International Day against Nuclear Tests

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the promotion of peace and security is among the main purposes and principles of the United Nations embodied in its Charter,

Convinced that every effort should be made to end nuclear tests in order to avert devastating and harmful effects on the lives and health of people and the environment,

Convinced also that the end of nuclear tests is one of the key means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world,

Welcoming the recent positive momentum in the international community to work towards this goal,

Emphasizing in this context the essential role of Governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, academia and mass media,

Acknowledging the related importance of education as a tool for peace, security, disarmament and non-proliferation,

1. Declares 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests, devoted to enhancing public awareness and education about the effects of nuclear tests and the need for their cessation;

2. Invites Member States, the United Nations system, civil society, academia, the mass media and individuals to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day, including through all means of educational and public awareness-raising activities.