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LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
TRANSMITTING A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE CONCERNING THE
NUCLEAR TEST CARRIED OUT BY CHINA

I have the honour to request you to circulate as an official document of
the Conference on Disarmament the following statement by the Government of
Chile:

"The Government of Chile has learned of the decision of the
Government of the People's Republic of China to detonate a high-yield
nuclear device at the Lop Nor testing site in the western province of
Xinjiang. Although smaller than the test carried out by China in
May 1992, this test involved a yield five times that which destroyed the
Japanese city of Hiroshima at the end of the Second World War.

"Chile deplores this decision, which interrupts the voluntary
moratorium that had been initiated and places pressure on other nuclear
Powers which might reconsider their positions, leading to a return to a
nuclear testing race which appeared to have been rendered obsolete by new
approaches to security.