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CANADA DEPLORES FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST EXPLOSION

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today deplored the French nuclear weapons test explosion carried out today in the South Pacific.

The nuclear test follows the June 13 decision by French President Jacques Chirac to end the French testing moratorium. Canada expressed its regret at the French decision but welcomed the affirmation by President Chirac that France supports a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty that will prohibit all nuclear test explosions.

"Canada's policy on testing is clear - no testing by any nuclear weapons state and speedy progress toward concluding a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," said Mr. Ouellet.

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