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Hon. Boris Yeltsin,
President of the Russian Federation
c/o Ambasador Sergei Lavrov,
Head of the Russian Mission at the United Nations
New York

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Esteemed President Yeltsin:

Your upcoming visit to the United States to participate in
the celebrations of the United Nations' 50th anniversary,
provides an ideal opportunity to speed up the current
negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
in Geneva. Your country has sought a ban on nuclear
weapons testing since late 1950s as part of global efforts
to stop nuclear proliferation.

Now that the CTBT negotiations are gaining momentum,
time is ripe to take concrete steps to assure that a future
ban on nuclear testing is indeed comprehensive and does
not allow low-yield test explosions. We strongly believe
that nuclear explosions of any yield will encourage
aspiring nuclear states to do such testing, and possibly,
provide a camouflage for the conduct of more powerful
explosions.

We hope that you will demonstrate your political will and
commitment by announcing from the podium of the
United Nations' General Assembly that Russia is ready to
join other parties of the CTBT negotiations in working
towards a truly comprehensive test ban with zero
thresholds for nuclear test explosions.

On behalf of IPPNW Hamburg(Germany), we urge
you to make an announcement in New York City
committing Russia to advocate a truly COMPREHENSIVE
test ban with no thresholds, zero yields of explosions in
all environments, for all time. This will be a truly lasting
contribution by the Russian Federation towards peace
and nuclear disarmament.

Sincerely Yours,

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