
Memorandum about Talks with the US Secretary of State (Schultz) in Moscow,

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One of the most thoroughly discussed issues was the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. We suggested starting talks regarding the reduction and elimination of operational-tactical missiles immediately, announced that after, signing this Treaty our operational-tactical missiles would be withdrawn from the GDR and the ČSSR, and confirmed that these missiles would not be relocated outside Europe, but would be destroyed. We also expressed our readiness to liquidate the mentioned weapons within a specific period of time, i.e. one year.

As for the tactical missiles (less than 500 km), we once again said that it should be considered within the framework of the Budapest initiative on conventional weapons.

Inappropriate US initiatives [relocation of intermediate-range missiles to Alaska, their conversion to operational-tactical rockets etc.] were criticized

As for strategic attack missiles, we suggested that we try to reach an agreement to reduce such missiles by 50% within 5 years, so that after the 5-year period each side would have no more than 1600 strategic delivery missiles and no more than 6000 warheads.

The Americans showed that they were not ready to honor the Reykjavik agreements.

As we anticipated, discussion on the space weapons was quite difficult. We criticized the American intention to interpret the ABN Treaty in a way that would allow them to launch a system of the antiballistic defense and would limit their participation in the Treaty to 7 years instead of 10.

Regarding nuclear testing, we confirmed our intent to continue our talks with the US on this matter until an agreement would be reached.

To conclude, M. Gorbachev suggested that key talking points for the reduction of strategic attack missiles be written down, in accordance with the Reykjavik agreement. These key talking points could become the basis of an agreement on the highest level, along with the IFN Treaty.

Security problems other than the aforementioned [non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, reduction of the conventional armed forces, liquidation of chemical weapons etc.] were briefly discussed by the working groups.

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