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LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER 1963 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic has acceded to the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space, and under water, concluded in Moscow between the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom.

The Treaty was signed by the Ukraine at Moscow on 8 October 1963.

I should be grateful if this letter and the statement made by the representative of the Government of the Ukraine could be distributed as a United Nations document.

(Signed) L. PALAMARCHUK,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Ukrainian SSR

STATEMENT MADE BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
UKRAINIAN SSR, S.A. SLIPCHENKO, AT THE SIGNING OF THE NUCLEAR
WEAPON TEST BAN TREATY AT MOSCOW ON 8 OCTOBER 1963

On signing, on behalf of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space, and under water, I have been asked to express the deep satisfaction of the Government of the Soviet Ukraine at the conclusion of this Treaty.

The Government of the Ukrainian SSR regards the conclusion of the Treaty as a success for the Leninist peace-loving foreign policy of the Soviet State, and as a success for all Governments and peoples opposed to the threat of a new war and in favour of preserving and strengthening general peace.

Naturally the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the three environments is no guarantee that war will be prevented, and is not even a disarmament measure. But the banning of nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water will, if strictly observed by all the signatories, restrain to some extent further intensification of the armaments race, and is a definite step towards reducing international tension.

The conclusion of the Moscow Treaty has already improved the whole international atmosphere and continues to do so; it is opening the way to the solution of other important international problems, including the problem of general and complete disarmament under strict international control.

The Government of the Ukrainian SSR will in future make every effort to ensure that the good beginning made by the present Treaty is developed further and assists in settling the problems of disarmament and other pressing international problems in the interest of strengthening peace in the world.