

STATEMENT ON CTBT
CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

We affirmed our commitment to conclude and sign a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) by September 1996. We agreed that a CTBT will be a concrete step toward the achievement of one of the highest priority objectives of the international community in the field of disarmament and non proliferation, and the fulfilment of the obligations under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). We also agreed that the CTBT must prohibit any nuclear test explosion or any other nuclear explosion. We affirmed that this constitutes a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban.

In this connection, we recalled the importance of the Decision on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament adopted on 11 May 1995.