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C/S -- ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON AFFECT ON NUCLEAR TREATY

GENEVA, SEP 5 (UPI)-- ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI TOLD THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS HERE MOSCOW'S ACTIONS "HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

"AN OPEN VIOLATION OF ONE OF THE MAIN PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY HAS DEEPLY SHOCKED THOSE WHO SEE IN THAT INSTRUMENT AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR BETTER RELATIONS AMONG STATES," HE SAID.

"THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE FACTORS CAUSING THIS DISTURBED SITUATION WILL SOON DISAPPEAR.

"ONCE NORMALITY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE IS FULLY RESTORED, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE TREATY MAY GAIN WIDE ACCEPTANCE, ESPECIALLY FROM STATES CLOSER TO THE NUCLEAR WEAPON THRESHOLD," HE SAID.

MEDICI SAID ITALY COULD MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF IT WANTED, AND IS THEREFORE ONE OF THE "THRESHOLD" COUNTRIES.

MEDICI SAID ITALY BELIEVES THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM IS TO DEFINE MEASURES WHICH WILL PERMIT THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO COUNTRIES RENOUNCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, HE SAID, PROVIDES ONLY "GENERAL INDICATIONS" OF SUCH FREEDOM.

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