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Letter dated 9 August 1973 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued on 4 August 1973 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water. 1/

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the statement circulated as an official General Assembly document under item 35 of the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session, "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests".

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1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 480, No. 6964, p. 43.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The conclusion of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water was a first step towards delivering mankind from the threat of thermonuclear war. In the ensuing years, the Treaty has not only played an important role in curbing the nuclear arms race and strengthening world peace and international security but has contributed to the adoption of subsequent treaties and agreements limiting nuclear armaments. The fact that more than 100 States are now parties to the Moscow Treaty is further evidence of its tremendous significance and importance.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic expresses the hope that the favourable climate which now prevails in international relations will serve to promote early agreement on the banning by all States of all types of thermonuclear tests, including underground tests.

The Government and people of the Mongolian People's Republic are deeply concerned at the fact that certain nuclear States, in particular the People's Republic of China, are conducting atmospheric nuclear tests in violation of generally recognized treaty norms and the principles of international law and in defiance of world-wide protests, thus contaminating the environment with dangerous radio-active substances and impeding the process of strengthening international peace and security.

On the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, the Mongolian People's Republic appeals to the Governments of all States that have not done so to accede without further delay to the Treaty, which is also in the vital interests of the peoples of those countries.

Ulan-Bator, 4 August 1973
