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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today made the following statement on the explosion of a second nuclear device by communist China:

"This new atmospheric explosion has unfortunately been expected for some time as a part of the Chinese nuclear programme, and thus does not come as a surprise. I must, however, stress the regret and concern with which this news is received by the Canadian Government. We in Canada deplore this further contamination of the world's atmosphere, which has taken place in the face of opposition from public opinion and governments in all parts of the world.

This second explosion adds even greater urgency to the need for universal adherence to the Treaty banning nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water<sup>and</sup> for substantial and early progress in the direction of general disarmament. As a treaty of general and complete disarmament must in the end embrace all nations, or at least all major military nations, it is our continuing hope that Peking will eventually support the important efforts being made to work towards such a treaty.

If the authorities in Peking expect, through nuclear testing, to increase their influence on other countries of Asia, I hope they will soon realize that such efforts are subject to the law of diminishing returns and will move to bring their testing policy into line with that favoured by China's great Asian neighbours. Countries like India and Japan will, I know, continue to believe that nuclear programmes for peaceful purposes are of greater value to the economic wellbeing of their people and of the world as a whole than nuclear programmes directed towards military purposes."