

Statement of UAE
CTBT 8th entry in force Conference
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*Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
At the outset I would like congratulate you Mr. Co- Presidents on your assumption of the presidency of the eighth session of article XIV conference .I assure you my delegation's full support and cooperation. I would also like to express high appreciation to Mexico and Sweden for their efforts as previous coordinators for article XIV.*

Distinguished co-presidents

UAE recognizes the importance of the early entry into force of the CTBT as a crucial building block for both nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. Building mutual trust and confidence, is critical and needed to reduce the threat posed by nuclear weapons. UAE values the CTBT as an effective tool to this end. UAE has signed and ratified, and is actively promoting its entry-into-force and implementation.

After almost seventeen years since the treaty was opened for signature , we note the considerable progress achieved in bringing the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) to near universal status and in building up its verification regime. UAE welcomes the increased number of states who ratified the treaty reaching today 161 countries, and further welcomes the ratification by Indonesia in 2012 , as annex II state... bringing the treaty one step closer to entry in force.

The UAE commends H.E. Dr. Zerbo the secretary general of the preparatory commission for the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty organization (CTBTO) for his noticeable efforts in developing the preparatory commission and for the work related to the development of the treaty's verification regime . We call on all states to provide strong support for the CTBTO work.

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Unfortunately the international community has witnessed another nuclear test earlier this year by Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) causing additional threats and concerns to regional and global security, and once again underscores the importance of entry into force of the Treaty.

It is for this reason, we continue to appeal to all countries that have not yet signed or ratified the treaty, in particular the remaining States listed in Annex II of the Treaty, to sign and ratify the CTBT without further delay. The Nuclear Weapon States have a particular responsibility to promote the ratification of the CTBT and we call on them to take a leading role. Pending the entry into force of the Treaty, we call upon all States to refrain from nuclear weapon testing.

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The treaty verification regime has already proven to be effective in detecting nuclear tests. UAE will continue its call and efforts to promote the treaty entry into force at an early date. There is no doubt that an enforced CTBT will contribute positively to the global peace and security.

Thank You,