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**STATEMENT BY SRI LANKA ON THE RECENT
NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST EXPLOSIONS
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Sri Lanka notes with deep concern, the two nuclear weapon test explosions carried out on 17 August and 5 September by two nuclear weapon States. The sentiments expressed, both individually and collectively, by the international community following the recent tests, reflect the strong opposition to such tests, for they vitiate the current favourable international political and security climate.

Sri Lanka believes that such tests are neither desirable nor do they help enhance the confidence indispensable to the on-going CTBT negotiations which are in their final stage.

In this context, Sri Lanka wishes to remind the nuclear-weapon-States of their undertaking given at the Vth NPT Review & Extension Conference, inter alia, to exercise "utmost restraint" in nuclear weapons testing.

Sri Lanka would, therefore, urge them to refrain from any action that could adversely affect the conditions conducive to the expeditious conclusion of the CTBT negotiations.

Mr. President, my delegation wishes to request you to release this statement as an official document of the CD and distribute it accordingly.