

## **OP ED: Worried about Iran? Ratify Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

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This op-ed by ACA Senior Fellow [Greg Thielmann](#) appeared in the Des Moines Register on January 22, 2010.

"Containing the Iranian nuclear threat short of war requires a full court press. This includes tougher, more focused sanctions to increase the political and economic costs to Iran of renegade behavior, as well as persistent efforts to engage Tehran diplomatically to ensure that opportunities to build confidence are not lost. Another important step is ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Without the nuclear weapon test explosions banned by the treaty, states like Iran would have trouble validating the advanced, smaller-warhead designs they need for ballistic missile delivery."

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