

Conference to be held, in order to keep the nuclear powers at the negotiating table, and to maintain a focal point for public and parliamentary pressure.

* A resolution recommending (a) future negotiating sessions be held beyond January, until a CTBT is achieved; and (b) that the Conference establish a working group to consider organizational, legal, and institutional aspects of a CTBT, passed overwhelmingly at the 1990 UN General Assembly.

* Future sessions could be convened in 1992, 1993, and beyond if necessary, until a CTBT was achieved.

* Approval of the amendment requires the backing of a simple majority of the parties to the Treaty, including the US, UK, and USSR. It then becomes automatically binding on all 118 parties, regardless of how they voted on the amendment. No other means of achieving a test ban could generate such wide adherence. It would, significantly, lock the key "nuclear threshold" states into a test ban and place a major barrier on their efforts to develop nuclear weapons.