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Statement
by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Yerzhan Ashikbayev at the
2015 NPT Review Conference
(General debates)

Distinguished Madame President,
Distinguished delegates of the Conference,

First of all, I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the Government and people of Nepal

Madame President.

As a country that closed down the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site back in 1991 and as Co-President of the Article XIV Conference on Facilitating the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) we call on all states which have yet to sign or ratify the Treaty to do so without any preconditions and delays.

We strongly believe that a voluntary moratorium on nuclear testing is not an effective alternative to a legally binding Treaty.

For the Treaty to be an effective mechanism for non-proliferation, we believe all States must show the political will and provide the necessary resources to complete the verification regime under CTBT and maximize the capabilities of the Provisional Technical Secretariat.

For the goals of CTBT serves UN GA Resolution on 29 August as a International Day against
nuclear tests initiated by Kazakhstan and we call on all states to take measures to observe this Day

technology, including full nuclear cycle.

We welcome the progress made in agreeing a political framework agreement between the Islamic
Republic of Iran (IRI) and the six international mediators to resolve the Iranian nuclear programme