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Letter dated 16 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In his statement at the 9th plenary meeting of the twelfth special session of
the General Assembly, on 11 June 1982, the Foreign Minister of India,
His Excellency Mr. P. V. Narasimha Rao, declared that the first and most urgent
step in the efforts to root out the menace of nuclear weapons was to agree
immediately upon the total prohibition of their use. He stated that India would be
tablimg a draft convention on this subject for the consideration of the twelfth
special session.

In this connexion, I have the honour to submit to you the text of a draft
Convention on the Prohibition of the Uses of Nuclear Weapons with the request that
it may kindly be circulated as an official document of the twelfth special session
under agenda items 9, 10 and 11.

(Signed) N. KRISHNAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
India to the United Nations
ANNEX

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The States Parties to this Convention,

Alarmed by the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons,

Convinced that any use of nuclear weapons constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against humanity,

Convinced that this Convention would be a step towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons leading to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Determined to continue negotiations for the achievement of this goal;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The States Parties to this Convention solemnly undertake not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

Article II

This Convention shall be of unlimited duration.

Article III

1. This Convention shall be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention shall enter into force on the deposit of instruments of ratification by 25 Governments, including the Governments of the five nuclear-weapon States, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited after the entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.
5. The depository shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession and the date of the entry into force of this Convention, as well as of the receipt of other notices.

6. This Convention shall be registered by the depository in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article IV

This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send duly certified copies thereof to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at _____________ on the ______________ date of _________________.

One thousand nine hundred and _________________.

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