**STATEMENT BY**

**MALAYSIA**

**12TH CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE**

**OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST BAN TREATY**

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Distinguished Co-Presidents,

At the outset, the Malaysian delegation congratulates Italy and South Africa on assuming the Presidency of the Twelfth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty (CTBT).

I would also like to congratulate Dr. Robert Floyd on his appointment as the new Executive Secretary of our Preparatory Commission.

Malaysia signed the CTBT on 23 July 1998 and ratified it on 17 January 2008. We believe that the treaty is a vital element in the international disarmament and arms control regime and in halting the vertical and horizontal proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Malaysia maintains an excellent working relationship with the CTBTO. Malaysia remains fully committed to implementing the treaty. The hosting of a Radionuclide Monitoring Station in Malaysia’s Cameron Highlands since 2008, among others, reflects Malaysia’s commitment in this regard.

Co-Presidents,

My delegation is pleased to note that much progress has been achieved since the treaty was opened for signature a quarter of a century ago. Nevertheless, the convening of this Conference for the twelfth time is a clear reminder that more needs to be done to achieve the Treaty’s entry-into-force.

Malaysia regrets that there has been no tangible progress towards the signing and ratification of the CTBT by the remaining Annex 2 States. We call on these States to take the steps required for the Treaty’s entry-into-force at the earliest.

Malaysia attaches great importance towards the entry into force of the CTBT to realise a world free of nuclear weapons. Malaysia strongly believes that universal adherence to the treaty would contribute towards the process of nuclear disarmament and, therefore, towards the enhancement of international peace and security.

Mr. Co-Presidents,

Malaysia reaffirms its steadfast commitment and support for the objectives of the CTBT and the Organisation, as well as the initiatives to reinvigorate the processes to get the Treaty to enter into force.

I thank you.