

ABSTRACT

**THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME: AN ANALYSIS OF THE
CRUCIAL ROLE PLAYED BY INDIA AND CHINA**

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India has long maintained its stance on refusal to sign the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as well as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on the ground that its distrust of its neighbours Pakistan and China in particular has precluded any decision to sign the NPT as a Non-Nuclear Weapons State. Moreover, India has disregarded NPT's recognition of USA, UK, China, Russia and France as the only countries permitted to have nuclear weapons while the others are excluded as unfair. However, India's track record as a responsible nuclear power has eventually led to the successful Indo-US nuclear deal and the India waiver on nuclear commerce at Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). China on the other hand has always been considered to be a proliferator and its alleged involvement in Pakistan's nuclear program has only strengthened the backlash it has always received. With the signing of the NPT during mid-1990s and its induction into the NSG, China has delved deep into its non-proliferation commitments in recent history. This paper seeks to evaluate the nuclear diplomacy in between the two countries and the historical development of their nuclear policies.

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