



PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

**FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEBRUARY
END TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING PROGRAM**

The French nuclear testing program should never have started and should end immediately. We do not want fewer tests, we want none.

I welcome the French Government's affirmation of its support for a zero yield Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, but it should draw the logical conclusion from this stance and end testing now. There would be no better way to signal support for the next round of CTBT negotiations, which will begin soon.

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