

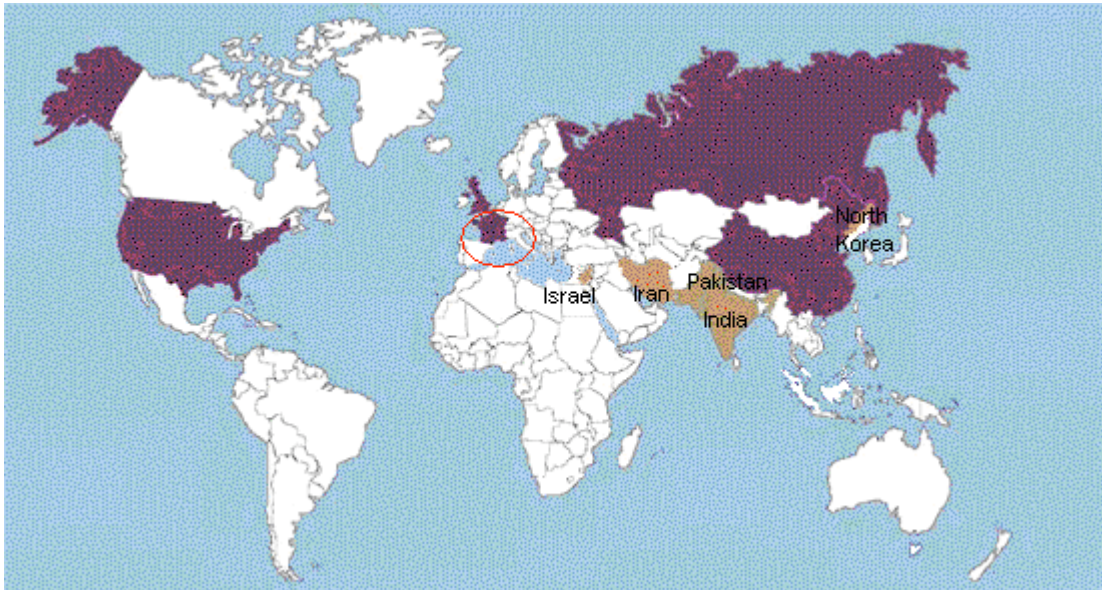


WHERE IS GLOBAL PROLIFERATION HEADING?

Within the framework of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, five countries have today officially acknowledged that they have acquired the nuclear bomb: the United States, France, Great Britain, Russia and China. These five nations have agreed, in signing the NPT, to eliminate the bomb, while the 184 other signatory countries have committed themselves not to acquire it. Now this treaty is undergoing a deep crisis. The five countries officially possessing nuclear weapons are not disarming, but on the contrary are “modernizing” their nuclear armaments; other countries are in turn embarking on the race for nuclear armament and could soon have the bomb. It is estimated that the number of nuclear warheads in the world is over 28,000!

More and more countries have the capacity to develop nuclear weapons: up to 40 countries were expected to have such ability by late 2007, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). North Korea announced in February 2005 that it is a nuclear power, and Iran, which is currently developing its civil nuclear power capacities, is believed by Western powers to want to acquire the bomb as well. Israel, Pakistan and India are recognized nuclear powers too, even though they are not Non-Proliferation Treaty members and Israel has not publicly acknowledged having nuclear weapons.

THE STATE OF THE NUCLEAR THREAT ON THE PLANET AS OF 2007



- 🍏 Non-Proliferation Treaty members possessing the nuclear bomb
- 🍏 Countries outside the NPT possessing the nuclear bomb or suspected of developing a nuclear weapons program
- 🍏 Countries hosting US nuclear missiles (NATO): Italy, Belgium, Turkey, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Germany

THE EXAMPLE OF IRAN

How was Iran, officially a “rogue” country, able to obtain the necessary nuclear technology?

In the 1960-70s, Germany, the United States, France and the USSR helped Iran develop a dual technology (reactor, power plant, nuclear reprocessing plans from those countries)



1990: Argentina, Pakistan, China (delivered uranium in 1991)

1995: Moscow helped Iran constructing the Bouchehr plant and obtaining nuclear fuel. Pakistan provided the plans of a centrifuge to produce military quality uranium.