

# Overview of the History of Nuclear Testing 1945 until today

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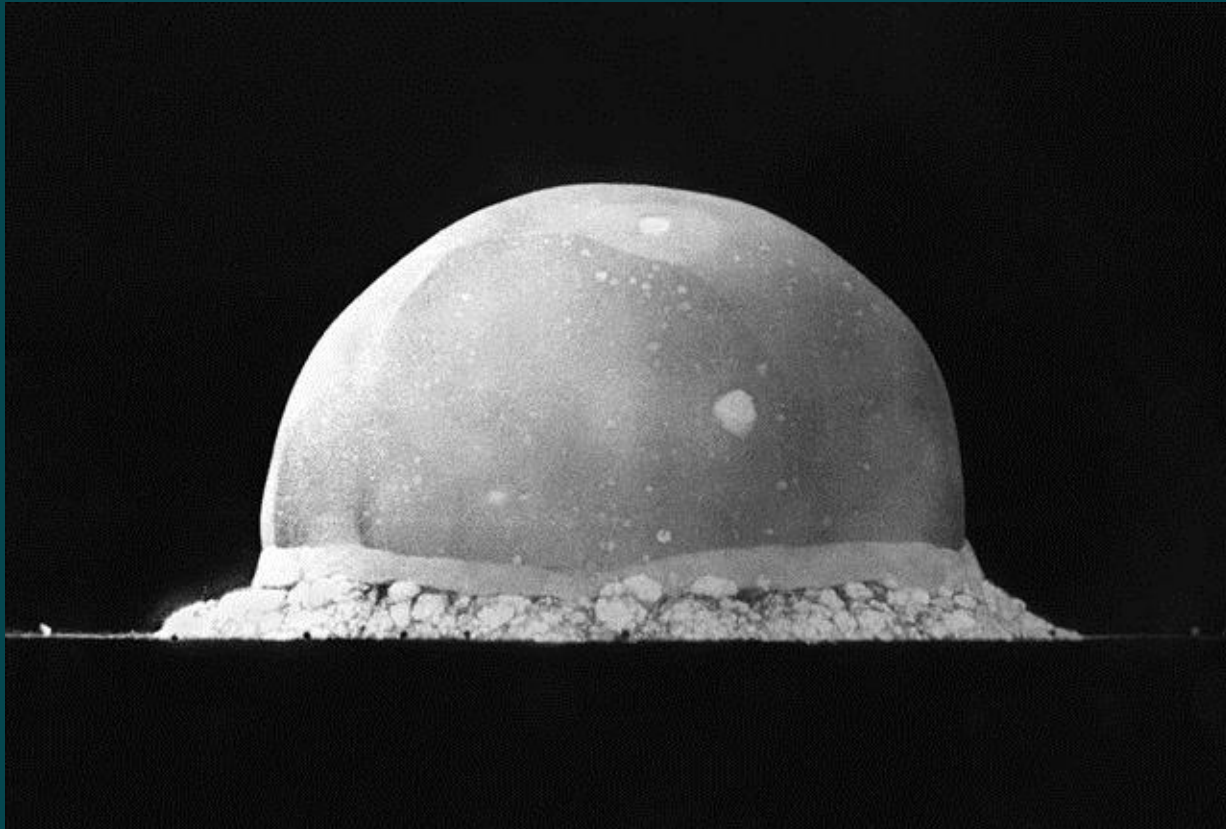
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II. History of the CTBT

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putting an end to nuclear test explosions

# I. Nuclear Testing



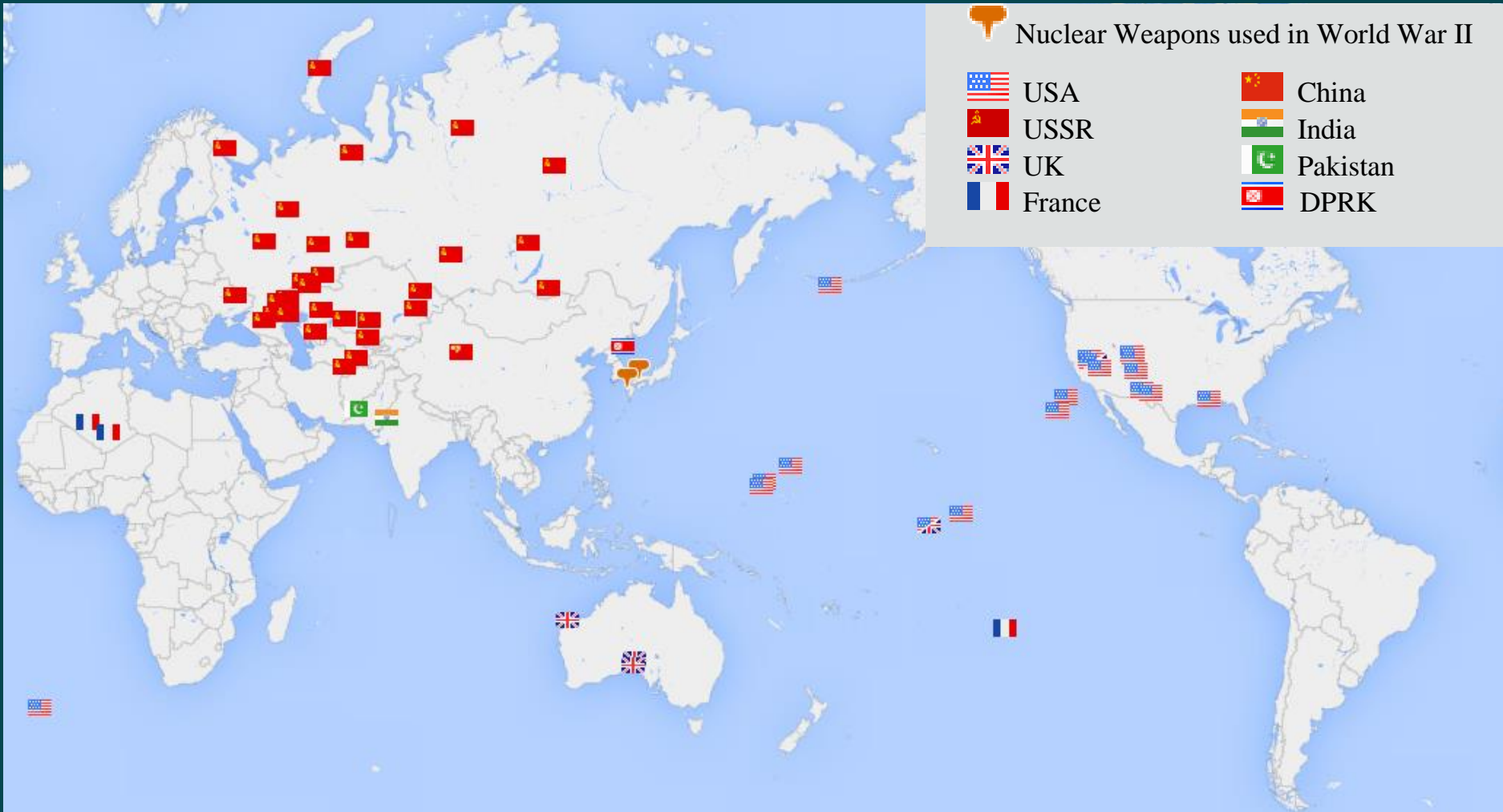
Trinity - first ever nuclear test – 16 July 1945



# Sites of nuclear explosions



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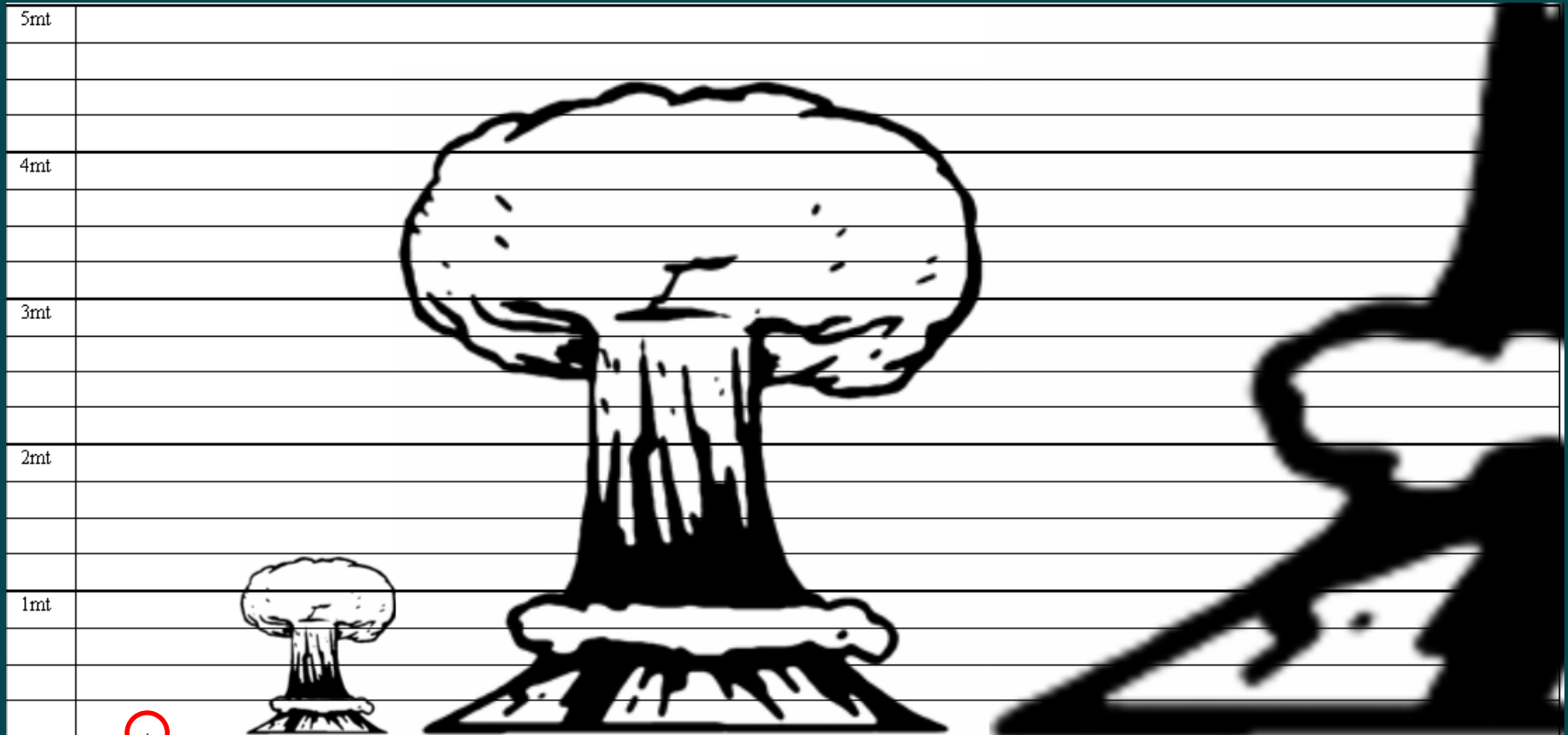


# 2000+ nuclear explosions

## NUCLEAR TESTS 1945-1996



# Scale comparison



**U.S. B83 bomb**  
1200 kt

**Chinese DF-5A warhead**  
4,5 Mt

**Soviet Tzar Bomba**  
50 Mt

**Hiroshima**  
13 kt TNT equivalent



**All atmospheric testing  
= 29,600 Hiroshima bombs**

A photograph of a nuclear explosion's mushroom cloud. The cloud is massive and glowing orange and yellow, with a thick column of smoke and debris rising from the ground. The background is a dark, overcast sky. The foreground shows a dark, flat landscape, possibly a coastal area or a field, with some faint structures visible.

**= a Hiroshima bomb twice every day  
for 35 years**

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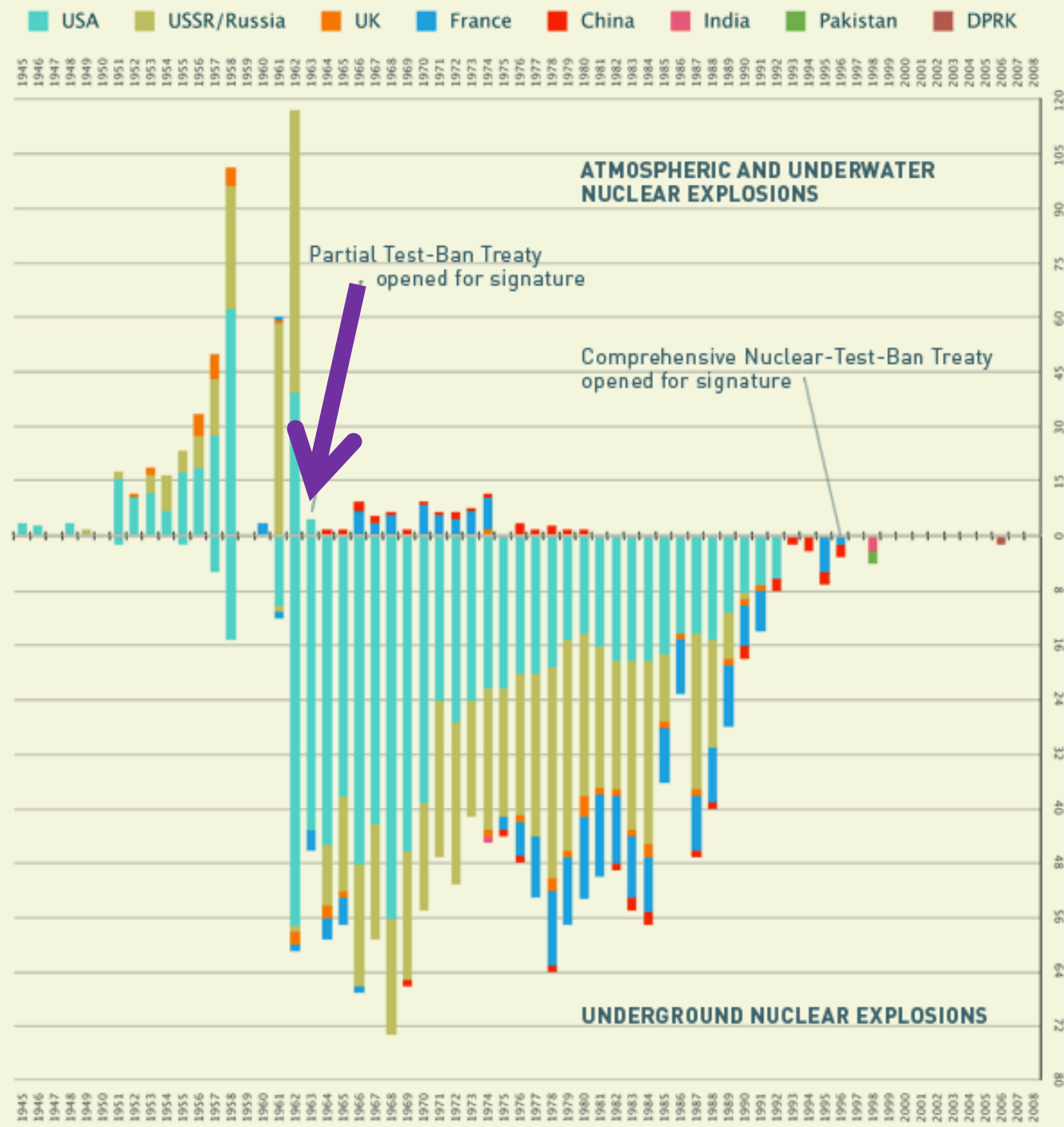
# II. The CTBT

# 1963: Partial Test Ban Treaty



President Kennedy ratifying the PTBT on 7 October 1963.

# Atmospheric and Underground Nuclear Testing



# Venting

**Baneberry**

**18 December 1970**

**Nevada Test Site**



## Other partial limits

**1961: Antarctic Treaty**

**1967: Outer Space Treaty**

**1974: Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT)**

**1976: Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty (PNET)**

# The Comprehensive Nuclear -Test-Ban Treaty CTBT



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Opened for signature on 24 September 1996.

All five nuclear weapons States, including  
the United States, China and Russia, signed on the first day.



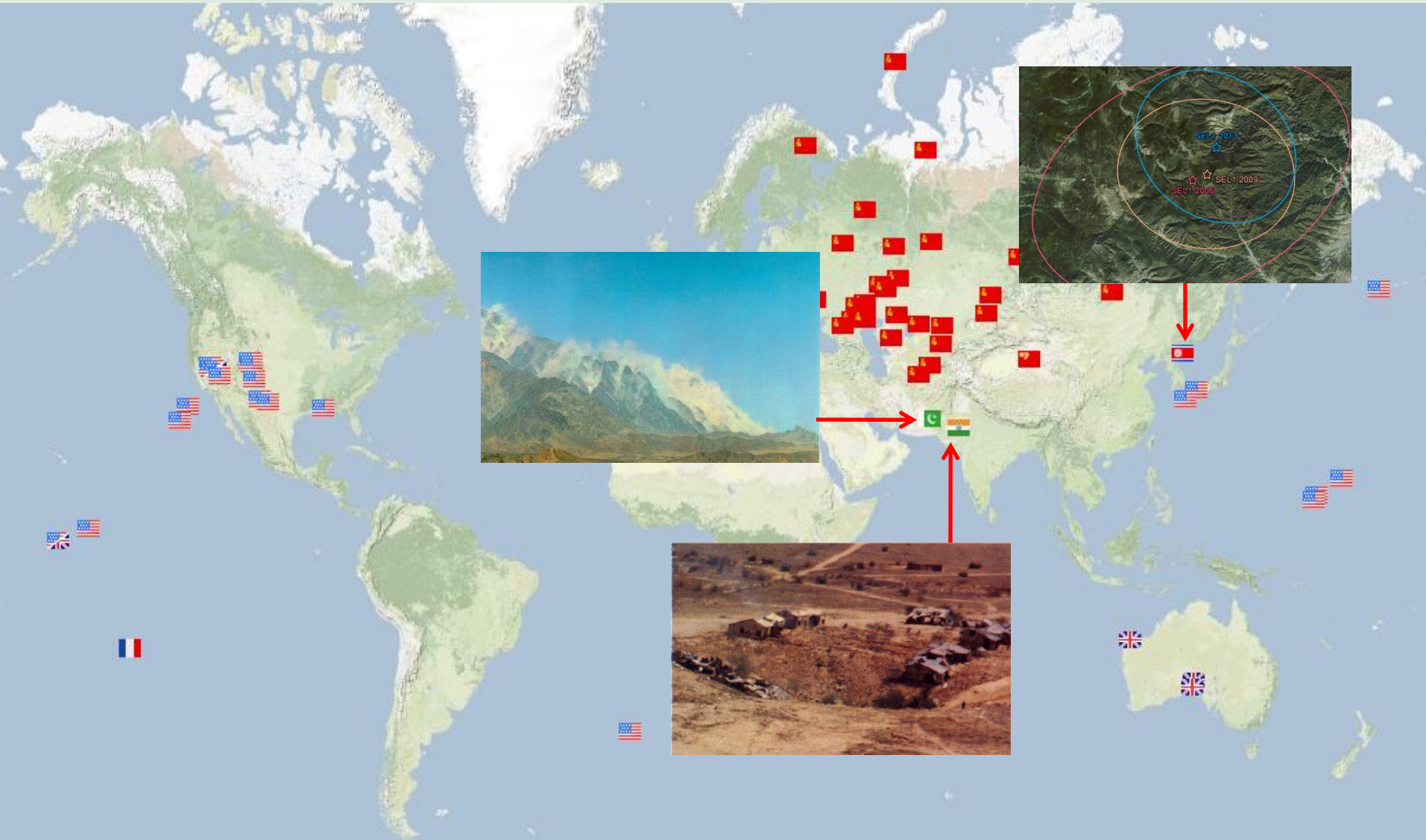


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## Tests after 24 September 1996



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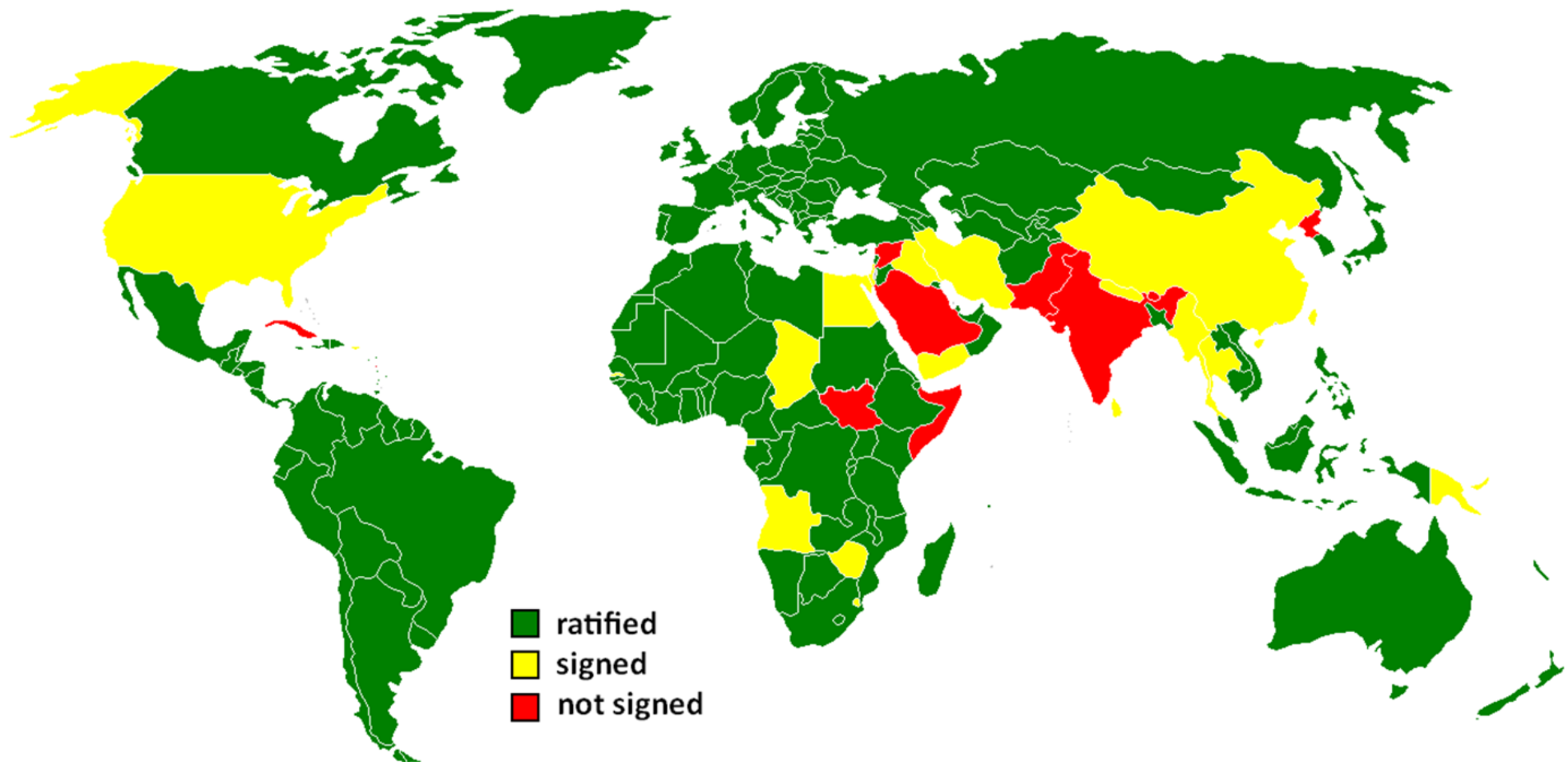


# CTBT today

183 signatures, 163 ratifications

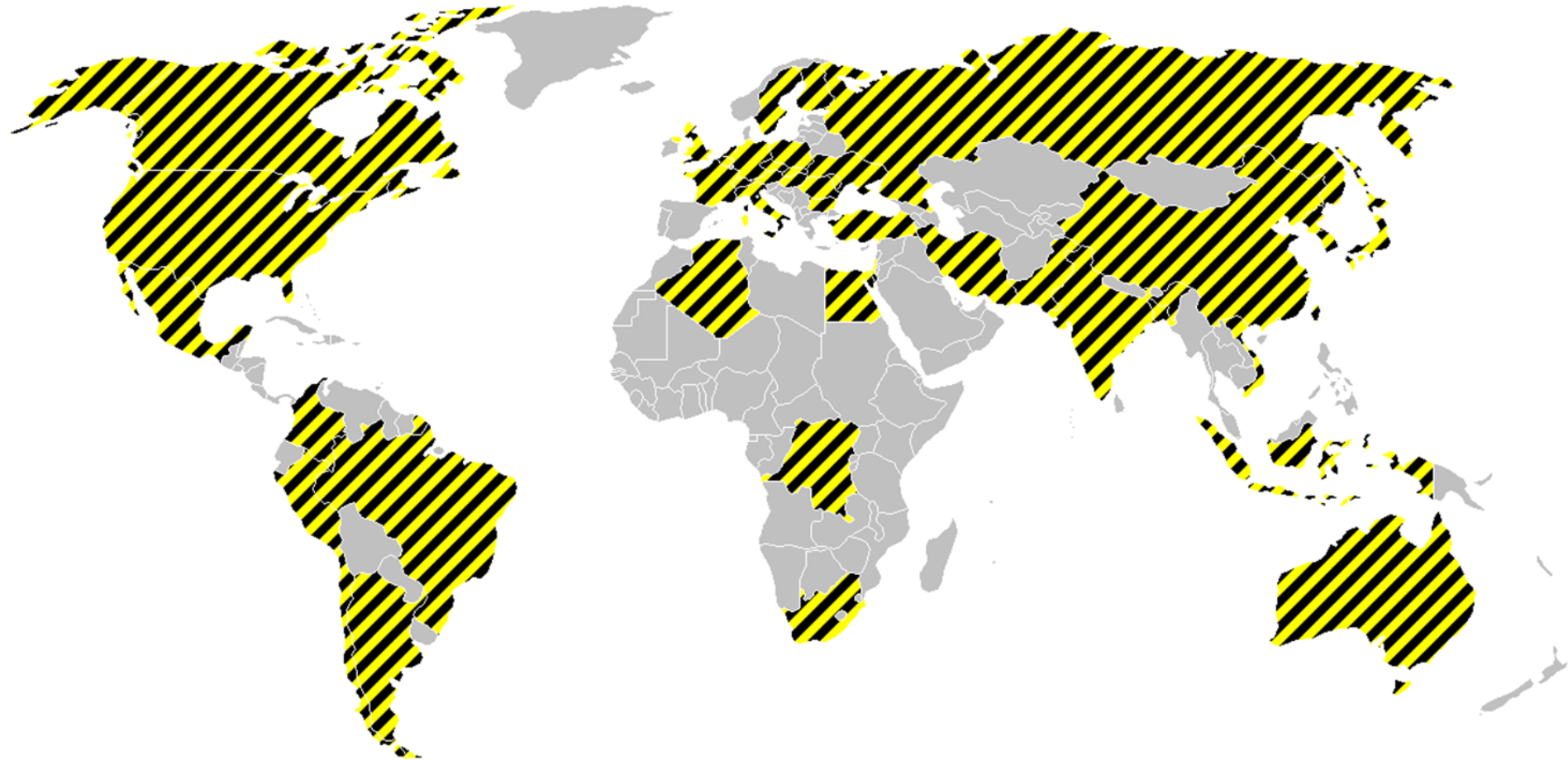


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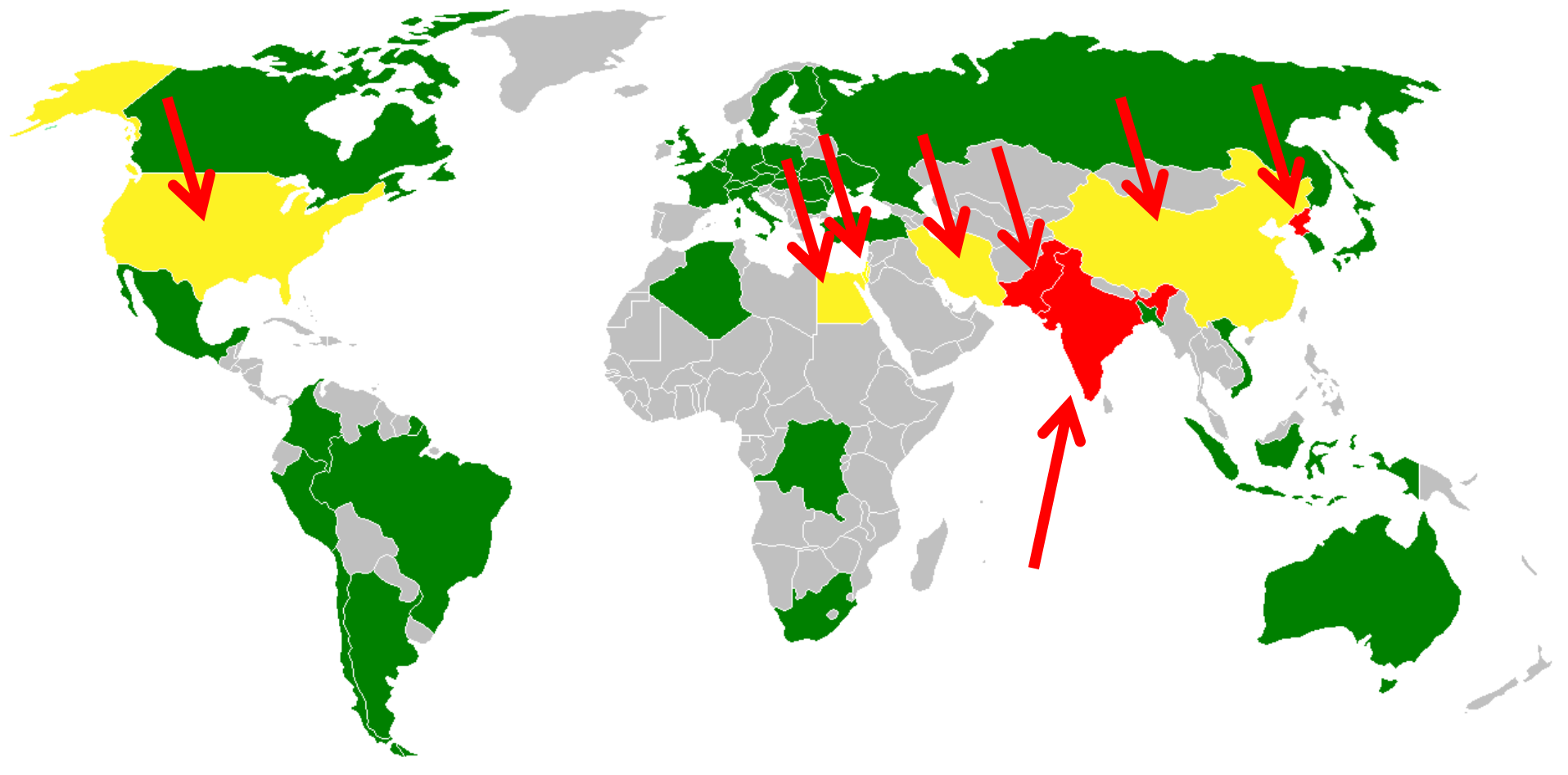
# Entry into force provision Annex II to the Treaty

44 States whose ratification is required for the Treaty to enter into Force:



# Entry into force: 8 to go

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# Elements of the CTBT Verification Regime

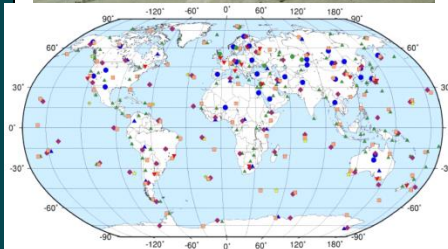
## *Confidence Building Measures*

*Large chemical  
Explosions:  
Prevent  
misinterpretations  
and calibrate seismic  
IMS component*



## *International Monitoring System*

*321 stations:  
seismic,  
hydro-acoustic,  
infrasound,  
radionuclide  
IDC&GCI*



## *Consultation and Clarification*

*Right to clarify  
matters indicating  
possible  
non-compliance*



## *On-Site Inspection*



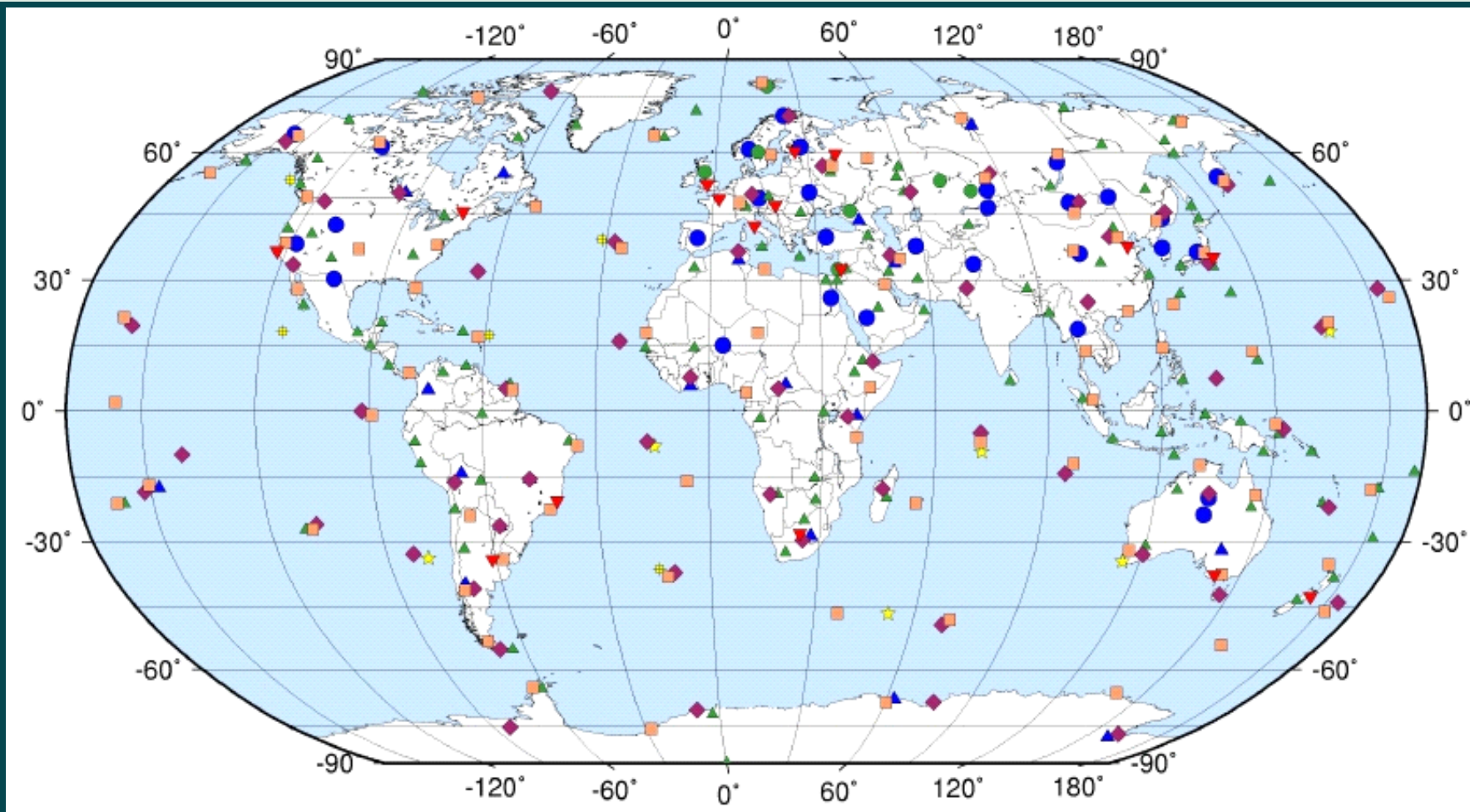
**IFE = Integrated  
Field Experiment**  
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# The complete International Monitoring System: 337

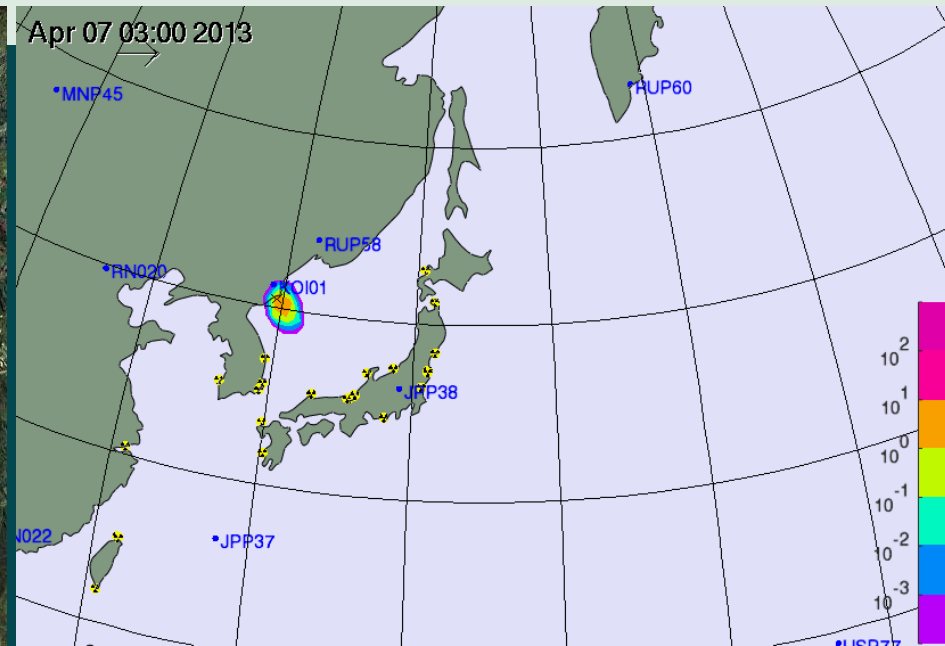
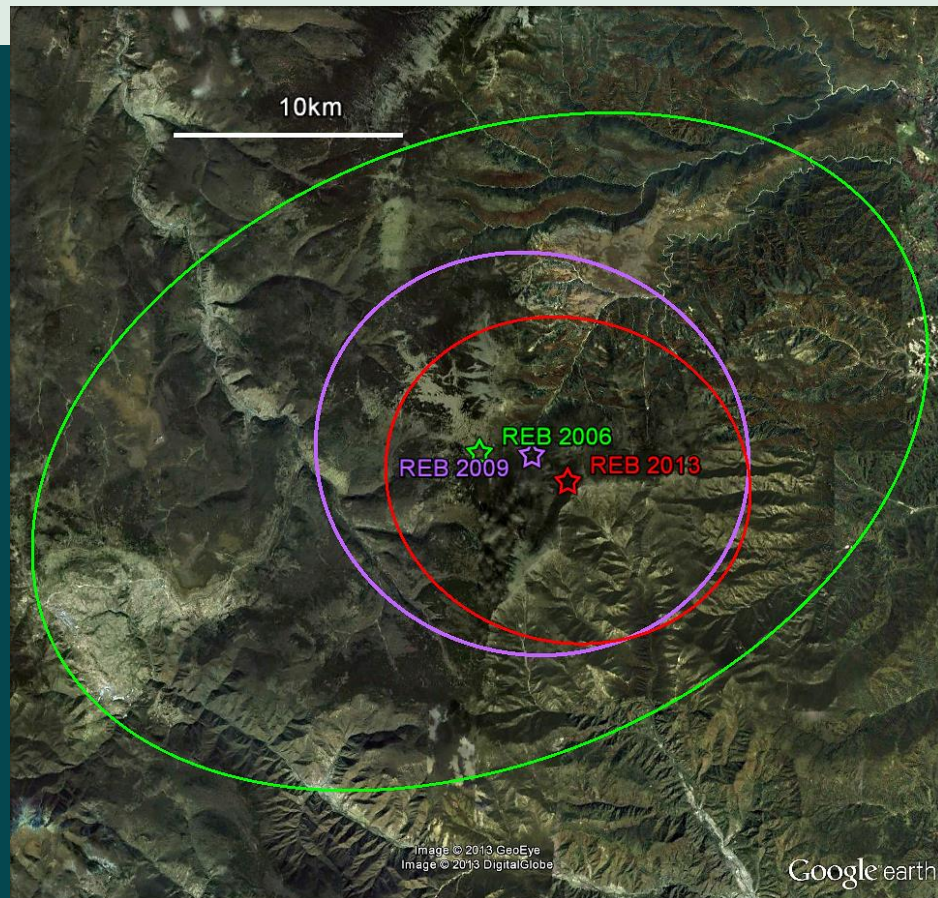


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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ● Seismic Primary Array          | ● Seismic Auxiliary Array          | ★ Hydroacoustic (hydrophone) Station | ◆ Infrasound Station       |
| ▲ Seismic Primary 3-comp Station | ▲ Seismic Auxiliary 3-comp Station | ■ Hydroacoustic (T-phase) Station    | ■ Radionuclide Station     |
|                                  |                                    |                                      | ▼ Station Radionuclide Lab |

# Demonstrated effectiveness of the International Monitoring System

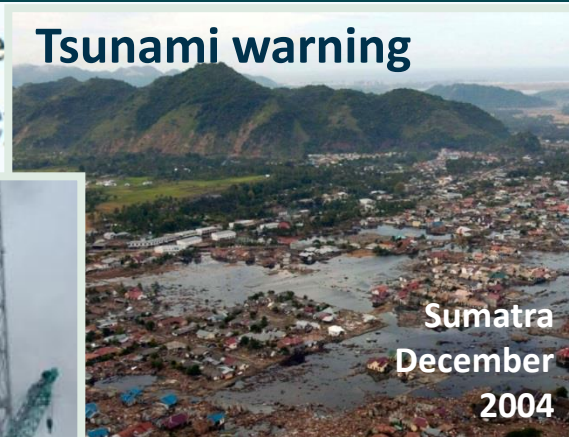


Error Ellipses for 2006, 2009 and 2013 DPRK Announced Nuclear Tests

- Xenon-131m and xenon-133
- Detected at Takasaki, Japan, and Ussuriysk, Russia
- Estimated date of fission coincides with 12 February 2013
- DPRK site identified as possible source using ATM

# Civil and Scientific Applications

## International Monitoring System data can be applied for



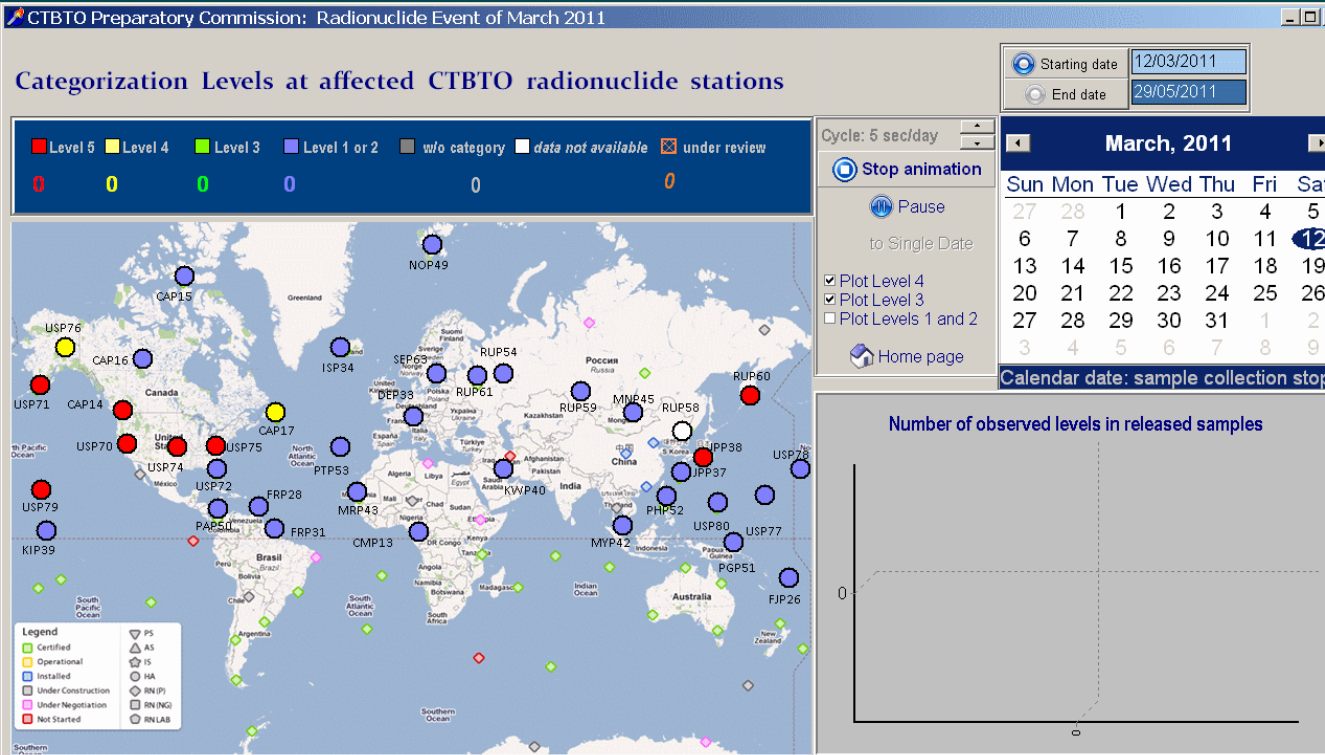


# Emergency Preparedness and Response After Fukushima Accident

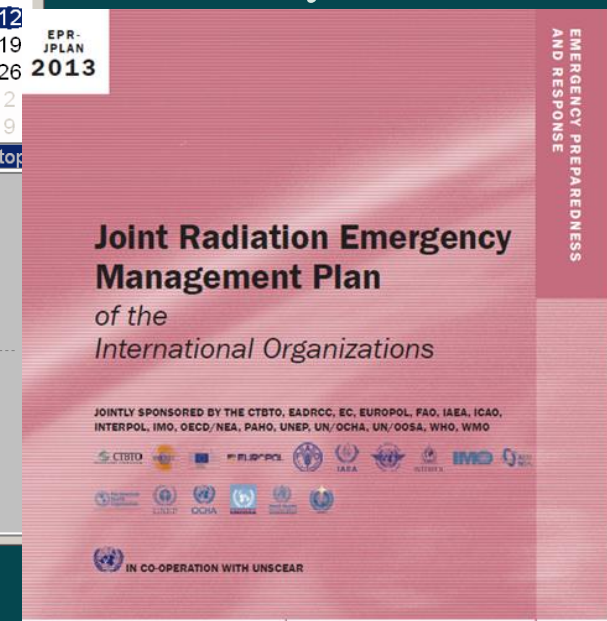


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This picture show time development of detections for each day after the accident. **Level 5** = multiple fission products detected, **Level 4** = one fission products detected, **Level 3** = fission products typical for the station detected. **Level 1 and 2** = only natural radioactivity detected



CTBTO operates a unique global network of highly-sensitive detectors of atmospheric radioactivity.



CTBTO member of the Inter-Agency Committee on Radiological and Nuclear Emergencies (IACRNE) since 14.3.2012



It is important  
to bring the CTBT into force  
in order to close the door  
on nuclear testing  
for good.

the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty  
putting an end to nuclear test explosions

**THANK YOU**

The figures used in this presentation are approximate and based on official government sources, as well as on information provided by research institutions such as the Natural Resources Defence Council in Washington D.C., and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

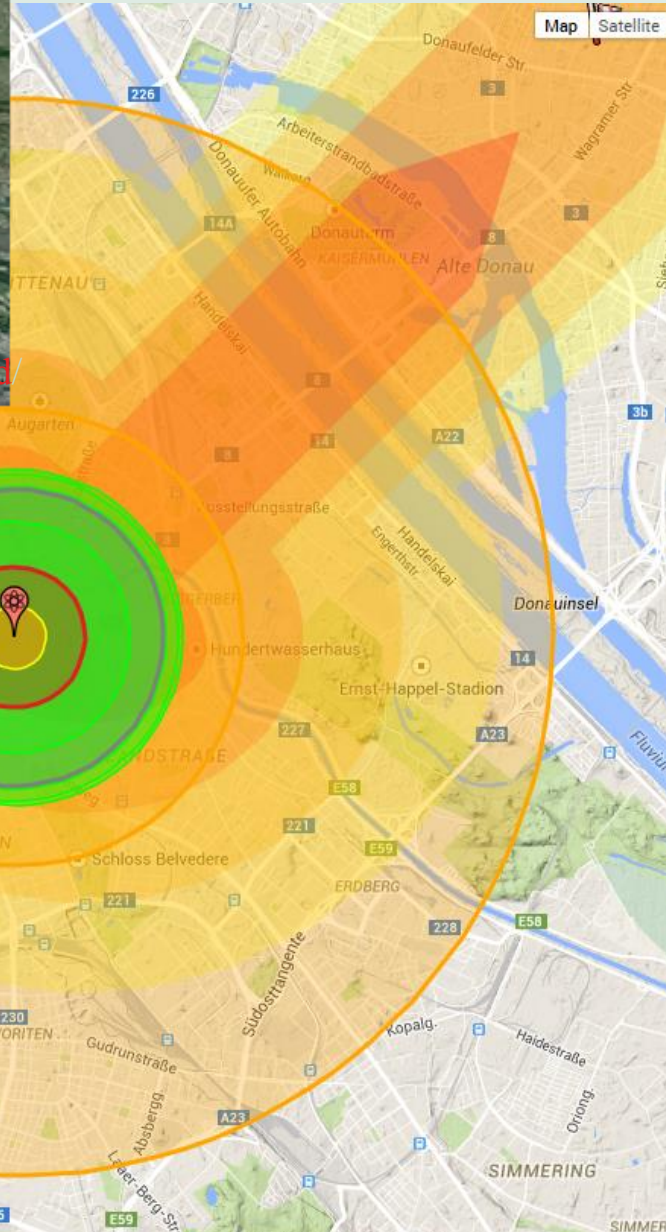


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# NUKEMAP 2.42 : FAQ You might also try: NUKEMAP<sub>3D</sub>

1. Drag the marker to wherever you'd like to target.

Or you can select a preset...

Or type in the name of a city:

2. Enter a yield (in kilotons):

Or you can select a preset...

3. Basic options: Height of burst:   Airburst  Surface  
Other effects:  Casualties  Radioactive fallout

Advanced options: ▶

4. Click the "Detonate" button below.

Note that you can drag the target marker after you have detonated the nuke.

Calculating casualties... this can take upwards of a minute or two depending on how many people are using this site. Thank you for your patience! 🔄

### Effects radii for 20 kiloton surface burst (smallest to largest): ▼

Fireball radius: 260 m (0.22 km<sup>2</sup>)  
Maximum size of the nuclear fireball; relevance to lived effects depends on height of detonation. If it touches the ground, the amount of radioactive fallout is significantly increased.

Air blast radius (20 psi): 0.59 km (1.1 km<sup>2</sup>)  
At 20 psi overpressure, heavily built concrete buildings are severely damaged or demolished; fatalities approach 100%.

Radiation radius (5000 rem): 0.97 km (2.94 km<sup>2</sup>)  
5000 rem radiation dose. 100% fatal exposure.

Air blast radius (5 psi): 1.24 km (4.85 km<sup>2</sup>)  
At 5 psi overpressure, most residential buildings collapse, injuries are universal, fatalities are widespread.

Radiation radius (1000 rem): 1.27 km (5.06 km<sup>2</sup>)  
1000 rem radiation dose; with immediate medical treatment, 95% mortality can be expected. Dying takes between several hours and several weeks.

Radiation radius (600 rem): 1.37 km (5.9 km<sup>2</sup>)  
600 rem radiation dose; with immediate medical treatment, 80% mortality can be expected.