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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent announcement by the Republic of France that it intends to conduct a series of underground nuclear test explosions despite the current international moratorium on nuclear testing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. AKAKA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent announcement by the Republic of France that it intends to conduct a series of underground nuclear test explosions despite the current international moratorium on nuclear testing.

Whereas the President of France stated on June 13, 1995, that the Republic of France plans to conduct 8 nuclear test explosions over the next several months;

Whereas the United States, France, Russia, and Great Britain have observed a moratorium on nuclear testing since 1992;

Whereas a resumption of testing by the Republic of France could result in the disintegration of the current testing

moratorium and a renewal of underground testing by other nuclear weapon states;

Whereas a resumption of nuclear testing raises serious environmental and health concerns;

Whereas the United Nations Conference on Disarmament presently is meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, for the purpose of negotiating a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which would halt permanently the practice of conducting nuclear test explosions; and

Whereas the announcement by the President of France severely undermines the efforts of the international community to conclude a CTBT by 1996, a goal endorsed by 175 nations, including France and the United States, at the recently completed NPT Extension and Review Conference (the conference for the extension and review of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
 2 Republic of France should abide by the current inter-
 3 national moratorium on nuclear test explosions, refrain
 4 from proceeding with its announced intention of conduct-
 5 ing a series of nuclear tests in advance of a Comprehensive
 6 Test Ban Treaty, and initiate preparations to close its un-
 7 derground test sites at the Moruroa and Fangataufa
 8 atolls.

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