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A STATEMENT ON THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION AND THOROUGH DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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Regarding the Complete Prohibition and Thorough Destruction of Nuclear Weapons

Indefinitely renewing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and signing the Complete Test Ban Treaty at the earliest possible date all have important implications. Yet seriously speaking, they themselves are not the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is to rid mankind of the threat of nuclear destruction. After the end of the two super powers' standoff and struggle for hegemony, the growing trend of multi-polarization has made it possible to avert another world war and the chances of complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons have increased. We should summon all countries, and first of all those countries with nuclear weapons, to take systematic and effective steps to conclude a convention on the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons in the same way as the conventions banning all biological and chemical weapons were concluded, respectively, so as to gradually stride towards the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

For this purpose:

- 1. All countries that possess nuclear weapons should pledge unconditionally not to be the first to use nuclear weapons and immediately start negotiations to conclude a treaty on non-first-use of nuclear weapons against each other;
- 2. All countries that possess nuclear weapons should assume responsibilities for undertaking not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear-weapon state or nuclear-free-zone;
- 3. The principal nuclear powers should implement their existing nuclear disarmament treaties as scheduled and move on to significantly cut back

their nuclear stockpile;

- 4. A convention on the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons should be signed under which all nuclear powers should undertake the obligation to destroy all their nuclear weapons; and
- 5. International cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy should be actively promoted so that nuclear energy may benefit the mankind.

At the time China tested her first nuclear bomb, she unilaterally declared to the world of her pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons and not to use or threaten the use of nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear-weapon state or nuclear-free zone. China has never threatened anybody with nuclear weapons and will only use nuclear weapons for self-defense. China's goal has always been and will always be the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons.