
Figure 18 Highlights of international negotiations and initiatives aimed at banning and regulating the use of nuclear weapons.

1946	* USA Baruch Plan for ensuring that atomic weapons are used only for peaceful purposes.
1955	*USSR plan for general and complete disarmament and a ban on all testing of nuclear weapons.
1958 (summer)	*First meeting of seismic experts in Geneva makes recommendations for a global seismographic network and an on-site inspection system.
1958 (autumn)	*Trilateral negotiations (USA, UK, USSR) concerning a test ban treaty leads to an agreement on a moratorium on nuclear testing.
1959	*France, USA, UK and USSR sign a treaty (now subscribed to by 32 countries) banning nuclear tests in Antarctica.
1961	*Nuclear testing moratorium ends with the detonation of the largest-ever nuclear explosive (58 megatons) by USSR.
