

# Challenges and Way Forward for the CTBT Entering into Force

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An effective response to the threats and challenges of the 21st century can only be achieved through the coordinated efforts of the international community, through the UN and international law. Although the role and significance of the CTBT cannot be overestimated, this role has been hampered due to the inability of the CTBT to enter into force, because ratification by eight Annex 2 states is still required. Of these, three States are yet to sign the Treaty. The current conflicts can jeopardize all historical gains, resulting in another nuclear weapon arms race. Several efforts have been made to get these Annex 2 States to sign and/or ratify the Treaty. Some efforts are through diplomatic means and lobby, but these seems not to be very effective. This work reviews some of these efforts and challenges and propose effective solutions, through engagements of all stakeholders in the affected sates, including think tanks, NGOs and Government officials. I propose that a “Conference on the Entry into force of the CTBT” should be organized bi-annually until the CTBT enters into force. The venue should be rotated between the remaining eight Annex 2 states, to raise awareness and directly engage all stakeholders.

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