RESOLUTION ON THE RESUMPTION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

The Education International First World Congress meeting in Harare (Zimbabwe) from 19 to 23 July 1995:

Considers:

1. that the decision of the French government to carry out renewed nuclear testing violates the moratorium implemented by the nuclear powers, excluding China;
2. that this decision may prompt other countries to resume the testing. It jeopardizes the process initiated with a view to indefinitely extending the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and also jeopardizes the ongoing discussions to lead to the forthcoming signature of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty;
3. that the resumption of the testing would constitute a provocation for the people of the Pacific. Despite the official French denials, it poses serious dangers to the environment in this region of the world.

The Congress of EI:

4. calls on the French government to reconsider its position and encourages all its member organisations to intervene in this regard;
5. supports its member unions who have already indicated their opposition and expresses its solidarity with the populations concerned by this decision;
6. calls on all governments to give up nuclear testing permanently.