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VIRTUAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY TO COMMEMORATE AND PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS.

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Statement of Nicaragua by
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Madam President,

1. The delegation of Nicaragua congratulate you on this initiative, on the eve of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, in order to promote the



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importance of eradicating nuclear testing once and for all, and to take this opportunity to strive for a world free of nuclear weapons.

2. In the fields of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, Nicaragua is a party to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Nicaragua has also ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted in 2017, which bans, for the first time in history, the existence, use, and threat of use of nuclear weapons and even nuclear testing. All these instruments have as their final objective, the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
3. Nicaragua, is also a party to the Treaty of Tlatelolco (a treaty banning nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean), a regional

initiative that declares its area a nuclear-weapon-free zone, which opposes and rejects all kinds of nuclear tests.

4. The terrible consequences of nuclear tests on humans and mother earth, carried out since 1945, have been widely demonstrated and the consequences continue to be suffered by populations in many parts of the world. Further aggravating the damage caused by Climate Change.

5. Nuclear testing does not contribute to the priority of the disarmament agenda, which is nuclear disarmament, and we reiterate that the most effective measure of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation is the definitive and immediate cessation of all nuclear weapons testing.

6. It is unacceptable that in the midst of a virus that has affected the world and has had a global impact, more and more resources are spent on means to develop, modernize and test nuclear weapons and less on promoting life, cooperation and solidarity that we need in order to overcome the damaging effects of this Pandemic.

As stated by our Comandante Daniel Ortega Saavedra, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, and I quote:

..... Are they going to throw Atomic Bombs at the virus? Are they going to use their most sophisticated weapons and those they continue to develop to dominate space militarily, are they going to use them to destroy the virus?

"... instead of filling the Planet with Atomic Bombs, we must fill it with Medical, Health Care,

Work, Food, Education, ...And also, in the midst of this experience that has paralyzed the World so far, and then, instead of investing in more Atomic Bombs that are of little use against attacks like these, we must also invest in Hospitals, in Health Care Facilities, in Health Centers, in Technologies "... end of quote.

7. We support resolution 72/51, which established the International Day against Nuclear Weapons Testing. We also look forward to the prompt implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban (CTBT)
8. We firmly believe that the only guarantee to prevent the use or threat of weapon of mass destruction and its non-proliferation, is the total and absolute elimination of nuclear weapons.

I Thank you Madam President.

