19WC-GA/P/98/03

RESOLUTION

OF THE NINETEENTH AIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KUALA LUMPUR ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT)

AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT)

The 19th General Assembly:

Acknowledging that the NPT established as universal regime by the international community to stem the spread of nuclear weapons;

Attaching importance to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction;

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) towards a nuclear weapon free world and the increasing interest of countries to become members of the Conference;

Noting with satisfaction progress made towards nuclear disarmament with the establishment of Nuclear Weapons Free Zones in various regions of the world, the indefinite extension of the NPT and the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT);

Resolves to:

Endorse the 31st Asean Ministerial Meeting's (AMM's) call on States especially the nuclear weapon states to fulfill their obligations and commitments, particularly those related to Article VI of the NPT;

Further Endorse the 31st AMM's call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention and the commencement of negotiations in the CD on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a time-frame;

Support the expansion of the membership of the CD to include countries in the region;

Call on all countries which have not done so to adhere to the NPT and the CTBT towards the establishment of a nuclear weapon free world;

Deplore the nuclear tests conducted in South Asia.

Dated this 26th day August, 1998.