

## **STATEMENT**

**by H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Kazykhanov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna, at the thirty-fourth Session of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (28-29, June 2010)**

Madam Chair,

Before I start, I would like to assure you, as Chair of this session, of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

The delegation of Kazakhstan expresses its appreciation to Ambassador Tibor Toth, Executive Secretary of the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS), for his comprehensive written and oral reports. We also wish to thank the PTS for the preparation of relevant documents for this meeting.

I also would like to join other speakers in welcoming the ratifications of the Treaty by Trinidad & Tobago and the Central African Republic, which brings the number of ratifications to 153.

Madam Chair,

My delegation would like to thank the Permanent Representative of Australia, Ambassador Potts, for his constructive work and efforts to amend Rule 5 of the CTBTO's PrepCom Rules of Procedure.

The delegation of Kazakhstan reaffirms its invariable support of the CTBT as one of the key elements of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and an effective instrument in the sphere of nuclear weapons. We believe that the measures taken by the Executive Secretary, as well as the successful conclusion of the NPT Review Conference in New York, have become an important milestone in our efforts to strengthen the authority and practical work of our Organization.

The calls made by the Review Conference's participants for an end to all nuclear tests and an early entry into force of the CTBT demonstrate the international community's growing support of a nuclear-weapons-free world. We fully share the view of the Executive Secretary that there can be no strong NPT without a CTBT in force.

In this regard, ensuring the CTBT's progressive universalization, by increasing the number of countries that have signed and ratified that Treaty, remains our main objective. In particular, we commend the statement made at the NPT Review Conference by Indonesia, which is one of 44 countries that hold the

keys to the CTBT's entry into force, about its intention to begin the process of ratifying the Treaty.

Madam Chair,

We are satisfied with the latest outcomes of the Organization's activities. Several major important events aimed at strengthening the International Monitoring System and the on-site inspection regime have been held recently at various locations throughout the world.

We note the professionalism of the Chairs of the Working Groups A and B, Ambassadors Antonio José Vallim Guerreiro of Brazil and Dr. Hein Haak of the Netherlands, displayed in preparing their reports for the thirty-fourth session of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO (CTBT/PC-34/WGA/1 and CTBT/PC-34/WGB/1). The delegation of Kazakhstan takes note of the reports that have been prepared within the framework of the current session of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO, and is ready discuss them in a constructive manner.

Madame Chair,

The delegation of Kazakhstan is fully aware of the need to develop closer regional cooperation. This form of collaboration, from our point of view, allows interested parties to address, with precision, important issues that are specific to each individual region. In this regard, I would like to inform everyone here that a few days ago, on 21 June 2010, an International Training Center for experts in seismic and nuclear testing monitoring activities was officially inaugurated in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

That project was carried out with close support from the Norwegian Seismic Array (NORSAR) and Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this context, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Norway and the PTS of the CTBTO for their assistance in launching the Center.

The first advanced training course on data analysis from nuclear test monitoring will take place in August-September of this year for Central Asian states, with the participation of experts from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. By offering these training courses, we expect, inter alia, to unify the data formats and methods of analysis used in Central Asian states, and also to begin sharing data to improve monitoring efficiency. This will also help us address seismic safety problems. In the future, courses will also be offered to representatives of other countries.

In this regard, I would like to call upon all delegations to take part in the work of the Regional Data Center in Kazakhstan. It would be beneficial for us to

receive support in terms of the provision new training methods, modern programs and training equipment.

We would also appreciate it if the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the CTBTO could pay closer attention to that project.

Madame Chair,

Finally, I am deeply convinced that the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization could and should enhance the efficiency of its activities. Kazakhstan is prepared to cooperate with all states to facilitate the CTBT's entry into force and its implementation at various levels. It is through our concerted action that we will succeed in reducing the nuclear threat and making a further step towards a nuclear-weapons-free world.

Thank you for your attention.