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## Letter

## **Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

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## To the Editor:

Your welcome editorial about the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty ("Fixing the Treaty", May 9) identified several issues that are being addressed at the treaty's Review Conference, now under way at the United Nations. These were all very relevant. One facet, however, was missing: the importance and urgency of the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The Nonproliferation Treaty's preamble stressed the need "to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time." The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty's entry into force would achieve this goal and strengthen nonproliferation and disarmament efforts worldwide. It deserves the support of all.

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