

## Pacific Islands Forum and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The [Pacific Islands Forum](#) (PIF) is an inter-governmental organization that aims to enhance cooperation between countries and territories of the Pacific Ocean. All Pacific island nations and territories in Oceania are either members or observer states of the Pacific Islands Forum with the exception of the British Overseas Territory of the Pitcairn Islands. In addition East Timor is an observer despite usually being regarded as part of South East Asia.

The [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) (TPNW), or the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty, is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons, with the aim of leading towards their total elimination. The TPNW includes a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in any nuclear weapon activities. It was passed on 7 July 2017 with 122 states voting in favour, with one state voting against and one state abstaining. In order to come into effect, signature and ratification by at least 50 countries is required.

As of 25 November 2019, 80 states have signed the treaty while 34 states have ratified it. With respect to of Pacific Islands Forum, 42% of full and associate member states have signed the treaty while 26% have ratified it.

### Member states of Pacific Islands Forum that have signed or ratified TPNW

No.	Full & associate members	Date signed	Date ratified
1	Australia		
2	Cook Islands		4-Sep-18
3	Fiji	20-Sep-17	
4	French Polynesia		
5	Kiribati	20-Sep-17	26-Sep-19
6	Marshall Islands		
7	Micronesia		
8	Nauru	22-Nov-19	
9	New Caledonia		
10	New Zealand	20-Sep-17	31-Jul-18
11	Niue		
12	Palau	20-Sep-17	3-May-19
13	Papua New Guinea		
14	Samoa	20-Sep-17	26-Sep-18
15	Solomon Islands		
16	Tokelau <sup>1</sup>		
17	Tonga		
18	Tuvalu	20-Sep-17	
19	Vanuatu	20-Sep-17	26-Sep-18

42%

26%

1. Tokelau is an associate member of PIF.