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CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR-TEST EXPLOSIONS

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 12 March 1987 from the Permanent Representative
of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement of the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic, issued on 5 March 1987 (see annex).

I request you to circulate this text as an official document of the General Assembly under items 50 and 73 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 5 March 1987 by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic

The Mongolian People's Republic hails and endorses the entry into force of the Rarotonga Treaty proclaiming the southern part of the Pacific Ocean a nuclear-weapon-free zone.

The decision by the States of the South Pacific Forum to declare their region a nuclear-free zone is yet another concrete demonstration that all the States of Asia and the Pacific, large and small, can individually or together make a worthy contribution to the noble cause of protecting mankind from nuclear disaster.

This move by the States parties to the Rarotonga Treaty will advance the attainment of a universal end to nuclear testing, the abolition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and guaranteed, all-encompassing security for the countries of the region.

It is a matter of record that the USSR and the People's Republic of China have signed protocols 2 and 3 to the Rarotonga Treaty. Mongolia is convinced that if all nuclear-weapon States will take such a step, the truly non-nuclear status of the countries in the southern Pacific is assured.

Together with all peace-loving forces, Mongolia advocates the eradication of sources of tension and conflict and a prohibition on the conversion of the Asian and Pacific region into a beach-head for missiles and nuclear forces. Lasting peace and all-embracing security in Asia can be assured only by collective efforts. Mongolia is ready to collaborate with all the countries of the region in the accomplishment of these ends.
