

Wake up Pakistan!

Today's youth is going to be the next generation of policy makers, politicians, and bureaucrats and thus in order to push Pakistan closer to ratifying the CTBT we need to educate its youth. Many of my peers in Pakistan don't know about the CTBT and this worries me. For this reason, my project proposes a 4-stage plan that can be put into effect for capacity building of Pakistani Youth. The first stage requires the introduction of courses related to nuclear weapons and arms control in the top universities of the country. These courses will serve to unite like-minded students that support the cause of CTBT. In the second stage, these group of intellectuals can be encouraged to form a branch of the Youth Group in Pakistan. Third, this group will go from city to city spreading its message in different schools and universities. This will encourage the formation of more branches of the youth group. For the final stage, these youth activists will meet with government officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to have larger conversations about the proposed bilateral moratorium on nuclear testing with India. Thus, this initiative will bring the issue of CTBT ratification into public discourse.

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