The Fifth CTBT Ministerial Meeting
EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY
- Ever-Urgent Task of the International Community -

September 23, 2010
United Nations, New York

1. Objectives:
The CTBT Ministerial Meeting is an informal meeting aimed at raising political momentum for the early entry into force of the CTBT at the Foreign Minister level in the off-years of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT -- stipulated in Article XIV of the Treaty. The first Ministerial Meeting took place on 14 September 2002 in New York on the occasion of the UN General Assembly, followed by the second (23 September 2004), the third (20 September 2006) and the fourth (24 September 2008) meetings. At each meeting, a Joint Ministerial Statement was produced, and registered as a UN document. This document has made a significant contribution to the promotion of the early entry into force of the Treaty. At the last (Fourth) Ministerial Meeting, 91 Ministers participated and 80 countries associated with the Joint Ministerial Statement. The fifth Ministerial Meeting will take place in the margins of the 65th Session of the UN General Assembly.

2. Conveners:
Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Japan, Morocco, and the Netherlands

3. Time and Venue:
Starting at 14:15, Thursday, September 23, 2010
Conference Room 2 in the Temporary North Lawn Building at the United Nations Headquarters, New York

4. Programme: (14:15 – approximately 16:15)
Welcome and Introduction by the Chairperson
Foreign Minister of Australia, H.E. Mr. Kevin Rudd
Opening Remarks
  Foreign Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Seiji Maehara
  Foreign Minister of Morocco, H.E. Mr. Taib Fassi Fihri

Statement by UN Secretary-General
  H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon

Launching of the Joint Statement
  Foreign Minister of Canada, The Hon. Mr. Lawrence Cannon

Discussion amongst participants
  Introductory Remarks by the Foreign Minister of Morocco,
    H.E. Mr. Taib Fassi Fihri (2 min)
  Remarks by the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO
    Ambassador Tibor Tőth (5 min)
  Comments by participants (3 min each)

Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

5. Countries invited to the Ministerial Meeting:
   Countries which have signed the CTBT and committed to the early entry into force of the Treaty.

6. Joint Ministerial Statement:
   Attending ministers are to launch the Joint Ministerial Statement which will subsequently be opened for endorsement by other interested countries.