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CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION
OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS

Note verbale dated 24 May 1976 from the Permanent Mission
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, upon instructions of its Government, has the honour to advise him of the following with reference to General Assembly resolution 3478 (XXX).

In the framework of the efforts to avert the danger of nuclear war, to cease the nuclear armaments race and to achieve nuclear disarmament, the attainment of the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests is of particular significance. The urgency of those efforts has been reaffirmed many times on the floor of the United Nations and recognized by almost all countries. On its part, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is determined to make every effort so that the international agreement on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests is concluded as speedily as possible.

Czechoslovakia was a co-sponsor of resolution 3478 (XXX) adopted by an overwhelming majority at the thirtieth session of the General Assembly. The resolution calls upon all nuclear-weapon States to enter into negotiations with a view to reaching agreement on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests and, in accordance with it, 25 to 30 non-nuclear-weapon States, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, are also to participate in those negotiations.

Czechoslovakia confirms its readiness to participate in the negotiations on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3478 (XXX).

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The conclusion of an international treaty prohibiting any tests of nuclear weapons would undoubtedly reduce the armaments race and deepen the process of détente in international relations.

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic requests to have the present note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 46 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session.
