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COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

NEW YORK, 10 SEPTEMBER 1996

RUSSIAN FEDERATION: WITHDRAWAL OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION <sup>1</sup>

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 3 November 2023.

The notification received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation reads as follows:

(Courtesy Translation) (Original: Russian)

Moscow, '2' November 2023

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I hereby have the honor, with reference to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of September 24, 1996 (CTBT), to inform of the decision of the Russian Federation to withdraw the instrument of ratification of the above-mentioned document.

The Russian Federation confirms that it continues to be a signatory to the CTBT and to participate in the work of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBT Organization (CTBTO PC).

I ask you, in your capacity as depositary of the Treaty, to inform the states that have signed the Treaty, as well as the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO PC, about what is stated in this letter.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of highest consideration.

Best regards,

*(Signed)* S. Lavrov

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8 November 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Lavrov'.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.454.2000.TREATIES-XXVI.4 of 3 July 2000 (Ratification: Russian Federation).