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Message from H.E. Yang Jiechi  
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of the People's Republic of China to the  
Sixth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the  
Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

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I would like to convey, on behalf of the Chinese Government, congratulations on the Sixth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

The conclusion of the Treaty is a milestone in the history of international security, arms control and disarmament and is a positive step toward complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. In the past thirteen years, the purposes and objectives of the Treaty have received broad international recognition. Under the new circumstances, facilitating the early entry into force of the Treaty is of high practical significance to the advancement of nuclear disarmament, prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and maintenance of

world peace and security.

China is happy to see that, thanks to the joint efforts of all the signatories and the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, preparations for the Treaty Organization have made good progress and the building of the International Monitoring System is moving forward steadily. I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the efforts of all the Signatories and the hard work of the Provisional Technical Secretariat led by the Executive Secretary.

China is the Treaty's constant supporter and abides by its commitment to moratorium on nuclear test. As one of the first signatories to the Treaty, China has voted in favor of all the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly on the Treaty. We have participated in the work of the Preparatory Commission in an active and constructive way. The Chinese Government and the preparatory Commission co-hosted the National Data Center Evaluation Workshop in Beijing last May, which was a great success. China has also taken active and steady steps to advance the preparatory work for the implementation of the Treaty, including the construction of IMS stations in China. The Chinese Government will continue to work with the international community to facilitate the early entry into force of the Treaty.

As a nuclear weapon state, China has faithfully abided by its commitment that it will not be the first to use nuclear weapons and that it will unconditionally not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states or nuclear weapon free zones. China has never taken part in any form of nuclear arms race, nor will it do so in the future. We will continue to make our own relentless efforts to achieve the noble goal of complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

I wish the Conference success.