BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

The Secretariat should prepare for the Amendment Conference a brief background document covering the following points and drawing on, as far as possible, relevant existing documentation:

I. An account of the convening of the Amendment Conference.

II. Compilation of material on:

A. A historical review of the role ascribed to a comprehensive test ban in contributing to the cessation of the nuclear-arms race.

B. Nuclear-weapon-test explosions and any other nuclear explosions conducted since August 5, 1963.

C. United Nations General Assembly resolutions relevant to the question of a comprehensive nuclear test ban and a moratorium on nuclear-weapon testing.

D. Multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements and other initiatives related to a comprehensive nuclear-test ban.


III. The implications of a comprehensive test ban for:

A. The nuclear-arms race and the development of new weapon systems that involve nuclear testing, including those for outer space.

B. The environment, including social and economic aspects.

C. All aspects of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

D. Peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
IV. Verification of a comprehensive test ban.

V. Any other relevant documents.