if so, which ones?

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Reply

The Council has not addressed the specific issue raised by the Honourable Members.
