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Notification of nuclear tests

Note by the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 30 November 1987, the General Assembly adopted resolution 42/38 C, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Calls upon all States to comply with resolution 41/59 N;

"2. Again urges each of the States conducting nuclear explosions to provide to the Secretary-General within one week of each nuclear explosion such data referred to in paragraph 1 of resolution 41/59 N as they may have available;

"3. Invites all other States to provide to the Secretary-General any such data on nuclear explosions they may have available;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to make this information immediately available to all Member States and to submit to the General Assembly annually a register of the information provided on nuclear explosions during the preceding twelve months."

2. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the resolution, the relevant information received from one member State - the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics -

during the preceding 12 months (15 September 1990-14 September 1991) is reproduced in section II of the present note in the form of an annual register.

3. The information presented in section II was previously circulated in document A/45/129/Add.2.

II. ANNUAL REGISTER

B. Information provided by States

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

[Original: Russian]

[26 October 1990]

1. On 24 October 1990, at 1800 hours Moscow time, a nuclear explosion with a yield of between 20 and 150 kilotons was conducted in the Soviet Union, at a test site in the Novaya Zemlya islands region, for the purpose of increasing the reliability and safety of nuclear weapons.

2. Radiation in the test area is normal.
