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The United Nations Secretariat presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observer Missions of non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to inform them that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016 entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations", the United Nations Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, leading towards their total Elimination, will take place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from Monday, 27 March through Friday, 31 March 2017 and from Thursday, 15 June through Friday, 7 July 2017, with a one-day organizational meeting on 16 February 2017.

The United Nations Secretariat wishes to remind Member States that, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which are applicable to the Conference pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 71/258, credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (S-3604 or S-3639), if possible not less than one week before the opening of the Conference on Monday, 27 March 2017. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The United Nations Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observer Missions of Non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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