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Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

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Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea,
Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,
Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and
Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland: draft resolution

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The General Assembly,

Reiterating that the cessation of nuclear-weapon test explosions or any other
nuclear explosions constitutes an effective nuclear disarmament and
non-proliferation measure, and convinced that this is a meaningful step in the
realization of a systematic process to achieve nuclear disarmament,

Recalling that the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by its
resolution 50/245 of 10 September 1996, was opened for signature on 24 September
1996,

Stressing that a universal and effectively verifiable Treaty constitutes a
fundamental instrument in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation
and that, after more than twelve years, its entry into force is more urgent than ever
before,

Encouraged by the signing of the Treaty by one hundred and eighty-two
States, including forty-one of the forty-four needed for its entry into force, and
welcoming the ratification of one hundred and fifty States, including thirty-five of
the forty-four needed for its entry into force, among which there are three nuclear-
weapon States,

Recalling its resolution 63/87 of 2 December 2008,
Welcoming the Joint Ministerial Statement on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted at the Ministerial Meeting held in New York on 24 September 2008,

Welcoming also the Final Declaration of the Sixth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, held in New York on 24 and 25 September 2009, pursuant to article XIV of the Treaty, and noting the improved prospects for ratification in several Annex 2 countries,

1. Stresses the vital importance and urgency of signature and ratification, without delay and without conditions, to achieve the earliest entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty;

2. Welcomes the contributions by the States signatories to the work of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, in particular its efforts to ensure that the Treaty’s verification regime will be capable of meeting the verification requirements of the Treaty upon its entry into force, in accordance with article IV of the Treaty;

3. Underlines the need to maintain momentum towards completion of all elements of the verification regime;

4. Urges all States not to carry out nuclear-weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions, to maintain their moratoriums in this regard and to refrain from acts that would defeat the object and purpose of the Treaty, while stressing that these measures do not have the same permanent and legally binding effect as the entry into force of the Treaty;


6. Urges all States that have not yet signed the Treaty to sign and ratify it as soon as possible;

7. Urges all States that have signed but not yet ratified the Treaty, in particular those whose ratification is needed for its entry into force, to accelerate their ratification processes with a view to ensuring their earliest successful conclusion;

8. Welcomes, since the last session of the General Assembly, the ratification of the Treaty by Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as the signature by Trinidad and Tobago, as significant steps towards the early entry into force of the Treaty;

9. Urges all States to remain seized of the issue at the highest political level and, where in a position to do so, to promote adherence to the Treaty through bilateral and joint outreach, seminars and other means;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, to prepare a report on the efforts of States that have ratified the Treaty towards its universalization and possibilities for providing assistance on ratification procedures
to States that so request it, and to submit such a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled “Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty”.

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