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Notification of nuclear tests

Note by the Secretary-General

1. **On 3** December 1986, the General Assembly adopted **resolution 41/59 N**, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Calls upon each of the States concerned to provide to the Secretary-General within one week of each nuclear explosion:

"(a) The data and time of the explosion;

"(b) The exact location of the explosion in terms of geographic co-ordinates and depth;

"(c) The geological characteristics, including the basic physical properties of the rock, of the site of the explosion;

"(d) The estimated yield of the explosion;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to make this information immediately available to all States and to submit to the General Assembly annually a register of the information provided on nuclear explosions during the preceding twelve months."

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2. On 30 November 1987, the General Assembly adopted resolution 42/38 C, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Calls upon all States to comply with resolution 41/59 N;

"2. Again urges each of the States conducting nuclear explosions to provide to **the Secretary-General** within one week of each nuclear explosion such **data** referred to in paragraph 1 of resolution 41/59 N as they may have **available;**

"3. Invites all other States to provide to the **Secretary-General** any such **data on nuclear** explosions they may have available

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to make **this information** immediately **available to all Member** States and to **submit to** the General Assembly annually **a register** of the information provided on nuclear **explosions during** the preceding twelve months,"

3. Pursuant to the above-mentioned **resolutions**, communications dated 17, 23 and 30 December 1987 and 10 February 1988 have been received **from** the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which **are** reproduced in the annex to the present note.

ANNEX

Information on nuclear explosions conducted in the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

[Original: Russian]

[17 December 1987]

On **13** December 1987, at 6.20 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield of from 20 to 150 kilotons was conducted at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk. The purpose of this test was to improve military technology.

[Original: Russian]

[23 December 1987]

1. On 20 December 1987, at 6 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield not exceeding 20 kilotons was conducted at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk.

2. The above-mentioned test was conducted with a view to verifying the results of research into nuclear-explosion physics.

[Original: Russia?]

[30 December 1987]

1. On 27 December 1987, at **6.05 a.m** Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield of from **20 to 150 kilotons was conducted in the Soviet Union** at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk.

2. The above-mentioned test was conducted with a view to **improving** military technology.

[Original: Russian]

[10 February 1988]

1. On 6 February 1988, at 7.20 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield not exceeding **20 kilotons** was conducted in the **Soviet Union** at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk.

2. The above-mentioned test was conducted with a view to verifying the **results** of research into nuclear-explosion physics.

[Original: Russian]

[15 February 1988]

1. On 13 February 1988, at 6.05 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield of **from** 20 to 150 kilotons was conducted **in** the Soviet Union at a test site in the region of Semipalatinak.
2. The above-mentioned test was **conducted** with a view to improving military technology.
