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REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to the note No. 2161/63 of 31 July 1963, which I addressed to you upon instruction of my Government concerning the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water upon which agreement was recently reached in Moscow by the representatives of the Soviet Union, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I should be grateful if you would have the above-mentioned note circulated as a General Assembly document.

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No. 2.161/63

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and upon instruction of his Government has the honour to submit the following communique from a meeting of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 29 July 1963:

"At its meeting on 29 July 1963 the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic heard a report on the outcome of the talks of three great Powers - the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the ban of nuclear tests in the atmosphere in space and under water.

"The Treaty achieved corresponds to the vital interests of the States members of the Warsaw Treaty and gives expression to the peaceful aspirations of all nations of the world which was fully recognized at the consultations of the first secretaries of the Central Committees of the Communist and Workers Parties and Heads of Governments of the States members of the Warsaw Treaty on 26 July 1963 in Moscow.

"The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is of the opinion that the accord achieved is of major international political significance as an important step towards the relaxation of tension and creates a favourable atmosphere for the solution of further outstanding problems in the interest of the consolidation of peace and security. The agreement of the three Powers on the ban of nuclear testing in three media marks a significant success of the consistent peaceful policy of the Soviet Union and all the Socialist countries based on the Leninist principles of peaceful coexistence of States with different social systems and corresponds to the aspirations of nations striving for years to reach effective measures for the stoppage of feverish nuclear armament. Although in itself the proposed Treaty does not remove the threat of a world thermonuclear conflict, it opens given the good faith of the Western Powers a way for the solution of important problems relating to the safeguarding of peace and international security.

"In the name of the Czechoslovak people the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic endorses the results of the Moscow talks and welcomes the accord of the three Powers in a conviction that it may contribute to the achievement of progress in the negotiations on general and complete disarmament which remains the

principal aim of the endeavours of all peace-loving nations. At the same time the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic expresses its full support to the proposal of the Soviet Union for an immediate conclusion of a non-aggression pact between the Member States of NATO and the Warsaw Treaty which in the opinion of the Czechoslovak Government is at the present time of primordial importance for the restoration of a healthier atmosphere and for the safeguarding of peace in Europe and in the world as well as to all other measures proposed by the Soviet Union during the Moscow talks of three Powers and aiming at a relaxation of tension.

"In the spirit of its consistent peaceful policy and in co-operation with the Governments of the other Socialist countries the Czechoslovak Government will devote maximum efforts to the achievement of the solution of all disputed international questions in accordance with the principles of peaceful coexistence and to the creation of prerequisites for progress in the negotiations on disarmament which alone can eliminate the danger of war from the lives of nations."
