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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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Fully aware that the power of nuclear weapons poses one of the largest threats to international peace and stability, and that this threat impacts not only individual States, but also the global community as a whole, as no individual Member State possess the capacity to withstand and overcome the effects a nuclear disaster,

Stressing the need for the international community to reconcile the necessity of eliminating the threat of nuclear weapons attacks and nuclear explosions, with the innumerable benefits nuclear energy sources provide,

Encouraged by inroads made by nuclear agreements including, but not limited to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which seek to prevent the spread and growth of nuclear weapons programs and arsenals,

Emphasizing the vital role of the CTBT, the International Data Centre (IDC) and International Monitoring System (IMS) in the creation of necessary vertical and horizontal nuclear proliferation measures, as well as in international disaster detection and geological and environmental scientific studies,

Expressing appreciation for the CTBT's dedication to national sovereignty and security clearly defined within the plan of implementation of the IMS and the enshrined protection of all information collected by the IDC, which plays a crucial role in integrity of national intelligence, as well as the resolve for all such implementation and verification activities to be conducted in the least intrusive manner possible as defined in Article II of the CTBT,

Applauding the work done by the CTBT Preparatory Commission in establishing 337 certified IMS stations as a part the Global Alarm System, which is capable of not only detecting underground nuclear explosions, but also detecting earthquakes, tsunamis, environmental and geological shifts and the accidental release of radioactive particulates and gasses,

Noting with approval the Provisional Technical Secretariat's efforts towards the establishment of workshops, seminars and training programs in the legal and technical

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed, Yes: 68 / No: 9 / Abstain: 15