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Notification of nuclear tests

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 41/59 N and 42/38 C, communications dated 29 March 1988 and 5 April 1988 have been received from New Zealand and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which are reproduced in the annex to the present note.

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NEWZEALAND

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[29 March 1988]

In accordance with the request contained in parauraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 42/38 C, I have the honour to attach, in an appendix to this letter, details of nuclear explosions carried out by France at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific in the course of 1987. Estimates of the yield of each explosion are based on hydroacoustic signals recorded by the New Zealand Seismic Observatory in Rarotonga, Cook Islands,

APPENDIX

Date on nuclear explosions at Mururoa Atoll, 1987

Geographic co-ordinates: 21°50'S Latitude
138°55'W Longitude

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> (New Zealand standard time) | <u>Yield estimate</u> (Kilotonnes) |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 6 May | 0458 hours | 5 |
| 21 May | 0505 | 30 |
| 1 June | 0600 | 3 |
| 22 June | 0555 | 15 |
| 24 October | 0450 | 50 |
| 6 November | 0530 | 20 |
| 20 November | 0431 | 60 |
| 30 November | 0559 | 3 |

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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

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[5 April 1988]

On 3 April, at 5.35 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield of from 20 to 150 kiloton8 was conducted in the Soviet Union at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk.

The above-mentioned test was conducted with a view to improving military technology.