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**Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force
of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty**

New York, 23 September 2011

DRAFT REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, convened pursuant to Article XIV of the Treaty (hereinafter called “the Conference”), was opened on 23 September 2011 by Mr Sergio Duarte, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, who acted on behalf of the Depositary of the Treaty, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, was present at the first plenary meeting of the Conference. Mr Alain Juppé, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of France, and Mr Taïb Fassi-Fihri, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, who served together in the office of the Presidency of the previous such conference held in 2009 in New York, and who were selected as coordinators of ratifying States pursuant to measure 11(c) of the 2009 Final Declaration (Annex to CTBT-Art.XIV/2009/6), were present at and addressed the opening meeting of the Conference.
3. The following States that had already deposited their instruments of ratification of the Treaty before the opening of the Conference and States Signatories that had not yet deposited their instruments of ratification before the opening of the Conference participated in the Conference:
4. In conformity with rule 40 of the rules of procedure, the following other States attended the Conference:
5. In accordance with rule 41 of the rules of procedure, the following specialized agencies, related organizations and intergovernmental organizations attended the Conference:



6. In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, 12 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), listed in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.4, attended the Conference.
7. A provisional list of participants at the Conference, including participating States, other States, specialized agencies, related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, entities and NGOs, is contained in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.5. The final version of the list of participants will be issued after the closure of the Conference.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL DECISIONS

8. At the first plenary meeting, on 23 September 2011, Mr Duarte presided over the consideration of items 1 and 2 of the draft provisional agenda (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/2/Rev.1). On the basis of the agreements on procedural and organizational matters reached at the open-ended informal consultations of ratifiers and signatories in Vienna prior to the opening of the Conference, as described in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.3, at its first plenary meeting the Conference took the following decisions on these matters.
9. The Conference elected Mexico and Sweden in the office of the Presidency of the Conference by acclamation.
10. The Conference adopted its rules of procedure (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/1).
11. The Conference adopted the agenda (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/2/Rev.1) containing the following agenda items:
 1. Opening of the Conference
 2. Procedural and organizational matters
 - (a) Election of the Presidency
 - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda
 - (d) Election of officers other than the Presidency
 - (e) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee
 - (f) Confirmation of the Secretary of the Conference
 - (g) Other organizational matters
 3. Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
 4. Statement(s) by the Presidency
 5. Address by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
 6. Adoption of a Final Declaration
 7. Presentation of a progress report on cooperation to facilitate the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

8. General exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories on facilitating the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
 9. Statements by non-signatory States
 10. Statement on behalf of NGOs
 11. Report of the Credentials Committee
 12. Adoption of the report of the Conference
 13. Closure of the Conference.
12. The Conference elected the representatives of Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Netherlands, Nigeria and Viet Nam as Vice-Presidents of the Conference, in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure.
 13. The Conference established, upon the proposal of the Presidency, a Credentials Committee composed of representatives of Australia, Canada, Germany, Slovakia and South Africa, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure.
 14. The Conference confirmed the nomination by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of Mr Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (hereinafter called “the CTBTO Preparatory Commission”), as Secretary of the Conference, in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure.
 15. The Conference decided, in accordance with rules 41 and 43 of the rules of procedure, on the attendance of its meetings by (a) those specialized agencies, related organizations and intergovernmental organizations, listed in paragraph 5, which had applied to the Secretariat to attend the Conference, and (b) the NGOs listed in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.4.

WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

16. The Conference held a total of two plenary meetings and had before it the following documents:

CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/1	Draft Rules of Procedure
CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/2/Rev.1	Draft Provisional Agenda
CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/3*	Background Document by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization Prepared for the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT (New York, 2011)
CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/4/Rev.1	Activities Undertaken by Signatory and Ratifying States Under Measure (i) of the Final Declaration of the 2009 Conference on Facilitating the Entry

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| | into Force of the CTBT in the Period September 2009 – August 2011 ¹ |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/5/Rev.1 | Report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives to the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/WP.1/Rev.1 | Draft Final Declaration and Measures to Promote the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/WP.2/Rev.1 | Draft Report of the Conference |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.1 | Information for Participants at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.2 | Information for Participation by Non-Governmental Organizations at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.3 | Procedural and Organizational Matters |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.4 | List of Non-Governmental Organizations Requesting Accreditation in Accordance with Rule 43 of the Draft Rules of Procedure |
| CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.5 | Provisional List of Participants at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. |
17. A list of all documents issued for the Conference will be included in an Information Paper (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.7), which will contain, in addition to the documents listed in paragraph 16, the final version of the list of participants (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/INF.6) and the report of the Conference (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/6).
 18. Ms Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and Mr Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, presided over the beginning of the first plenary meeting after their election. Mr Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, presided over the second part of the first plenary meeting after the adoption of the Final Declaration of the Conference.
 19. Ambassador Hans Lundborg, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the CTBTO Preparatory Commission in Vienna, and Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba Góngora, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in New York, presided over the second plenary meeting.
 20. At the first plenary meeting, speaking under agenda item 3, the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Conference.

¹ This document, being an overview of information provided by States Signatories, has been made available only on the public web site of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission (www.ctbto.org).

21. At the same meeting, speaking under agenda item 4, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden addressed consecutively the Conference on behalf of the Presidency. The Presidency welcomed the recent ratification of the Treaty by Guinea, which had brought the number of ratifying States to 155.
22. At the same meeting, speaking under agenda item 5, the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission addressed the Conference.
23. At its first and second plenary meetings, the Conference held, under agenda item 8, a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty. Representatives of the following participating States made statements:
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24. At the second meeting, speaking under agenda item 7, Mr Martin Briens, Deputy Permanent Representative of France in New York, and Mr Azzeddine Farhane, Director for the United Nations and the International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, presented a progress report on the cooperation activities of their countries to facilitate the entry into force of the Treaty, pursuant to measure 11(c) of the 2009 Final Declaration, and on the results of a scientific conference entitled “Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: Science and Technology 2011”, which was held in Vienna on 8-10 June 2011.
25. At the same meeting, under agenda item 10, a statement on behalf of the NGOs attending the Conference was made by Ms Togzhan Kassenova of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

26. At its first plenary meeting, under agenda item 6, the Conference adopted the Final Declaration and Measures to Promote the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the text of which is contained in the Annex to this report.
27. The Presidency informed the Conference of its intention to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of the Treaty, to forward the Final Declaration to all States as soon as possible.
28. At its second plenary meeting, under agenda item 11, the Conference adopted the report of the Credentials Committee (CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/5/Rev.1).
29. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its report, which will be translated and circulated in all official languages as document CTBT-Art.XIV/2011/6.
30. The Conference was closed at ... on 23 September 2011.