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Ghana, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, New
Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Samoa, Sudan,
Sweden and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its conviction that the cessation of nuclear-weapon testing by all States in all environments would be in the interest of all mankind, as a major step towards ending the qualitative improvement, development and proliferation of nuclear weapons, as a means of relieving the deep apprehension concerning the harmful consequences of radioactive contamination for the health of present and future generations, and as a contribution towards the cessation of the nuclear arms race,

Recalling the determination of the parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water 1/ and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 2/ expressed in those Treaties to continue negotiations to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions for all time,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, in particular resolution 32/78 of 12 December 1977, paragraph 51 of resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, resolution 33/60 and resolution 33/71 H (IV) of 14 December 1978,

Emphasizing the urgent need for all nuclear-weapon States to cease the testing of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing the importance, to a treaty prohibiting nuclear testing, of the study being carried out by the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 489, No. 6964, p.43.

2/ General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events on a global network of stations for the exchange of seismological data,

Recognizing the indispensable role of the Committee on Disarmament in the negotiation of a comprehensive test ban treaty,

Taking note with dissatisfaction that part of the report of the Committee on Disarmament relating to the question of a comprehensive test ban treaty shows no progress in the consideration of this subject because the results of the negotiations between the three nuclear-weapon States were not submitted,

1. Reiterates its grave concern that nuclear-weapon testing continues unabated against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of Member States;

2. Reaffirms its conviction that a treaty to achieve the discontinuance of all nuclear test explosions by all States for all time is a matter of the highest priority;

3. Expresses its conviction that positive progress in the negotiations by the Committee on Disarmament on a comprehensive test ban treaty is a vital element for the success of efforts to prevent the further proliferation of nuclear weapons, and will contribute towards an end to the arms race and the achievement of nuclear disarmament;

4. Requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate negotiations on a comprehensive test ban treaty, as a matter of the highest priority;

5. Calls upon the three negotiating nuclear-weapon States to use their best endeavours to bring their negotiations to a positive conclusion in time for consideration during the next session of the Committee on Disarmament;

6. Invites Member Governments to contribute to the further development of national and international co-operative measures to detect seismic events aimed at setting up a global verification system of a comprehensive test ban treaty and to co-operate with the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts for the fulfilment of its mandate;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session, an item relating to the implementation of the present resolution.
