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1. Arms Control Problem:

Nuclear weapons - comprehensive test ban

2. Verification Type:

(a) Seismic sensors - extra-border stations (Article 2(1))

(b) Remote sensors

(c) International exchange of information (Article 2(2))

(d) Complaints procedure - consultation and cooperation

(Article 2(3))

- referral to Security Council

(Article 2(4))

(e) On-site inspection - selective

- non-obligatory (Article 2(3) of  
CCD/523)

3. Source:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. "Draft treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests". Annexed to UNGA resolution A/Res/3478 (XXX), 1975.

See also: - "Draft treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapons tests". CCD/523, 22 February 1977.

4. Summary:

The aim of the draft treaty is the prohibition of the testing of nuclear weapons in all environments (Article 1). This ban, however, is not intended to apply to peaceful nuclear explosions (PNEs) which are to be conducted, in the case of non-nuclear weapon states, according to Article 5 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and, in the case of nuclear weapons states, in conformity with procedures to be agreed upon between nuclear weapons states with due regard to the recommendations of the IAEA (Article 3).

Verification is to be based on the use of each party's own technical means (Article 2(1)) which presumably means seismic monitoring and satellites. The parties are also obligated "to cooperate in an international exchange of seismic data" (Article 2(2)). Consultation between the parties when necessary is also included (Article 2(3)).

Should any party ascertain that another party is violating the treaty, it may lodge a complaint with the Security Council providing with the complaint all possible evidence in support of its contention, (Article 2(4)).

It should be noted, as well, that the draft treaty includes a provision which prevents its coming into force until all nuclear weapon states have ratified it. It should also be pointed out that there is no provision for a review conference.