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Madam President,

Malta aligns itself with the statements delivered by the European Union and WEOG on this occasion.

This International Day provides an opportunity to remember the devastating consequences of nuclear testing and to reaffirm our collective responsibility to ensure that such testing never takes place again.

Nuclear tests have left lasting consequences for communities, human health and the environment. We must remember those who suffered and ensure that these lessons are never forgotten.

Malta firmly condemns nuclear testing in all its forms and reaffirms its commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons.

The CTBT has established a strong global norm against nuclear testing, while its verification regime, including the International Monitoring System, demonstrates the value of international cooperation in strengthening collective security.

On this occasion, Malta congratulates Tonga on becoming the 179th State Party to ratify the CTBT.

On the other hand, we regret the Russian Federation's revocation of the Treaty. We also call on the DPRK to refrain from further testing and launching of ballistic missiles and to also comply with relevant Security Council resolutions.



We further call upon all the remaining Annex 2 States, to sign and ratify without further delay.

We urge all States to maintain moratoria on nuclear weapon test explosions and refrain from actions undermining the global norm.

Madam President,

Malta also supports efforts towards the universalization of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. As TPNW Gender Focal Point, Malta has organized several events addressing issues including the disproportionate effects of nuclear testing on women and girls.

We believe it is vital to keep the voices of affected communities at the centre of our discussions. Nuclear testing is not simply a matter of military capability; it deeply affects communities, identities and the relationship between it and the environment.

The International Day against Nuclear Tests must therefore be both a commemoration and a call to action.

Let us honour victims and affected communities by turning remembrance into action, advancing the entry into force of the CTBT, and ensuring that nuclear testing becomes a thing of the past for future generations.

Thank you.