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**STATEMENT BY  
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**TO INTRODUCE DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/69/L.15)  
“COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PREPARATORY  
COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN  
TREATY ORGANIZATION”**

**UNDER AGENDA ITEM 123(v)  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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Mr. President,

1. Malaysia, as Chair of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), has the honour to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.15 entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.”

2. This objective of the draft resolution is to ensure that this important issue remains on the agenda of the General Assembly, which is particularly necessary in light of the crucial work carried out by the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty verification regime, in the fields of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

Mr. President,

3. My delegation thanks Mr. Randy Bell, Director of the International Data Centre, for the comprehensive and informative briefing which he made earlier, in relation to the report A/69/164 on the work of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission. We would also like to express our appreciation to the previous Executive Secretary of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, Mr. Tibor Toth, for his good work. Malaysia takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, as contained in document A/69/228.

4. The CTBT is one of the most important multilateral instruments in the advancement of international peace and security, as it establishes an international norm on nuclear testing in all environments, whether for military or civilian purposes. The Preparatory Commission therefore plays a vital role in strengthening the CTBT verification regime in preparation for the Treaty's entry into force, as well as in promoting the Treaty's universality.

6. A key element of the CTBT verification regime is the Vienna-based International Data Centre, which collects and processes monitoring data from the International Monitoring System (IMS). At present, around 300 stations worldwide transmit information to the IDC, providing the IMS with a truly global reach. In addition to enhancing the detection of nuclear explosions, this flow of data will also benefit the fields of disaster mitigation and scientific research. This illustrates how the work of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission has spill over benefits, and my delegation calls for the international community to continue to support this infrastructure.

7. On the universality of the CTBT, my delegation believes that positive developments in this track would provide much-needed momentum towards a successful outcome of the upcoming 2015 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In this regard, we welcome the Republic of the Congo as the 163<sup>rd</sup> State to ratify the CTBT, bringing the total number of State Signatories to 183. We continue to urge countries, especially those listed in Annex II, to sign and ratify the Treaty at the earliest opportunity, to ensure its entry into force.

Mr. President,

8. In light of the important work carried out by the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, Malaysia reaffirms our appreciation and full support to Executive Secretary Zerbo and the efforts of the Provisional Technical Secretariat. In this connection, Malaysia is pleased to submit the draft resolution A/69/L.15 for the consideration of the General Assembly.

9. We would like to invite all delegations to demonstrate their support by co-sponsoring this draft resolution, and they can do so by approaching the Secretariat officials in this hall, or at the General Assembly Affairs Branch office in the Secretariat building. As in the previous years, we hope that this draft resolution will continue to enjoy the consensual support of all member States.

Thank you Mr. President.