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Engaging Young Generation: The Case of Ural Federal University in Russia

Since 2013, Ural Federal University has been promoting the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and its verification regime. This has been done via educational and research programs. Over the past three years, an annual survey on CTBT has been conducted by 100 students of International Relations at Ural Federal University. The survey shows that between 30 to 40 percent of IR students know about the CTBT, although this is the percentage of students who attend the nuclear non-proliferation course. The survey provides results about the future role of younger generation in decision-making and personal contribution to promote the CTBT. Moreover, the survey shows the importance of the CTBT dissemination of information, and about the various institutions of nuclear non-proliferation regime. Despite the patriarchal mentality and little belief in the personal contribution to nuclear non-proliferation regime, more than half of the respondents assert that the role of youth is becoming increasingly essential in the modern world, and the young generation should have the upper hand in forming a safe and sustainable world.

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