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CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR-TEST EXPLOSIONS

Letter dated 1 September 1988 from the representatives of
Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On this twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water, the undersigned, co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Cessation of all nuclear-test explosions", which, upon approval by the General Assembly became on 30 November 1987 resolution 42/26 B, have the honour to inform you that on 5 August 1988 our Permanent Representatives to the Conference on Disarmament have formally submitted on behalf of our Governments to the three Depositary Governments the enclosed amendment proposal for consideration at a conference convened for the purpose. This amendment is intended to convert the Treaty into a comprehensive nuclear-test ban treaty.

We are convinced that the proposed amendment can be positively useful in our common endeavour to promote the cause of disarmament and peace. We therefore request that the text of the letter and its enclosure be reproduced as an official document of the General Assembly under item 52 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Agus TARMIDZI
Acting Permanent Representative
of Indonesia to the United Nations

(Signed) Olga PELLICER
Acting Permanent Representative
of Mexico to the United Nations

(Signed) Carlos ALZAMORA
Permanent Representative of Peru
to the United Nations

(Signed) Edmond JAYASINGHE
Acting Permanent Representative of
Sri Lanka to the United Nations

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Yugoslavia to the United Nations

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Letter dated 5 August 1988 and attached amendment proposal
addressed by the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia,
Mexico, Peru and Yugoslavia to the Conference on
Disarmament to the Depositary Governments of the Treaty
Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere

As representatives of States Parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water, we address this letter to you, as representative of one of the Depositary Governments of the Treaty. Identical letters have been submitted to the other Depositary Governments.

In accordance with Article II of the Treaty and resolution 42/26 B of the United Nations General Assembly, we formally submit on behalf of our Governments the enclosed amendment proposal for consideration at a conference of the Parties to the Treaty convened for that purpose. Would you therefore, in accordance with Article II of the Treaty, circulate copies of our amendment proposal to all the Parties and make arrangements to convene the conference as soon as one-third of the Parties so request.

(Signed) Wisber LOEIS
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Indonesia to the Conference on
Disarmament

(Signed) Alfonso García ROBLES
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of
Mexico to the Conference on Disarmament

(Signed) Oswaldo DE RIVERO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Peru to the Conference on
Disarmament

(Signed) Nihal RODRIGO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of
Sri Lanka to the Conference on
Disarmament

(Signed) Marko KOSIN
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Yugoslavia to the Conference on
Disarmament

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

The Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water shall be amended by the addition of the following article and protocols:

ARTICLE VI

Protocols annexed to this Treaty constitute an integral part of the Treaty.

PROTOCOL I

States Parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water, in order to achieve the permanent banning of all nuclear explosions, including all such explosions underground, have agreed that in addition to their undertakings in Article I of such Treaty:

1. Each of the Parties of this Protocol undertakes to prohibit, to prevent, and not to carry out any nuclear weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion, at any place under its jurisdiction and control;

(a) underground; or

(b) in any other environment not described in Article I, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water.

2. Each of the Parties to this Protocol undertakes furthermore to refrain from causing, encouraging, or in any way participating in, the carrying out of any nuclear weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion, anywhere which would take place in any of the environments described in paragraph 1 of this Protocol.

PROTOCOL II

(The precise provisions of this protocol are not included at this time, but will be submitted later for consideration and agreement at the conference. They will deal with all questions of verification, including in particular, the following:

- International co-operation for seismic and atmospheric data acquisition and analysis,
- installation of special seismic detection networks on the territory of the nuclear weapons States Parties to the Treaty,

- non-interference with national technical means of verification and non-use of concealment measures which impede verification by national technical means,
- on-site inspections, and
- a permanent consultative mechanism to consider questions of compliance and ambiguous situations.)
