



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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1 *Fully aware* that the power of nuclear weapons poses one of the largest threats to
2 international peace and stability, and that this threat impacts not only individual States,
3 but also the global community as a whole, as no individual Member State possess the
4 capacity to withstand and overcome the effects a nuclear disaster,
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6 *Stressing* the need for the international community to reconcile the necessity of
7 eliminating the threat of nuclear weapons attacks and nuclear explosions, with the
8 innumerable benefits nuclear energy sources provide,
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10 *Encouraged* by inroads made by nuclear agreements including, but not limited to
11 the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban
12 Treaty (CTBT), which seek to prevent the spread and growth of nuclear weapons
13 programs and arsenals,
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15 *Emphasizing* the vital role of the CTBT, the International Data Centre (IDC) and
16 International Monitoring System (IMS) in the creation of necessary vertical and
17 horizontal nuclear proliferation measures, as well as in international disaster detection
18 and geological and environmental scientific studies,
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20 *Expressing appreciation* for the CTBT's dedication to national sovereignty and
21 security clearly defined within the plan of implementation of the IMS and the enshrined
22 protection of all information collected by the IDC, which plays a crucial role in integrity
23 of national intelligence, as well as the resolve for all such implementation and
24 verification activities to be conducted in the least intrusive manner possible as defined in
25 Article II of the CTBT,
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27 *Applauding* the work done by the CTBT Preparatory Commission in establishing
28 337 certified IMS stations as a part the Global Alarm System, which is capable of not
29 only detecting underground nuclear explosions, but also detecting earthquakes, tsunamis,
30 environmental and geological shifts and the accidental release of radioactive particulates
31 and gasses,
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33 *Noting with approval* the Provisional Technical Secretariat's efforts towards the
34 establishment of workshops, seminars and training programs in the legal and technical

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38 aspects of the implementation of the CTBT, along with their coordination with the
39 international community in the promotion of the ratification of the Treaty,

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41 *Affirming* the belief that all Member States bear a portion of the responsibility in
42 forging a safer and more secure nuclear world,

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44 1. *Encourages* all Member States to pursue technological research and
45 development that will allow for safer and better utilization and implementation of nuclear
46 technologies, regardless of their nuclear situation for the security and safety of the
47 world's citizens;

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49 2. *Supports* the continued expansion of the Global Alarm System by the CTBT
50 Preparatory Commission because of the advantages offered in the ceasing of all nuclear
51 testing and other documented scientific and practical benefits which are boundlessly
52 advantageous for all nations, regardless of their nuclear status, capacity and/or desire;

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54 3. *Emphasizes* the need for international cooperation in addressing and managing
55 the scope of nuclear disasters as vital element in global stability, peace and security;

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57 4. *Approves* of the ability of NGOs and existing United Nations bodies and
58 programs to aid Member States that may be facing a nuclear disaster or threat;

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60 5. *Appeals* to all Member States that have not signed, or have signed but not yet
61 ratified the CTBT to do so with great haste, and refrain from harmful actions that oppose
62 the objective of the Treaty until such a time that ratification is possible, while remaining
63 mindful of Member States' sovereignty and current political situations;

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65 6. *Suggests* the creation of a Provisional Secretariat within the CTBT
66 Organization composed of signatories, regardless of ratification status, which shall
67 provide a forum for dialogue in the interest of moving towards and establishing a
68 framework for the full ratification and the enforcement of the CTBT, if Member States
69 are so willing;

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71 7. *Expresses the hope* that the acceptance of the principles enshrined within the
72 CTBT will drastically reduce the threat of nuclear weapons and empower the
73 international community to usher in a new phase of global peace and stability and secure
74 a safer future for all peoples.

Passed, Yes: 83 / No: 6 / Abstain: 16