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## Stakeholder submission for the 41st session of the Universal Periodic Review

### Report on Poland

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a campaign coalition of over 600 non-government organizations in over one hundred countries. Following the historic achievement of the adoption of the nuclear weapons ban treaty, ICAN now campaigns for all States to sign, ratify or accede to the Treaty as a matter of urgency, take measures towards the global elimination of all nuclear weapons, and provide assistance to the victims of the humanitarian and environmental impact of nuclear weapon tests in the Pacific and elsewhere.

ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for “its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its groundbreaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons.”

### National Human Rights Framework

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has clear references to and implications for human rights law and practice. Preambular paragraph 8 reaffirms “the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law” The most relevant rights concern from a nuclear weapons attack is the right to life, other relevant rights concerns include the prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment, the right to a home and to property, as well as rights violations resulting from nuclear weapons testing.

ICAN regrets that Poland supports the retention and potential use of nuclear weapons on its behalf, as indicated by its endorsement of various alliance statements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), of which it is a member. Poland has consistently abstained from voting on an annual UN General Assembly resolution



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since 2018 that welcomes the adoption of the treaty and calls upon all states to sign, ratify or accede to it "at the earliest possible date".

ICAN calls upon Poland to sign, ratify or accede the TPNW, as a matter of international urgency.