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COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN CONFERENCE UPDATE

The CTB Conference terminated on Friday, January 18th.

The participating nations voted on a resolution to keep

the conference process going, requiring the president

to recall the conference at an appropriate time. The

necessity for the resolution is because the United States

would have vetoed the amendment which would have created

a Comprehensive Test Ban if it had been brought to a vote

at the conference just ended. The extension is necessary

to keep the possibility of a CTB alive.

The vote on the resolution was 74-2, with 19 abstentions.

The two "no" votes were the United States and the United

Kingdom.

It is expected that Mr. Ali Alas, foreign minister of

Indonesia and conference president, will recall the nations

in late 1992. It is hoped that by that time the United

States, which has veto power over a CTB amendment, will

support it.