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Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

Note by the Secretary-General

At the request of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the letter dated 23 August 2000 from the Executive Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Secretary-General, containing the text of a decision (see annex).

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Annex

Letter dated 23 August 2000 from the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 23 August 2000, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, at its twelfth session, adopted a decision in which it called upon all States that have not signed or ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to make use of the unique opportunity offered by the Millennium Summit to do so. The Commission also requested me to transmit the text of the decision to you for distribution to all members of the General Assembly. I have therefore enclosed the text of the decision for that purpose (see enclosure).

I wish to thank you for including the Treaty among the core group of 25 multilateral treaties you have identified in preparation for the Summit, and to offer you the full support and cooperation of my organization in promoting adherence to the Treaty.

(Signed) Wolfgang **Hoffmann**
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Annex VII to the report of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization on its twelfth session

Signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

Decision

The Preparatory Commission,

Welcoming the initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide special facilities at the Millennium Summit, to be held in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, for Heads of State or Government or Foreign Ministers or other duly authorized participants to add their signatures to any treaty or convention of which the Secretary-General is the depositary,

Welcoming in particular the Secretary-General's inclusion of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty among a core group of 25 multilateral treaties which reflect the key policy goals of the United Nations and the spirit of the United Nations Charter, and his invitation to Heads of State or Government to consider signing or ratifying the Treaty,

Welcoming also the identification by the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of the importance and urgency of signatures and ratifications, without delay and without conditions and in accordance with constitutional processes, to achieve the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty,

Recalling that the Final Declaration adopted at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, convened in Vienna from 6 to 8 October 1999, called upon all States that had not yet signed the Treaty to sign and ratify it as soon as possible, and called upon all States that had signed but not yet ratified the Treaty, in particular those whose ratification was needed for its entry into force, to accelerate their ratification processes with a view to their early successful conclusion,

Recalling also that the General Assembly of the United Nations endorsed this Final Declaration in its resolution 54/63 of 1 December 1999,

Recalling further the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States at its thirtieth session, on 5 June 2000, entitled "Inter-American support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty", in which it called on States of the region to sign and/or ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, as the case may be, so that it may enter into force as soon as possible,

Decides:

(1) To call upon all States that have not yet signed or ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to consider making use of the unique opportunity offered by the Millennium Summit to sign or ratify the Treaty, and

(2) To request the Executive Secretary to transmit the text of this decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for distribution to all members of the General Assembly of the United Nations in preparation for the Millennium Summit.
