

**Statement by Sri Lanka in the Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament on the Resumption of Nuclear Testing. - 29/6 95**

Mr. President,

Sri Lanka notes with deep concern the continuation of nuclear testing by one nuclear weapon State and the recent decision made by another to resume testing. These developments are all the more regrettable, taking place so soon after the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review and Extension Conference during which the nuclear weapon States undertook , inter alia, to exercise "utmost restraint" in nuclear testing.

Sri Lanka, however, is pleased to note the undertakings given by these nuclear weapon States to conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) no later than the end of 1996.

While expressing its concern at these unfortunate events, Sri Lanka urges the members of the Conference on Disarmament, to conduct their negotiations with renewed vigour to ensure the early conclusion of a CTBT by 1996. In this regard, Sri Lanka wishes to reiterate its strong conviction that the treaty should be comprehensive and without any provision for exceptions; universal; and internationally and effectively verifiable. The CTBT should ban all nuclear testing, in all environments, for all time.

Mr. President, I would be grateful, if the text of this statement is issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed to the member States and non-member participants of the Conference on Disarmament.

Thank you Mr. President.