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Now is the Time! Ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Materials

- [Sign-in sheet](#) (print multiple copies)
- [WAND CTBT Fact Sheet](#) (print multiple copies)
- [Ratification Map](#) (print multiple copies)
- Video options:
 - [“The Atomic Café”](#): the Bravo Test highlights the environmental and human dangers of testing (Time Cues: 43:56-47:45)
 - [Declassified U.S. Nuclear Test Film #55](#): “Let’s Face It” by the Federal Civil Defense Administration (Time Cues: 6:40-13:25)
- [CTBT Postcards](#) (print multiple copies or request them from National WAND)
- Pens

Introduction to the CTBT

What do Egypt, Israel, Iran, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, China, and North Korea have in common with the United States? None of them have ratified the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and all of them must do so in order for it to enter into force. The practice of nuclear testing is no longer necessary for maintaining the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal. Further delays in the ratification of the CTBT hinder nonproliferation efforts and prevent progress towards a nuclear weapons free world.

Visual Presentation

1. Pass out the [WAND CTBT Fact Sheet](#) and [Ratification Map](#). Briefly discuss the key points highlighted within the CTBT Fact Sheet and view the map to learn which countries have yet to ratify the CTBT.
2. After discussing the introductory information about the CTBT, play either one or both of the video clips.
3. Using the discussion questions below, guide participants in a conversation about nuclear testing and why it is important to raise awareness of and encourage ratification of the CTBT.

Discussion Questions

1. Was there anything that surprised you in the CTBT Fact Sheet?
2. What is your reaction to watching the video(s)?
3. Specific to [Declassified U.S. Nuclear Test Film #55](#) (Time Cues: 6:40-13:25): Are the justifications the narrator gives for nuclear testing still relevant? Why or why not?
4. Specific to [“The Atomic Café”](#) (Time Cues: 43:56-47:45): How does the video demonstrate the risk of damage to the environment and to human health through nuclear testing? Are these still critical and relevant risks?
5. How would the U.S. and international community benefit from ratifying the CTBT?
6. What do you think is the most important reason to ratify the CTBT? Why?

Take Action!

Use WAND’s [CTBT Postcards](#) to send a message to your Senators urging consideration for ratification of the CTBT. Vocalize your support for ending nuclear testing in the United States and internationally!

Additional Resources

- [Interactive Map: CTBT Status of Signature and Ratification](#)
- [Op-ed: Time for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty](#) by WAND Public Policy Director Kathy Crandall Robinson
- [“CTBT Signatories Push Entry Into Force”](#) by Daryl Kimball, published in the October 2011 issue of *Arms Control Today*
- [Remarks by Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Ellen Tauscher](#) at the CTBT Article XIV Conference on September 23, 2011
- [Now More Than Ever: The Case for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty](#), an Arms Control Association Briefing Book
- [“Renew the Drive for CTBT Ratification”](#) by Jofi Joseph published in the April 2009 issue of *The Washington Quarterly*