

Utkast til umins innlegg under artikkel XIV-konferansen under UNGA 2025.

Thank you, Minister Martínez-Acha, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Dr. Floyd, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

Norway is proud to have co-led the Article XIV conference together with Panamá for the last two years. I want to start by thanking Panamá for their excellent cooperation.

Together we have led global efforts to promote CTBT's entry into force.

We have led diplomatic outreach to Annex 2- and other non-ratifying states

We have been active in UN and other disarmament forums and CTBTO meetings, emphasized regional cooperation, political engagement, and strengthening the verification regime. We are proud that Norway's National Data Center, Norsar, is monitoring compliance of the Treaty through its research and six stations, as well as its international network.

It is very positive that Somalia signed and Papua New Guinea ratified the Treaty.

The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is an integral part of global nuclear disarmament.

Rising tensions and renewed rhetoric make the risk of nuclear testing real. Without a binding ban, we risk a new arms race.

The CTBT also helps prevent proliferation. Testing has historically been a step toward developing more advanced weapons. Banning it makes that path harder – and probably impossible.

Nuclear tests have caused lasting harm to people and the environment. Upholding the ban is not just about security - it's about taking responsibility.

In a time of growing global insecurity, the Treaty remains a cornerstone of non-proliferation and a powerful barrier against the return of nuclear testing.

This conference is crucial to advancing the entry into force of the CTBT. We welcome Sweden and the Philippines as the new co-presidents, represented today by my dear colleagues Minister Stenergard and Secretary Lazaro.

This conference is a chance to renew momentum and strengthen political commitment.

We call on all states that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the CTBT, particularly the remaining Annex II States.

Let us seize this moment to reaffirm our shared goal: a world free from nuclear testing.

Together, we can fulfill the Treaty's potential to end all nuclear explosions, everywhere, for all time.