

SIX REASONS U.S. SHOULD RATIFY CTBT

CTBT = Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (Nuclear weapons)

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NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION EXPANDING OUT OF CONTROL

Nuclear weapons development in Asia and Middle East could spur new arms race. CTBT is vital component of nonproliferation regime.

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CURRENT TEST MORATORIUM CANNOT HALT NUCLEAR WEAPONS SPREAD

North Korea tested A-bomb during current moratorium and India will not forswear future N-tests. CTBT offers best hope for test ban.

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CTBT CANNOT ENTER FORCE UNTIL FULLY RATIFIED

Ratification by ALL nuclear powers is required. China is waiting for U.S. ratification. U.S. leadership is essential to promote ratification.

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U.S. CAN SAFELY RATIFY CTBT

(1) CTBT does not preclude n-testing when national security requires treaty withdrawal. (2) Future tests not needed to maintain safe and reliable arsenal. (3) CTBT Verification System assures no meaningful covert testing would go undetected. (4) U.S. has no need to develop new nuclear warheads for missions beyond those served by the current nuclear arsenal.

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U.S. SENATE POORLY INFORMED WHEN REJECTED CTBT RATIFICATION IN 1999

Senate vote was based on misinformation and lack of fully-vetted debate. Also, new information is now available on nuclear warhead aging; Stockpile Stewardship Program; and CTBT Verification System capabilities.

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OPPORTUNITY TO FORTIFY U.S. LEADERSHIP IN HALTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS SPREAD

