

CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMENDMENT
CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR
WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER
AT THE SPECIAL (INFORMAL) MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES
NEW YORK, 10 AUGUST 1993

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/46, a Special Meeting of the States Parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water was held on 10 August 1993. There was a general exchange of views on the developments regarding the issue of nuclear testing and the Parties considered the feasibility of resuming the work of the Amendment Conference.
2. The Special Meeting welcomed the encouraging developments concerning nuclear testing, in particular the de facto moratoria of nuclear tests declared by some nuclear states and their commitment to work expeditiously towards achieving a comprehensive test ban.
3. The Special Meeting further welcomed the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to give its Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban a mandate to negotiate a comprehensive test ban.
4. The urgency for achieving a comprehensive test ban as well as the need for an expeditious means to realize this objective was emphasized by the Special Meeting.
5. The Special Meeting directed its attention to the fact that the consideration on a comprehensive test ban has been underway on three tracks, namely in the Conference on Disarmament, in the Amendment Conference and in the consultations among the nuclear powers. While some delegations expressed their own preference as to the forum in which a comprehensive test ban should be pursued, there was a general consensus that the work on a comprehensive test ban in the different forums, and especially between the Amendment