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Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)

What is it?
Announced by Vladimir Putin and George W. Bush at the 2006 G8 Summit

Comprises 89 participating states and six observing international organizations (including the International Atomic Energy Agency)

Participating states commit to implement a Statement of Principles, which promotes capacity building to combat the threat of nuclear terrorism

Why is it important?
A rare 21st century example of successful collaboration between the U.S. and Russia

Supplements other nuclear security regimes (such as the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material)

Conducts frequent exercises to promote international cooperation and strengthen global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to nuclear and radiological terrorism

What should I know?
Primary Organizational Structure consists of a plenary meeting and three main working groups:
  - Response and Mitigation
  - Nuclear Forensics
  - Nuclear Detention

Members commit to creation of legal structures to prosecute individuals suspected of planning or perpetrating acts of nuclear terrorism

Working groups promote cooperation and capabilities through exercises including:
  - Advising the development of response infrastructure
  - Improving states’ ability to track spread of nuclear material
  - Coordinated responses to illicit trafficking

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