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SECRETARY-GENERAL WELCOMES ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF  
COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

The following was issued by the Spokesman for the Secretary General:

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is pleased with the adoption of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

The prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests is an important first step towards nuclear disarmament and the future elimination of all nuclear weapons from the face of the earth.

The CTBT has been high on the Secretary-General's priority list for a very long time. While at the United Nations Office at Geneva this year, he held extensive meetings with experts involved in the drafting and negotiation of this milestone Treaty.

The Secretary-General calls for the speedy ratification of the Treaty so that our children and grandchildren can grow up without the threat of nuclear weapon proliferation.