

# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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LETTER DATED 29 JULY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON 26 JULY 1996 CONCERNING UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE TEXT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN LAST JUNE

Attached is a copy of a statement by the President of the United States, issued in Washington on 26 July 1996, concerning United States support for the text of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that was proposed by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban last June.

I would be grateful if you would issue this statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distribute it to all member States and non-member participant States of the Conference.

(Signed): Stephen J. Ledogar  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

TEXT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATEMENT OF 26 JULY 1996  
ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Thirty-three years ago today, President Kennedy, with the advice and counsel of his science advisor, Jerome Wiesner, and the scientific community called upon our nation to take a step back from the shadows of war by supporting a limited nuclear test ban treaty.

In that famous speech, President Kennedy envisioned a farther-reaching treaty that banned all testing everywhere, including underground.

Today, I am proud to tell you that when the Conference on Disarmament reconvenes in Geneva on Monday, we will be one step closer to realizing President Kennedy's vision of a safer world. The United States will support without change the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty that the Chairman of the negotiating committee proposed when the negotiations adjourned last June.

The United Kingdom, France and Russia have also announced their support for this document.

Now I call upon other members of the Conference to do the same. I urge them to endorse and forward the Chairman's text without change to the United Nations so that the General Assembly can approve the treaty and open it for signature in September.

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