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| **Talking Points - TP**  vezano uz dvanaestu konferenciju o Članku XIV. u podršci o stupanju na snagu Ugovora o sveobuhvatnoj zabrani nuklearnih pokusa / *Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty* (CTBT) i sastanak u New Yorku,  23. rujna 2021. |

* Your Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen,
* At the outset, let me confirm that as a Member State, Croatia fully supports all the messages contained in the EU statement.
* However, allow me also in national capacity to express our gratitude for organizing this Conference and our highest appreciation for all the efforts done under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
* In these challenging times, the fact that we have gathered here today, even if in this hybrid format, testifies that multilateral solutions have no alternative.
* **Respecting international law, norms and treaties** is of fundamental importance for a safer and more secure world.
* As previous speakers pointed out, this year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CTBT, and it is only appropriate to draw attention **to concrete actions in the field of nonproliferation and disarmament.**
* Here, we are joining all those who have congratulated **Dr Robert Floyd**, on his appointment as the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO.
* Let me also use this occasion to emphasize **that nuclear tests are not just the threat** **for international peace and security**; **they pose an imminent threat for the environment** as a whole. We should always keep in mind possible interrelated consequences for the health of people living in affected area, when discussing the use of nuclear weapons.
* We would like to stress the importance of a continuation of measurement by **International Monitoring System (IMS) and CTBT verification regime**. Objectively verifiable data are of key importance in detecting nuclear tests done by countries in some critical regions.
* In this regard, we express our **concerns particularly by** continuation of nuclear tests by the DPRK. We strongly believe that in this case the CTBT has a great potential to contribute to denuclearization of DPRK in attempts to reduce tensions.
* Finally, let me restate our firm support to the multilateral fora. We urge the usage of all instruments to press for early ratification of the Treaty, especially by those countries whose ratification is needed for the Treaty to enter into force.
* Thank you.