

**Brief statement made by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan of Mongolia  
at CTBTO Prepcom meeting called by its Chairman**

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Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you for your statement made yesterday expressing serious concern in connection with DPRK's nuclear-weapon test and for organizing this meeting.

I would also like to thank the Executive Secretary of the Prepcom for the CTBTO and his colleagues for organizing yesterday a very informative and useful technical briefing on this issue. The briefing enabled my delegation to get a clearer picture of what technically has transpired, how the IMS has reacted, when, what level and quality of information has been gathered. The information provided by the Secretariat has also shown the progress made by the Prepcom and the PTS in responding to nuclear tests since 2006.

Like other States, Mongolia deeply regrets and expresses serious concern over this second nuclear-weapon test conducted by the DPRK in disregard of the lawful concerns and will of the international community. This test violates UN Security Council resolution 1718 (2006) and constitutes a challenge to the NPT regime.

As the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia, made earlier today points out, the test runs a serious risk of increasing arms race sentiments in the region. While confirming its traditional commitment to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and a nuclear-weapon-free Korean peninsula, Mongolia reiterates that it stands for the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue by diplomatic means and urges the DPRK not to take any further action that might complicate the regional and international situation.

My delegation fully agrees with the statement made yesterday that the nuclear test underlines the urgency of the entry into force of the CTBT and the imperative need of putting an end to all nuclear explosions. We express the hope that this test would be the world's last nuclear-weapon test and that it would increase the political momentum and pressure for speeding up the ratification processes, and that the forthcoming Article XIV conference of ratifying and signatory States would be an important landmark in this regard. My delegation supports the move to invite non-signatory states to that conference.