

Statement
by the Head of the Delegation of Ukraine
at the Sixth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force
of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
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**Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Ukrainian delegation I would like to welcome you, Mr. President, in your capacity as the Chairperson of this Conference. Let me assure you of our full support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

Ukraine believes that the CTBT contributes decisively to the international peace and security since it establishes international norms prohibiting all nuclear test explosions for military, civilian, or any other purposes.

However, the fact that CTBT has still not entered into force after fifteen years it was opened for signature is a matter for regret. Despite the aspiration to achieve early entry into force of the Treaty that has been so clearly expressed by the international community on numerous occasions, today it is obvious that vigorous efforts are still needed to ensure its universalization.

Pending its entry into force, Ukraine continues to urge all States to maintain moratorium on any nuclear test explosions and to refrain from any action contrary to the purposes of the Treaty.

We hope that this conference will create further momentum resulted in more States signing and/or ratifying the Treaty. We call upon those Annex 2 States whose ratification is required for Treaty's entry into force to sign and ratify it without delay and unconditionally.

Mr. President,

Nowadays, when we all witness changes in the field of international security and stability, the prevention of proliferation of

weapons of mass destruction is one of the most important challenges facing the world. Ukraine is convinced that effective multilateral approach to security is the best way to maintain international order.

By aiming to hamper the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons, the CTBT has an essential role to play in strengthening global peace and security, preventing proliferation of materials, technologies and knowledge that can be used for development of nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

Ukraine is confident that effective disarmament and non-proliferation measures should make our world more secure for all and establish better grounds for putting atom to the peaceful service of the mankind at the fullest extent possible.

At the Washington Nuclear Security Summit, Ukraine once again asserted its leading positions in the field of nuclear nonproliferation, announcing an important decision to get rid of all its stocks of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) from nuclear research facilities by the time of the next Nuclear Security Summit to be held in the Republic of Korea in 2012. In this regard, I am pleased to note that Ukraine has complied with its commitment having ensured the removal of substantive part of HEU from Ukrainian nuclear research facilities by the end of 2010.

Yet another step on the path of implementation of the Washington Nuclear Security Summit commitments is a High-Level Meeting “Kyiv Summit on Safe and Innovative Use of Nuclear Energy” held in Kiev on April 19-th, 2011, at the initiative of the President of Ukraine Mr. Victor Yanukovich. The ultimate goal of the Summit was to promote the idea of conversion of HEU fuel nuclear reactors to low-enriched ones as well as to secure rights of non-nuclear states to nuclear materials and technology for peaceful purposes in accordance with the requirements of the NPT. The Kyiv Summit served as an integral part of a broader preparatory agenda to the next Nuclear Security Summit scheduled for April 2012 in South Korea.

Thus, Ukraine has proved yet another time that it remains a consistent and reliable participant of multilateral efforts in strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime.

Mr. President,

Ukraine is fully committed to the implementation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which is the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

In this context, we welcome the outcomes of the 2010 NPT Review Conference. Ever since 2000 the Conference managed to reach consensus on the Final Document that outlines realistic steps towards creating the world free of nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the measures to promote the CTBT's entry into force contained in the Final Declaration and expresses its readiness to closely participate in realization of these measures.

With these remarks, Ukraine concludes by expressing its support to the work of the President, and by reiterating its commitment to fruitful and constructive deliberations.

Thank you.