

non-nuclear weapon States Parties to the Treaty had waited in vain for a quarter of a century for the nuclear-weapon states to act on their own promise to do so, the only viable recourse left was to initiate the amendment process in accordance with the Treaty's provisions.

Thus in January 1991, I had the honour of presiding over the Amendment Conference. Our hope of bringing the Amendment process to its completion, however, could not be realized then, but the collective determination of the participants of the Conference was enough to at least prevent its outright termination.

The 1991 Conference empowered its President to consult with the Parties to the Treaty to determine an appropriate time to resume its work. Accordingly and pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 47/46, I shall convene a special meeting of the States Parties to the Treaty on 10 - 11 August 1993 in New York, expressly for the purpose of examining the feasibility of reconvening the Amendment Conference later this year. It will be a privilege for me to receive the guidance of the States Parties on this matter.

I feel that this thirtieth year of the Treaty which has begun so hopefully should not come to an end without a concerted effort by the international community to finish the work begun three decades ago by U.S. President Kennedy, Soviet Premier Khrushchev, and British Prime Minister Macmillan. If the will of the Parties is to hold a second session of the Amendment Conference, I shall do everything in my power to ensure that it will be a fitting and propitious occasion for the nations of the world to reaffirm the pledge enshrined in the 1963 Treaty to "seek the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons in all spheres for all time".