



**MILESTONE 10  
NUCLEAR FREE WORLD**

Since achieving independence in 1991, Kazakhstan has sought to be a responsible and reliable partner within the global community, taking important measures to maintain global peace and security.

On 29th August 1991, Kazakhstan, by the Decree of President Nursultan Nazarbayev, closed and decommissioned the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site, thereby becoming one of the first nations to renounce nuclear weapons voluntarily.

In 2012, President Nursultan Nazarbayev initiated the ATOM Project at a major international conference in Astana. This project aims to gain global support for the cessation of nuclear testing and the renunciation of nuclear weapons.

More than 300,000 people from 100 countries have signed the ATOM Project online petition calling on world leaders to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

One of Kazakhstan's critical achievements in establishing the non-proliferation regime is its role in organising the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia and the creation of the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank on the country's territory.

**MILESTONE 11  
SCIENCE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

Over the last 10 years Kazakhstan's scientific achievements have produced impressive results, many of which have been acknowledged internationally. Scientific discovery plays a major role in Kazakhstan's development with investment directed towards both science and the high tech sector.

**Left: Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the 2012 Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul with US President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev**



*The ATOM Project*

