

### What is it?

**1996 treaty** that will prohibit all nuclear weapons tests and other nuclear explosions upon its entry into force

Administered by the **Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization** (CTBTO)

### Why is it important?

Protects the public and environment from damaging effects of nuclear detonations

Nuclear weapons states (except North Korea) abide by a de facto test moratorium despite lack of entry into force of the Treaty

Contains a robust verification regime for detecting nuclear explosions:

- **International Monitoring System** (IMS)
- **International Data Centre** (IDC)
- **On-Site Inspections** (OSI)

### What should I know?

Entry into force requires 44 **“Annex 2” States** to sign and ratify the Treaty

**Eight** Annex 2 States remain:

- **Five** **Egypt, Iran, Israel, China,** and the **United States** have signed but not ratified the Treaty
- **Three** **North Korea, India,** and **Pakistan** have not signed or ratified the Treaty

On-Site Inspections can only be executed **after** the CTBT enters into force

IMS monitoring stations successfully **detected** North Korea's **six nuclear tests**