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**Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty****Letter dated 8 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, wishes to associate himself with the Joint Ministerial Statement in support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty which was launched at United Nations Headquarters on 14 September 2002 and issued as a document of the General Assembly under cover of a letter dated 30 October 2002 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan, Australia and the Netherlands to the United Nations (A/57/586).

I would be grateful if the name of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic could also be included in the list of signatories and my present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 73, in due course.

(Signed) Aloukèo **Kittikhoun**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative