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Prohibition	Obligation	Source	Binding for
Use		IHL principles, UN Charter - CIL, TPNW, ICCPR (GC Nr.36), Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, CANWFZ, Moon Agr., Antarctic T.	all states (as CIL) & SP (state parties)
Threat of use		UN Charter, IHL-CIL, TPNW, ICCPR, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, CANWFZ	
	Disarmament obligation	CIL, NPT, (TPNW- preamble), ICCPR ¹	all states & SP
Development, acquisition, manufacture, possession		NPT ² , TPNW, ICCPR, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, CANWFZ	SP
Stockpiling, storage		TPNW, ICCPR, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, CANWFZ	SP
Transfer or receipt		NPT³, TPNW, ICCPR, Tlatelolco	SP
Testing		TPNW, CTBT, PTBT, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, ICCPR, EL principles, OST, Moon Agreement, Antarctic Treaty	SP (some norms are customary)
(Seek or receive) assistance, encouragement, inducement		TPNW, NPT ⁴ , ICCPR, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, CANWFZ	SP
Stationing, installation, deployment, placement		TPNW, ICCPR, Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, CANWFZ, OST, Moon Agr., Antarctic T., Seabed T.	SP
C() () () () () () () () () ()	Victim assistance and environmental remediation	TPNW, ICCPR, EL principles	SP (some norms are customary)

State parties of the treaties as of 15.10.2021

NPT:P5 (5 possessing nuclear weapons states)+185 (non-nuclear weapons states)+1 (North Korea), TPNW: 56, ICCPR: 173, Tlatelolco: 33, Rarotonga: 13, Bangkok: 10, Pelindaba: 39+1 (the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is recognized by the African Union is not a UN member state), CANWFZ: 5, CTBT: 170, PTBT: 126, OST: 110, Moon Agr.: 11, Antarctic T.: 54, Seabed T.: 94.

¹ The General Comment 36, in para. 66, refers to state's international obligation to pursue in good faith negotiations in order to achieve the aim of nuclear disarmament under strict and effective international control.

² For non-nuclear weapons states under the NPT.

³ The NPT prohibits nuclear weapons states to transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or direct/indirect control over such weapons; non-nuclear weapons states are prohibited to receive the transfer from any transferor whatsoever of nuclear weapons or direct/indirect control over such weapons.

⁴ Non-nuclear weapons states are prohibited to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons; whereas nuclear weapons states are prohibited to, in any way, assist, encourage, or induce any non-nuclear weapons state to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons.