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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 40/88 ON THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION AND PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS

Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary,
Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian
Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned over the intensification of the nuclear-arms race and the
growing threat of nuclear war,

Recalling that over the past three decades the need for cessation and
prohibition of nuclear-weapon testing has been in the focus of attention of the
General Assembly,

Reaffirming its conviction that the conclusion of a multilateral treaty on the
prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests by all States would constitute an indispensable
element for the success of efforts to halt and reverse the nuclear-arms race and
the qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons, and to prevent the expansion of
existing nuclear arsenals and the spread of nuclear weapons to additional
countries, thus contributing to the achievement of the final goal of the complete
elimination of nuclear weapons under appropriate verification,

Stressing once again that the elaboration of such a treaty is the task of the
highest priority and should not be made dependent on the attainment of any other
measure in the field of disarmament,

Recalling the proposals contained in the Declaration adopted by the heads of State or Government of six countries at New Delhi on 28 January 1985, 1/ and their joint message of 28 February 1986 addressed to the leaders of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 2/

Recalling its previous resolutions on this subject, in particular resolution 40/88 of 12 December 1985,

Emphasizing the importance of verification measures, including those proposed by the heads of State or Government of six countries in their Mexico Declaration adopted at Ixtapa on 7 August 1986, 3/

Deeply deploring that the Conference on Disarmament has been unable to carry out negotiations with a view to reaching agreement on such a treaty,

Deeply deploring that appeals to refrain from nuclear testing remained unfulfilled,

1. Urges the Conference on Disarmament to proceed promptly to negotiations on all aspects of this matter, including adequate measures on verification, with the aim of preparing without delay a draft treaty that would effectively ban all test explosions of nuclear weapons by all States everywhere and would contain provisions acceptable to all preventing the circumvention of this ban by means of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes;

2. Resolutely urges all States, and especially all nuclear-weapon States, to exert maximum efforts and exercise political will for the elaboration and conclusion without delay of such a treaty)

3. Invites the United States of America - pending the conclusion of such a treaty - to join the moratorium on nuclear explosions declared unilaterally and extended several times by one nuclear-weapon State;

4. Expresses its hopes that all other nuclear-weapon States will also consider joining in such a moratorium)

5. Invites all interested States to agree without delay to establish an international network for monitoring and verifying compliance with such a moratorium joined by other nuclear-weapon States;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/... on the immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests".

1/ A/40/114-S/16921, annex.

2/ A/41/210-S/17910 and Corr.1, annex.

3/ A/41/518-S/18277, annex I.