...we must encourage the rapid signing and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, which would finally allow for it to go into effect. This is an extremely important task.

Dmitry Medvedev
President of Russia, UN Security Council, New York, 24 September 2009

A decade ago, we led this effort to negotiate this treaty in order to keep emerging nuclear states from perfecting their arsenals and to prevent our rivals from pursuing ever more advanced weapons. We are confident that all reasonable concerns raised about the treaty back then – concerns about verification and the reliability of our own arsenal – have now been addressed.

The test ban treaty is as important as ever.

Joe Biden
U.S. Vice President, Washington DC, 18 February 2010

It is difficult to overstate the importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty as a crucial building block for both non-proliferation and disarmament. It sets, in effect, a qualitative cap on the capacity of both existing weapons possessors and potential new ones to develop new nuclear weapons.

The International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Report, November 2009

We hold the firm view that the qualitative development of all nuclear weapons must stop, and therefore seek universal adherence to the CTBT, first and foremost by all Nuclear Weapons States. That would make an excellent first step towards a world of zero nuclear weapons.

Marty Natalegawa
Foreign Minister of Indonesia since October 2009, CTBT Entry into Force Conference, New York, 24 September 2009