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To date, with the positive change in the international political climate, a fresh momentum is gathering for renewed and, hopefully, more serious efforts toward the conclusion of a CTBT. Therefore, alongside the initiative taken in the Conference on Disarmament, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, in his capacity as President of the PTBT amendment conference, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/46, called a special meeting of the States parties to the PTBT on 10 and 11 August 1993 in New York, for the express purpose of examining the feasibility of reconvening the amendment conference later this year. The following are the conclusions drawn by the President at the end of the special meeting. Firstly, the special meeting of the States parties to the PTBT directed their attention to the fact that consideration of a CTBT has been under way on three tracks, namely at the Conference on Disarmament, at the amendment conference and in the consultations among the nuclear Powers. Secondly, some delegations attending the meeting expressed their own preference as to the forum in which a CTBT should be pursued. There was none the less a general consensus that the work on a CTBT in the three different forums should be mutually supportive and complementary. Thirdly, the special meeting also welcomed the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to give its Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban a mandate to negotiate a CTBT. Fourthly, the States parties entrusted further the President of the amendment conference with the task of continuing his consultations with the State parties as well as the non-States parties to the PTBT and holding another special meeting early in 1994, in order to review developments and assess the situation regarding a CTBT and to examine the feasibility of resuming the work of the amendment Conference later that year. As far as my delegation is concerned, in view of the capital importance that we attach to a CTBT, we would prefer to keep all options open, particularly at a time when a CTBT has assumed added urgency in relation to the approaching 1995 NPT conference. In my delegation's view, the conclusion of a CTBT will certainly strengthen the existing non-proliferation regime, in particular the vertical aspect of proliferation. It could also serve as a litmus test of the nuclear-weapon States' commitment to nuclear disarmament.