

**The Fifth CTBT Ministerial Meeting**  
**EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY**  
*- Ever-Urgent Task of the International Community -*

**September 23, 2010**  
**United Nations, New York**

**1. Objectives:**

The CTBT Ministerial Meeting is an informal meeting aimed at *raising political momentum for the early entry into force of the CTBT at the Foreign Minister level in the off-years of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT -- stipulated in Article XIV of the Treaty*. The first Ministerial Meeting took place on 14 September 2002 in New York on the occasion of the UN General Assembly, followed by the second (23 September 2004), the third (20 September 2006) and the fourth (24 September 2008) meetings. At each meeting, a Joint Ministerial Statement was produced, and registered as a UN document. This document has made a significant contribution to the promotion of the early entry into force of the Treaty. At the last (Fourth) Ministerial Meeting, 91 Ministers participated and 80 countries associated with the Joint Ministerial Statement. The fifth Ministerial Meeting will take place in the margins of the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly.

**2. Conveners:**

Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Japan, Morocco, and the Netherlands

**3. Time and Venue:**

Starting at 14:15, Thursday, September 23, 2010

Conference Room 2 in the Temporary North Lawn Building at the United Nations Headquarters, New York

**4. Programme: (14:15 – approximately 16:15)**

Welcome and Introduction by the Chairperson

Foreign Minister of Australia, H.E. Mr. Kevin Rudd

## Opening Remarks

Foreign Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Seiji Maehara

Foreign Minister of Morocco, H.E. Mr. Taib Fassi Fihri

## Statement by UN Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon

## Launching of the Joint Statement

Foreign Minister of Canada, The Hon. Mr. Lawrence Cannon

## Discussion amongst participants

Introductory Remarks by the Foreign Minister of Morocco,

H.E. Mr. Taib Fassi Fihri (2 min)

Remarks by the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO

Ambassador Tibor Tóth (5 min)

Comments by participants (3 min each)

## Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

### **5. Countries invited to the Ministerial Meeting:**

Countries which have signed the CTBT and committed to the early entry into force of the Treaty.

### **6. Joint Ministerial Statement:**

Attending ministers are to launch the Joint Ministerial Statement which will subsequently be opened for endorsement by other interested countries.