

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the States of the region in giving effect to the purpose of the present resolution.

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3478 (XXX). Conclusion of a treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the urgent need for the cessation everywhere and by all of nuclear weapon tests, including underground tests,

Expressing its deep concern over the fact that an international agreement on the cessation of nuclear weapon tests of all kinds has not yet been reached,

Convinced that the cessation of such tests would contribute to the reduction of the nuclear arms race as well as to the further relaxation of international tension,

Reaffirming that the potential benefits of any peaceful application of nuclear explosions should be available to nuclear as well as non-nuclear States, in conformity with the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,⁵¹ in such a way as to exclude any possibility of peaceful nuclear explosions being used for purposes incompatible with the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Also convinced of the need again to exert every effort for the early cessation everywhere and by all of nuclear weapon tests, including underground tests,

1. *Takes note* of the draft treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests submitted to the General Assembly by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Calls upon* all nuclear-weapon States to enter into negotiations, not later than 31 March 1976, with a view to reaching agreement on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests, and invites twenty-five to thirty non-nuclear-weapon States, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with all regional groups,⁵² to participate in those negotiations, and to inform the Assembly, at its thirty-first session, of the results of the negotiations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be necessary for the negotiations with a view to reaching agreement on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests and to transmit to the group referred to in paragraph 2 above all documents relating to the consideration by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session of agenda items 37 and 122;⁵³

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Conclusion of a treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests".

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⁵¹ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

⁵² For the report of the President of the General Assembly on this matter, see A/10509.

⁵³ For the wording of the items, see below pp. 162 and 168.

ANNEX

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests

The States Parties to this Treaty,

Proclaiming their intention to bring about, as speedily as possible, the cessation of the nuclear arms race, the adoption of effective measures towards nuclear disarmament and the conclusion of an agreement on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Taking into account the appeals by the General Assembly of the United Nations to put an end to nuclear weapon tests in all environments,

Noting that the prohibition of all nuclear weapon tests would be in the interests of strengthening peace and slowing the arms race and would be a contribution to the process of international détente,

Reaffirming that the potential benefits of any peaceful application of nuclear explosions should be available to nuclear as well as non-nuclear States in conformity with the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons⁵⁴ and of the present Treaty,

Noting the great positive significance of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed in Moscow on 5 August 1963,⁵⁵

Stressing the importance of strict compliance with the above-mentioned Treaty up to the time of entry into force of this Treaty,

Seeking to achieve the permanent cessation of all test explosions of nuclear weapons by all States,

Have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE I

1. Each State Party to this Treaty undertakes to prohibit, to prevent and to refrain from carrying out any test explosions of nuclear weapons anywhere under its jurisdiction or control in all environments—in the atmosphere, in outer space, under water and underground.

2. Each State Party to this Treaty undertakes to refrain from encouraging, inciting, or in any way participating in the carrying out of nuclear explosions prohibited by paragraph 1 of this article.

ARTICLE II

1. Control over compliance with this Treaty shall be conducted by the States Parties, through their own national technical means of control, in accordance with the generally recognized rules of international law.

2. In order to promote the objectives of and ensure compliance with the provisions of this Treaty, the Parties to the Treaty shall co-operate in an international exchange of seismic data.

3. In order to promote the objectives of and to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Treaty, the Parties shall, when necessary, consult one another, make inquiries and receive appropriate information in connexion with such inquiries.

4. Any State Party to this Treaty which ascertains that any other State Party is acting in violation of obligations deriving from the provisions of the Treaty may lodge a complaint with the Security Council of the United Nations. Such a complaint must contain all possible evidence confirming its validity and a request for its consideration by the Security Council. The Council shall inform the States Parties to the Treaty of the results of its consideration.

ARTICLE III

1. The provisions of article I shall not apply to any underground nuclear explosions conducted by nuclear-weapon States for peaceful purposes on the territory under their jurisdiction and in compliance with the agreements under which, in accordance with article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation

⁵⁴ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

⁵⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, No. 6964, p. 43.

of Nuclear Weapons, non-nuclear-weapon States are to benefit from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions.

2. The explosions referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be conducted as follows:

(a) In the case of non-nuclear-weapon States, in conformity with the provisions of article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(b) In the case of nuclear-weapon States, in conformity with a procedure to be established under a special agreement concerning which the nuclear-weapon States will conduct negotiations with due regard for the recommendations of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the subject and which will be concluded as speedily as possible.

ARTICLE IV

The provisions of this Treaty shall not affect obligations assumed by the States Parties to the Treaty under other international agreements.

ARTICLE V

1. Any Party to this Treaty may propose amendments to the Treaty. The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the depositary Governments, which shall circulate it to all Parties to the Treaty. Thereupon, if requested to do so by one third or more of the Parties to the Treaty, the depositary Governments shall convene a conference, to which they shall invite all the Parties to the Treaty, for the purpose of considering such amendment.

2. Any amendment to this Treaty must be approved by a majority of the votes of all the Parties to the Treaty, including the votes of all nuclear-weapon States Parties to the Treaty. The amendment shall enter into force for each Party depositing its instrument of ratification of the amendment upon the deposit of such instruments of ratification by a majority of all the Parties, including the nuclear-weapon States Parties to the Treaty. Thereafter, it shall enter into force for any other Party upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification of the amendment.

ARTICLE VI

1. This Treaty shall be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign the Treaty before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and accession shall be deposited with the Governments of, which are hereby designated the depositary Governments.

3. This Treaty shall enter into force upon the deposit of the instruments of ratification by Governments, including the Governments of all nuclear-weapon States.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Treaty, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The depositary Governments shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession, the date of the entry into force of this Treaty and the date of receipt of any requests for convening a conference of Parties to the Treaty or of other notifications.

6. This Treaty shall be registered by the depositary Governments pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VII

1. This Treaty shall be of unlimited duration.

2. Each State Party to this Treaty shall, in the exercise of its national sovereignty, have the right to withdraw from the Treaty if it decides that extraordinary circumstances, connected with the subject-matter of this Treaty, have jeopardized its supreme interests. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other Parties to the Treaty and to the Security Council of the United Nations three months in advance. Such notice

shall include a statement of the extraordinary circumstances which it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

ARTICLE VIII

This Treaty, the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the depositary Governments. Duly certified copies of this Treaty shall be transmitted by the depositary Governments to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in copies, at on the day of

3479 (XXX). Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons

The General Assembly,

Striving to strengthen international peace and security,

Conscious of the interest of nations in continuing efforts to save mankind from the danger of the use of new means of mass destruction, to limit the arms race and to bring about disarmament,

Bearing in mind that modern science and technology have reached a level where a serious danger arises of the development of new, still more destructive types of weapons of mass destruction and of new systems of such weapons,

Convinced that the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new, still more destructive types of weapons of mass destruction would serve the goal of strengthening peace and preventing the threat of war,

1. *Considers it necessary to take effective steps, by concluding an appropriate international treaty or agreement, for the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons;*

2. *Takes note of the draft agreement on the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons, submitted to the General Assembly by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as well as points of view and suggestions put forward during the discussion of this question;*

3. *Requests the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to proceed as soon as possible, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to work out the text of such an agreement and to submit a report on the results achieved for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament all documents relating to the discussion by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session of the item entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons";*

5. *Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons".*

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