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STOP TESTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

A Statement by the Honourable Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment and Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the UN Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, June 14, 1972.

Canada is a signatory to the Partial Test Ban Treaty. We worked as hard as any able state to bring about its conclusion. For Canada, it is not only an arms-control treaty -- it is an important environmental-protection treaty.

Canada is also a party to the Seabed Arms Control Treaty, which has important environmental as well as arms-control implications. Even so, we regard these two measures as only the *first steps*, essential though they are.

We consider that all nuclear-weapons testing should be stopped. This is our continuing, consistent position, and we have made it known to every country conducting nuclear-weapons tests, atmospheric or underground.

For these reasons, the Canadian delegation has voted in favour of the resolution contained in Paragraph 6 of our report. We should have preferred more general language, less discriminatory language, but we cannot refrain from supporting this resolution, which, as we interpret it, is a strong plea from the international community to all states to refrain from nuclear-weapons testing.

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