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Dear Ms Zubrick

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2022 congratulating the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, following his election as the 31st Prime Minister of Australia. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

I note your letter raises the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Australia has a proud history of championing international nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament efforts. While Australia is not a state party to the TPNW, the Australian Government shares the ambition of TPNW States Parties of a world without nuclear weapons and is committed to engaging constructively to identify pathways towards disarmament. As part of this engagement, Ms Susan Templeman MP observed the First Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW in Vienna on 21-23 June.

Ms Templeman's attendance at this meeting is informing the Australian Government's consideration of its approach to the TPNW, in addition to close consultation with allies and partners, and civil society stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ash Collingburn'.

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