



QUOTES

...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

[We are] committed to ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty as soon as possible, and **will work together** for the early entry into force of the CTBT.

Barack Obama
Hu Jintao

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA,
BEIJING, 17 NOVEMBER 2009

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.

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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.

