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## competencies and expertise across international organizations in support of global peace and security

The Chemical Weapons Convention and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty were both adopted in the early to mid-1990's, a time of renewed hope for global disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. In the decades since, both implementing organizations for these instruments – the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) – have worked tirelessly to prepare for/ensure the effective implementation of their respective mandates. While these mandates and associated responsibilities vary between organizations, there are significant areas of potential cooperation and collaboration that can help promote global peace and security by leveraging the wide-ranging competencies and expertise built up by these and other organizations over the years. One such example is the OPCW's implementation of a project, under the framework of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, to enhance interagency interoperability and public communications in the event of a chemical or biological attack, during which CTBTO representatives participated in workshops on emergency response/operations centres and deployments. What lessons can we learn from these interactions and what further opportunities exist to foster effective collaboration among relevant organizations in support of their mandates?

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