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**STATEMENT BY KENYA TO THE 2021 ARTICLE XIV
CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY -
23RD – 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

Mr. President,

1. Allow me to begin by congratulating **Italy** and **South Africa**, on their confirmation as Co-Presidents of this 2021 Article-14 Conference. I assure them both of my delegations' full support.
2. I take this opportunity to appreciate **Algeria** and **Germany**, out-going Co-Presidents of the 2019 Article-14 Conference for all their efforts in facilitating discussions geared towards the promotion of an early Entry into Force of the Treaty.
3. I also wish to acknowledge the dedication of the former CTBTO Executive Secretary Dr. Lassina Zerbo, whose tireless efforts towards pushing for the Treaty to enter into force, led to **one** signature and **eleven** ratifications of the Treaty during his tenure. In the same vein, I take this time to congratulate Dr. Robert Floyd, CTBTO's Executive Secretary who is attending his first Article-14 Conference in that capacity, and assure him of Kenya's support, including joining efforts to ensure more countries sign and ratify the Treaty under his leadership.

Mr. President,

4. This year marks the 25th Anniversary since the opening of the Treaty for signature. As we converge to celebrate the successes as well as take note of the challenges, we take pride in this Silver Jubilee, which affords us all an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the total elimination of nuclear weapons and achievement of nuclear disarmament. The onus is on us, therefore, to play our part as State Signatories and contribute to global peace and security.



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5. In this regard, Kenya joins others in calling for the remaining Annex II States to sign and ratify the Treaty without delay and set the stage for implementation of measures on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.
6. In addition, we fully support the call for the cessation of all nuclear weapon test explosions and further urge all States to fully observe the moratorium on nuclear weapons testing.

Finally Mr. President,

7. We are glad to note that components of the CTBT verification regime under the International Monitoring Stations and International Data Centres, continue to demonstrate additional scientific and civil benefits. In this regard, we urge the PTS to facilitate the sharing of these relevant expertise through capacity building initiatives and knowledge transfer, for the benefit of the international community.
8. With these remarks, ***Mr. President,*** I reiterate Kenya's full support to the Co-Presidents and their work, and also for the Ministerial Declaration and an early entry into force of the Treaty.

I thank you.