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AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES TO REFRAIN FROM THEIR RENEWALTHE URGENT NEED FOR A TREATY TO BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS UNDER
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROLLetter dated 6 November 1961 from the Permanent Representative of
Cameroun to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroun has just issued the following communiqué:

"In various resolutions, the General Assembly of the United Nations has frequently exhorted the Powers which possess atomic weapons to end once and for all the nuclear tests which they had begun or planned to undertake and to conclude an agreement for the total cessation of the manufacture of these weapons of destruction.

"Peace-loving countries greeted the adoption of a moratorium on nuclear tests with hope. But the Soviet Government, disregarding the vehement and repeated protests of the whole world, has just deliberately violated this agreement by exploding in the atmosphere thermo-nuclear bombs of a power hitherto unknown, including a 50-megaton bomb, the biological effects of which may cause a terrible disaster to mankind.

"The United States Government, in its turn, following the example of the Government of the USSR, has resumed underground nuclear tests in order to develop its atomic weapons and is also threatening to explode powerful bombs in the atmosphere.

"Tomorrow it will no doubt be the turn of other nations to embark on the endless, infernal cycle of tests, and that may be the end of the world.

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroun, adhering faithfully to the resolution adopted by the twelve States of the African and Malagasy Union at Tananarive and conscious of the need to spare the peoples of the world the dangers entailed by the arms race, reaffirms its unshakeable opposition to all nuclear tests, irrespective of the State that carries them out and of the part of the world where they take place."

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to request you to bring this communiqué to the knowledge of all Member States and to treat this document as a United Nations document.

(Signed) A.R. N'THEPE
Ambassador
