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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, issued the following statement today on the occasion of Canada's signature of the nuclear test ban treaty:

The opening today for signature by all states of the Treaty signed in Moscow on August 5 by the United States, United Kingdom and the Soviet Union, banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and underwater represents a significant milestone in the prolonged international effort to bring about agreement on the cessation of nuclear testing. The event represents a triumph for patience and sanity in a world which has grown accustomed to the harsh overtones of the cold war. We in Canada are convinced that with time and further persistent negotiation it will be possible to extend the area of agreement to cover testing in all the environments. In the meantime, it is desirable that all states adhere to the Treaty in its present form as quickly as possible since its provisions can become fully effective only if they command world wide support. It is for this reason that Canada has moved promptly to accept the obligations of the partial test ban treaty which all nations now have the opportunity to assume.

It is important that we see this Treaty in its proper perspective -- both for the benefits it will immediately bring and the limitations from which it suffers. First and foremost it will, when it comes