

Statement by

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**At the Eighth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force
Of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

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Your Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Your Excellency Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization,

Your Excellency Mr. Janos Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia together with Hungary are honored to serve as Co-presidents of this Eighth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, also known as the Article XIV Conference (AFC).

We commend Mexico and Sweden for their tireless efforts to promote the Treaty during their presidency. And we welcome the increasing number of signatories and states parties to the CTBT. We regret, however, that a decade after the CTBT opened for signature, it has not yet entered into force as the remaining Annex II countries remain outside of it.

Indonesia decided to ratify the Treaty last year to create new momentum that would encourage the remaining Annex II countries to also ratify it. We also wanted to demonstrate our firm commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

The continuing moratorium on nuclear test explosions is important but this is only a temporary measure. It does not ensure the permanent cessation of nuclear weapon test explosions.

Excellencies,

Let us take concrete measures to accelerate the entry into force of the Treaty, including the following:

First, let us keep calling on the remaining Annex II countries to fulfill their end of the “Grand Bargain” and ratify the Treaty.

Second, let us conduct outreach activities for the treaty at all levels, forums and opportunities.

Third, at the regional level let us strengthen cooperation between the Preparatory Commission of the CTBT and the Nuclear Weapons-Free Zones, as they have complementary objectives; and

Fourth, let us encourage collaboration between governments and other stakeholders to promote awareness of and strengthen support for the Treaty.

Excellencies,

Indonesia stands ready to work with all others to ensure the early entry into force of the CTBT. If we achieve this, we are on our way to making the world safe from the threat of a nuclear holocaust.

I thank you.