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Ambassador Tibor Tóth

Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

cordially invites

Media representatives

to

a press briefing on the **CTBTO Integrated Field Exercise at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 20 August 2008**. The briefing will take place at the Vienna International Centre, in the CTBTO multi-media room, E0665.

The Executive Secretary, Ambassador Tibor Tóth, and the Director of the On-Site Inspection Division, Mr. Boris Kvok, will be present at the briefing.

The CTBTO Integrated Field Exercise 2008 is the biggest and most challenging project in the history of the organization. Over a period of five weeks, the on-site inspection regime, which is the ultimate instrument to verify compliance with the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban-Treaty (CTBT), will be put to the test.

A team of 40 inspectors monitored by a large international team of observers will conduct a complete on-site inspection. 40 tonnes of equipment will be shipped from Vienna to the former Soviet Union nuclear test site Semipalatinsk in Kazakhstan. The exercise will start with a week of launch activities in Vienna at the end of August and will then continue for four weeks at Semipalatinsk in September.

You are invited to hear about the main elements and activities of the exercise. You will also be briefed on possibilities to get updated with relevant information during this period.

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