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**Statment by H.E. Mladen Ivanić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

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Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

I use this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to this responsible function.

Also, I take advantage of this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and his staff for their valuable work.

Mr. President,

At the very beginning, please let me inform you about the current status of the ratification of CTBT in BiH. The Treaty passed parliamentary procedure and I am happy to inform You and all participating states that within few weeks Bosnia and Herzegovina will complete all necessary procedure for ratification of the Treaty.

We reaffirm our strong determination that Bosnia and Herzegovina has no intention to exercise nuclear test or to acquire nuclear technology of any kind.

We believe that the CTBT, together with Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), is the main tool in creating safer world and more secure future of mankind. Nuclear-weapon-free world should be our ultimate goal. We should spare no effort in achieving it.

In the light of the 60th anniversary of nuclear tragedy in Hiroshima and Nagasaki this goal can not be clearer.

Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina calls upon all states to conclude the process of ratification of the Treaty. We are welcoming voluntarily decision of «nuclear» states to impose moratorium on nuclear weapon testing. Non nuclear states are more happy to see this issue to become internationally legally binding

obligation. When we achieve that internationally legally binding obligation replace voluntarily decision, at that moment, on the path toward nuclear – weapon free world, we will be safer.

Mr. President,

We are witnesses of devastating power of the nature. First, tsunami hit south-eastern Asia with devastating results and later hurricane Katrina destroyed everything on its path. There is no country in the world which is immune to the power of the nature. In order to avoid loss of human lives and to be ready for the next similar natural disasters, we, countries of the world, should together use our resources in preventing that.

In that light, Bosnia and Herzegovina is welcoming intentions that some facilities and resources which we already established for the Treaty purposes, such as International Monitoring System and International Data Center's products, should be use more effectively in civilian purposes, such as rapid notification of the location and size of potentially damaging earthquakes, early detection of volcano eruptions etc.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen

Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses its commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by becoming state party of the Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and Safeguards Agreement with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

We will continue to contribute to the effectiveness of PrepCom, and fully comply with the Treaty provisions. Doing this Bosnia and Herzegovina will contribute to the regional and world security. We express our sincere hope and wish that our future lies in the nuclear-weapon-free-world.

Thank you