Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to remind you of the upcoming conference to promote the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and its entry into force.

If you have not yet registered to attend the Conference, please note that you can still do so by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to Mr. Christian Evertz by e-mail: christian.evertz@ctbto.org or by fax: (+ 43) 1 26030-5823.

If this is the first time your organization participates in the Conference and if it is not accredited to the United Nations, please also provide a letter signed by the head of your organization, describing your organization and its mandate. We recommend you to register as soon as possible and at the latest on Wednesday 12 September.

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, also called Article XIV Conference, will take place from 17-18 September 2007 in Vienna, Austria. It is the fifth such Conference after the Treaty was adopted in September 1996. The Foreign Ministers of Austria and Costa Rica will preside over the Conference, which is expected to be attended by high-level representatives from a majority of the 177 Signatory States. The Final Declaration is expected to be the main outcome in which States examine how the ratification process of the Treaty can be accelerated for it to enter into force.

The Conference is open to non-governmental organizations.

Please find more information about the Conference on www.ctbto.org.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the Conference in support of the CTBT and its entry into force.

With best regards,

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