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Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water

Limited Test Ban Treaty

Signed at Moscow August 5, 1963

Ratification advised by U.S. Senate September 24, 1963

Ratified by U.S. President October 7, 1963

U.S. ratification deposited at Washington, London, and Moscow October 10, 1963

Proclaimed by U.S. President October 10, 1963

Entered into force October 10, 1963

The Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, hereinafter referred to as the "Original Parties,"

Proclaiming as their principal aim the speediest possible achievement of an agreement on general and complete disarmament under strict international control in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations which would put an end to the armaments race and eliminate the incentive to the production and testing of all kinds of weapons, including nuclear weapons,

Seeking to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time, determined to continue negotiations to this end, and desiring to put an end to the contamination of mans environment by radioactive substances,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. Each of the Parties to this Treaty undertakes to prohibit, to prevent, and not to carry out any nuclear weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion, at any place under its jurisdiction or control:

(a) in the atmosphere; beyond its limits, including outer space; or under water, including territorial waters or high seas; or

(b) in any other environment if such explosion causes radioactive debris to be present outside the territorial limits of the State under whose jurisdiction or control such explosion is conducted. It is understood in this connection that the provisions of this subparagraph are without prejudice to the conclusion of a Treaty resulting in the permanent banning of all nuclear test explosions, including all such explosions underground, the conclusion of which, as the Parties have stated in the Preamble to this Treaty, they seek to achieve.

2. Each of the Parties to this Treaty undertakes furthermore to refrain from causing, encouraging, or in any way participating in, the carrying out of any nuclear weapon test explosion, or any other

nuclear explosion, anywhere which would take place in any of the environments described, or have the effect referred to, in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article II

1. Any Party may propose amendments to this Treaty. The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Depositary Governments which shall circulate it to all Parties to this Treaty. Thereafter, if requested to do so by one-third or more of the Parties, the Depositary Governments shall convene a conference, to which they shall invite all the Parties, to consider such amendment.

2. Any amendment to this Treaty must be approved by a majority of the votes of all the Parties to this Treaty, including the votes of all of the Original Parties. The amendment shall enter into force for all Parties upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by a majority of all the Parties, including the instruments of ratification of all of the Original Parties.

Article III

1. This Treaty shall be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign this Treaty before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Governments of the Original Parties -- the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics -- which are hereby designated the Depositary Governments.

3. This Treaty shall enter into force after its ratification by all the Original Parties and the deposit of their instruments of ratification.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Treaty, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The Depositary Governments shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification of and accession to this Treaty, the date of its entry into force, and the date of receipt of any requests for conferences or other notices.

6. This Treaty shall be registered by the Depositary Governments pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article IV

This Treaty shall be of unlimited duration.

Each Party shall in exercising its national sovereignty have the right to withdraw from the Treaty if it decides that extraordinary events, related to the subject matter of this Treaty, have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other Parties to the Treaty three months in advance.

Article V

This Treaty, of which the English and Russian texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Depositary Governments. Duly certified copies of this Treaty shall be transmitted by the Depositary Governments to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in triplicate at the city of Moscow the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

For the Government of the United States of America
DEAN RUSK

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
SIR DOUGLAS HOME

For the Government of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
A. GROMYKO



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Country	Date 1 of Signature	Date of Deposit 1 of Ratification	Date of Deposit 1 of Accession
Afghanistan	08/08/63	03/12/64	
Algeria	08/14/63		
Argentina	08/08/63		11/21/86
Australia	08/08/63	11/12/63	
Austria	09/11/63	07/17/64	
Bahamas, The			07/16/76
Bangladesh			03/11/85
Belgium	08/08/63	03/01/66	
Benin	08/27/63	12/15/64	
Bhutan			06/08/78
Bolivia	08/08/63	08/04/65	
Botswana			01/05/68
Brazil	08/08/63	12/15/64	
Bulgaria	08/08/63	11/13/63	
Burkina Faso	08/30/63		
Burma	08/14/63	11/15/63	
Burundi	10/04/63		
Byelorussian S.S.R.2	10/08/63	12/16/63	
Cameroon	08/27/63		
Canada	08/08/63	01/28/64	

Cape Verde			10/24/79
Central African Republic			12/22/64
Chad	08/26/63	03/01/65	
Chile	08/08/63	10/06/65	
China (Taiwan) 4	08/23/63	05/18/64	
Colombia	08/16/63	10/17/85	
Costa Rica	08/09/63	07/10/67	
Cote d'Ivoire	09/05/63	07/05/65	
Cyprus	08/08/63	04/15/65	
Czechoslovakia	08/08/63	10/14/63	
Denmark	08/09/63	01/15/64	
Dominican Republic	09/16/63	06/03/64	
Ecuador	09/27/63	05/06/64	
Egypt	08/08/63	01/10/64	
El Salvador	08/21/63	12/03/64	
Ethiopia	08/09/63		
Fiji			07/18/72
Finland	08/08/63	01/09/64	
Gabon	09/10/63	02/20/64	
Gambia, The			04/27/65
German Democratic Republic	08/08/63	12/30/63	
Germany, Federal Republic of	08/19/63	12/01/64	
Ghana	08/08/63	11/27/63	
Greece	08/08/63	12/18/63	
Guatemala	09/23/63	01/06/64	
Haiti	10/09/63		
Honduras	08/08/63	10/02/64	
Hungary	08/08/63	10/21/63	
Iceland	08/12/63	04/29/64	
India	08/08/63	10/10/63	
Indonesia	08/23/63	01/20/64	
Iran	08/08/63	05/05/64	
Iraq	08/13/63	11/30/64	
Ireland	08/08/63	12/18/63	
Israel	08/08/63	01/15/64	
Italy	08/08/63	12/10/64	
Jamaica	08/13/63		11/22/91
Japan	08/14/63	06/15/64	
Jordan	08/12/63	05/29/64	
Kenya			06/10/65
Korea, Republic of	08/30/63	07/24/64	
Kuwait	08/20/63	05/20/65	
Laos	08/12/63	02/10/65	

Lebanon	08/12/63	05/14/65	
Liberia	08/08/63	05/19/64	
Libya	08/09/63	07/15/68	
Luxembourg	08/13/63	02/10/65	
Madagascar	09/23/63	03/15/65	
Malawi		11/26/64	
Malaysia	08/08/63	07/15/64	
Mali	08/23/63		
Malta			11/25/64
Mauritania	09/13/63	04/06/64	
Mauritius			04/30/69
Mexico	08/08/63	12/27/63	
Mongolia	08/08/63	11/01/63	
Morocco	08/27/63	02/01/66	
Nepal	08/26/63	10/07/64	
Netherlands	08/09/63	09/14/64	
New Zealand	08/08/63	10/10/63	
Nicaragua	08/13/63	01/26/65	
Niger	09/24/63	07/03/64	
Nigeria	08/30/63	02/17/67	
Norway	08/09/63	11/21/63	
Pakistan	08/14/63		03/03/88
Panama	09/20/63	02/24/66	
Papua New Guinea			03/16/81
Paraguay	08/15/63		
Peru	08/23/63	07/20/64	
Philippines	08/08/63	11/10/65	
Poland	08/08/63	10/14/63	
Portugal	10/09/63		
Romania	08/08/63	12/12/63	
Rwanda	09/19/63	12/27/63	
San Marino	09/17/63	07/03/64	
Senegal	09/20/63	05/06/64	
Seychelles			03/12/85
Sierra Leone	09/04/63	02/21/64	
Singapore			07/12/68
Somalia	08/19/63		
South Africa			10/10/63
Spain	08/13/63	12/17/64	
Sri Lanka	08/22/63	02/05/64	
Sudan	08/09/63	03/04/66	
Swaziland			05/29/69
Sweden	08/12/63	12/09/63	
Switzerland	08/26/63	01/16/64	

Syria	08/13/63	06/01/64	
Tanzania	09/16/63	02/06/64	
Thailand	08/08/63	11/15/63	
Togo	09/18/63	12/07/64	
Tonga			07/07/71
Trinidad & Tobago	08/12/63	07/14/64	
Tunisia	08/08/63	05/26/65	
Turkey	08/09/63	07/08/65	
Uganda	08/29/63	03/24/64	
Ukrainian S.S.R.2	10/08/63	12/30/63	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics		08/05/63	10/10/63
United Kingdom	08/05/63	10/10/63	
United States	08/05/63	10/10/63	
Uruguay	08/12/63	02/25/63	
Venezuela	08/16/63	02/22/65	
Western Samoa	09/05/63	01/15/65	
Yemen Arab Republic (Sanaa)	08/13/63		
Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of (Aden)			06/01/79
Yugoslavia	08/08/63	01/15/64	
Zaire	08/08/63	10/28/63	
Zambia			1/11/65
Total 3	108	94	23

1 Dates given are the earliest dates on which countries signed the agreements or deposited their ratifications or accessions -- whether in Washington, London, Moscow, or New York. In the case of a country that was a dependent territory which became a party through succession, the date given is the date on which the country gave notice that it would continue to be bound by the terms of the agreement.

2 The United States regards the signature and ratification by the Byelorussian S.S.R. and the Ukrainian S.S.R. as already included under the signature and ratification of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

3 This total does not include actions by the Byelorussian S.S.R. and the Ukrainian S.S.R. (See footnote 2.)

4 Effective January 1, 1979, the United States recognized the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole government of China.