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All European Union Member States are States-Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)¹. The EU promotes the universalisation and the full and effective implementation of the Treaty.

Article 1 of the NPT mandates that each nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty undertakes not to transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly; and not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce any non-nuclear-weapon state to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, or control over such weapons or explosive devices. Article 2 prohibits states without nuclear weapons from receiving the transfer from any transferor whatsoever of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or of control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly; not to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; and not to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

To ensure compliance with the Treaty obligations, each NPT non-nuclear-weapon State Party undertakes to accept safeguards with the International Atomic Energy Agency. All EU Member States have such agreements. In addition, all substances containing plutonium, uranium or thorium are subject to Euratom Safeguards under the control of European Commission nuclear inspectors.

¹ <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt/>