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URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

Letter dated 3 July 1973 from the Chargé d'affaires ad interim of
the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a Statement by the Mongolian Telegraph Agency "MONTSAME", dated 29 June 1973, concerning the latest in a series of nuclear tests in the atmosphere conducted by the People's Republic of China in the vicinity of the State frontier of the Mongolian People's Republic.

I would request Your Excellency to circulate the text of this Statement as an official document of the General Assembly in relation to the item entitled "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests".

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STATEMENT BY MONTSAME

Despite the repeated protests of the peace-loving States of the world and the progressive international community, the People's Republic of China on 27 June 1973 conducted another atmospheric nuclear test in the Lobnor region near the State frontier of the Mongolian People's Republic. In this connexion the agency MONTSAME is authorized to state the following:

In the light of the current process of détente in the world, this repeated act by the Government of the People's Republic of China cannot be interpreted as anything else but an expression of the aim of the Chinese leaders to impede in every possible way the strengthening of world peace and the security of peoples. The systematic atmospheric nuclear testing in which the Government of the People's Republic of China has engaged since 1964 runs directly counter to the interests of defending and strengthening universal peace and international security and solving the problem of general and complete disarmament. It poses a direct threat to the life and health of millions of human beings not only in the countries which are China's neighbours but also in China itself.

The Mongolian people and their Government express a vigorous protest to the Government of the People's Republic of China and demand the cessation of such nuclear testing.

Ulan Bator, 29 June 1973
