

Secretariat snapshots

Mission Statement

The mission of the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) is to support the efforts of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization – an independent, international, intergovernmental organization – in carrying out the necessary preparations for the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and in preparing for the first Conference of States Parties to the Treaty. The Treaty bans the carrying out of any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosion.

The PTS works to establish a global verification regime to monitor compliance with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. It builds, tests, and provisionally operates the International Monitoring System, the International Data Centre and the related global communications infrastructure, and prepares for on-site inspections. It provides timely data, assessments and other products and services to Signatory States of the Treaty. The PTS also conducts training programmes and undertakes other outreach work in support of the Treaty.

The international, multicultural staff of the PTS demonstrate the highest standards of professional expertise, efficiency and integrity. ■



AS OF 4 OCTOBER 2002, 268 STAFF MEMBER FROM 67 COUNTRIES STRIVE TO FULFIL THE PTS MISSION. THIS MULTINATIONAL STAFF COMPOSITION REFLECTS THE GLOBAL CHARACTER OF THE ORGANIZATION.



THE DIRECTORS OF THE FIVE PTS DIVISIONS HAVE EITHER DIPLOMATIC OR SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUNDS. TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *PIERCE S. CORDEN (United States), Director, Division of Administration;* *ZIPING GU (China), Director, Legal and External Relations Division* BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *GERARDO SUAREZ REYNOSO (Mexico), Director, International Monitoring System;* *RASHAD KEBEASY (Egypt), Director, International Data Centre;* *VLADIMIR KRIOUTCHENKOV (Russian Federation), Director, On-Site Inspection Division*