

DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY

The States Parties to this Treaty, hereinafter referred to as the "States Parties",

Convinced that recent fundamental international political changes provide opportunities to take further effective measures against the proliferation of nuclear arms,

Welcoming the conclusion of the START I and START II agreements, envisaging drastic reductions in present strategic nuclear arsenals,

Underlining the importance of the prompt implementation of these and other international disarmament and arms regulation agreements,

Stressing the need for further reductions of tactical and strategical nuclear weapons and their delivery systems,

Declaring their intention to undertake further measures towards nuclear disarmament and against the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Recalling the determination expressed by the Parties in the Preamble to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear-Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water to seek to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time, and to continue negotiations to this end,

Recalling that the Parties in the above-mentioned Treaty undertake to prohibit, to prevent and not to carry out any nuclear-weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water,

Convinced that a ban on all nuclear-weapon test explosions, and any other nuclear explosions, is an important instrument in preventing the further proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Basic Obligations

1. Each State Party undertakes to prohibit, to prevent, and not to carry out, in any environment, any nuclear-weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion at any place under its jurisdiction or control.
2. Each State Party undertakes, furthermore, to refrain from causing, encouraging, assisting, permitting or in any way participating in the carrying out anywhere of any nuclear explosion referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.