RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS SEVENTEENTH
MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1968

The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

(a) Recognizing the importance and urgency of halting all nuclear-weapon tests
by the rapid conclusion of a comprehensive test ban treaty,

(b) Aware that, with further technological progress, important benefits may be
derived from the peaceful uses of nuclear explosives,

(c) Bearing in mind the discrimination and different treatment of States
inherent in the present situation, allowing nuclear-weapon States to conduct without
international interference any project in the field of nuclear explosions, the only
internationally formalized limitation being the rules of the Partial Test Ban Treaty,
while other States would be able to obtain the benefits from nuclear explosions for
peaceful purposes only in an indirect way under the rules of Article V of the Non-
Proliferation Treaty,

(d) Convinced therefore of the urgent need on the one hand to obtain a
comprehensive test ban treaty, prohibiting in principle all nuclear explosions,
on the other hand to create, in a separate international instrument, a régime, aiming
at regulating and controlling, internationally, all explosions for peaceful purposes
as exceptions from the general prohibition under the comprehensive test ban,

(e) Noting the Joint Memorandum on a comprehensive test ban treaty presented
on 26 August 1968 to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament
by the delegations of Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the
United Arab Republic,

Endorses the opinion expressed in that document that the question of nuclear
explosions for peaceful purposes is also closely linked with a comprehensive test ban,
this aspect of the matter underlining the urgency of a universal and comprehensive
solution of the problem of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes compatible with a
comprehensive test ban treaty.

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