

Urgent Appeal for an Immediate Ban on Nuclear Testing

Despite the agreement of the five nuclear powers at the review and extension conference of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) held in May of this year to conclude the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in 1996 and the decision for individual countries to exercise self-restraint until it goes into effect, the fact that China conducted a nuclear test immediately after the conclusion of the conference, and France resumed nuclear testing on September 5, carrying out a second test on October 1, not only defies the current international movement toward nuclear arms reduction but repudiates the efforts in that direction that should be made by the other nuclear powers.

We demand that China and France immediately abandon all future plans for nuclear testing and engage with other nuclear powers in earnest negotiations toward the conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

We, the Executive Member Cities of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity, recognize that a total ban on nuclear testing is a crucial step toward the abolition of nuclear weapons. We resolve to work in concert with the other members of the Mayors Conference to arouse international public opinion toward a total ban on nuclear testing.

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