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THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CTBT
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CORRIGENDUM

Paragraph 1 should read:

1. The adoption of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 September 1996 marked the successful conclusion of one of the longest negotiations in the history of arms control. The Treaty was opened for signature on 24 September 1996, when 71 States signed it. It is now approaching the status of a universal Treaty, with 168 Signatories. One hundred and four States, including 32 of the 44 States listed in Annex 2 to the Treaty whose ratification is required for the Treaty to enter into force, have deposited their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. A particularly welcome development since the 2001 Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT was the ratification by Algeria, an Annex 2 State, on 11 July 2003.

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