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1632 (XVI). Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal

The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control

The General Assembly,

Seized of the question of halting nuclear weapons tests,

Solemnly appeals to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to refrain from carrying out its intention to explode in the atmosphere a 50-megaton bomb before the end of this month.

*1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.*

1648 (XVI). Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1577 (XV) of 20 December 1960 which urged the States concerned to continue the

suspension of test explosions, and also its resolution 1578 (XV) of the same date,

Further recalling its resolution 1379 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Bearing in mind both the grave and continuing hazards of radiation resulting to humanity from test explosions as well as their adverse consequences to the prospects of world peace through heightening rather than lessening international tensions,

Considering it urgent and imperative that no further tests should take place,

1. Expresses its deep concern and profound regret that test explosions have been resumed;

2. Earnestly urges the States concerned to refrain from further test explosions pending the conclusion of necessary internationally binding agreements in regard to tests;

3. Expresses confidence that the States concerned will reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;

4. Calls upon the States concerned to engage themselves with urgency and speed in the necessary efforts to conclude such agreements expeditiously.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*