

We consider that all nuclear-weapons testing should be stopped. This is our continuing, consistent position, and we have made it known to every country conducting nuclear-weapons tests, be they atmospheric or underground.

For these reasons we joined with the other countries in this forum in an appeal to nuclear states to cease their tests. For these reasons the Canadian delegation supported the resolution we have passed unanimously in plenary condemning such tests and calling for their cessation. For these reasons we strongly support the principle on which we have been unable as yet to agree unanimously -- namely, that man must be spared the effects of nuclear weapons and all other means of mass destruction.

We have listened with interest and careful attention to the previous speakers. It is clear that there remain differences of view concerning some aspects of our Draft. We would earnestly request delegations to follow to the furthest limits possible, an approach which many of us have recommended, of general agreement on the Draft with oral or written declarations of interpretation by those delegations wishing to register their views on points of disagreement.

My delegation is honoured to have had the opportunity to have participated in the elaboration of this historic document and we commend it to the earnest attention, consideration and action of all states and peoples in the world as guidelines for the future, our collective future as inhabitants of our only earth.

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