

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: A Peaceful Step Forward

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Sanctions are often imposed on countries with nuclear programs, such as Iran. The impact of the international sanctions and the United States' sanctions on Iran, specifically since the deterioration of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, has been extensive. The sanctions have crippled Iran's economy and caused shortages in food, medication, and humanitarian aid. Accordingly, these sanctions have led to thousands of avoidable deaths in Iran, breaching the international right to health and right to life of Iranians. First, this presentation will outline how sanctions are not a viable solution for maintaining global peace. Instead, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) provides a viable, long term solution for international safety. Accordingly, the United States and Iran must ratify the CTBT. Under international law, both the United States and Iran are under obligations to reduce adverse effects of sanctions, which could include ratifying treaties such as the CTBT. Second, this presentation will discuss the positive outcomes stemming from Iran and the United States ratifying the CTBT. Lastly, this presentation will discuss avenues to raise awareness about the CTBT in the United States and in Iran. Specifically, social media and youth involvement will play an immense role in promoting the CTBT in both countries.

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