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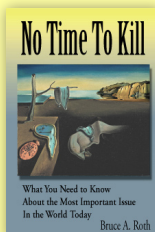
The Time Has Come to Ratify CTBT

Australia recently called for all nations to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which bans all nuclear weapons test explosions. Nine nations, including the U.S., must ratify CTBT to enable it to come into force. CTBT is an important step in the campaign for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, as it prevents the development of nuclear weapons.

[Full Article - DA Blog](#)

Take Action Now: Write your Congressmen today expressing your concern over nuclear proliferation and encouraging immediate ratification of the CTBT. See [full article](#) for a sample letter.

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Feature Articles

Focus on Counter-proliferation and Security

The fiscal 2009 defense authorization bill, approved in mid-May by the U.S. House Armed Services Committee includes substantial provisions for funding WMD counter-proliferation programs, as well as focusing on strengthening the security of nuclear stockpiles. [Full Story - GSN 5.20.08](#)

In a May 15, 2008 press release, Ike Skelton, House Armed Services Committee Chairman, states "efforts to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction and to reduce the risk that these weapons could fall into terrorists' hands are critical to our national security. This year's bill recognizes this by increasing funding to strengthen and expand the DoE National Nuclear Security Administration nonproliferation programs and the DoD Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program." [Full Press Release](#)

North Korea to Destroy Cooling Tower

In an effort to begin eliminating its nuclear weapons programs, North Korea plans to demolish the reactor cooling tower at the Yongbyon nuclear site. This plan comes as part of an agreement made in 2007, under which North Korea would account for (and eventually eliminate) its nuclear programs in exchange for economic, diplomatic, and security benefits. Last week, North Korea provided U.S. officials with several boxes of documents pertaining to its nuclear weapons program. [Full Story - GSN 5.21.08](#)

Opinion: The South Asian Arms Race

Zia Mian, Director of the Project on Peace and Security in South Asia at the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, discusses the detrimental effects of the India-Pakistan nuclear arms race, and what it means for the future relations of the two countries. [Full Story - FPIF May 2008](#)