



Basic Elements of an internationally legally-binding agreement on General and Complete Disarmament

“Basic elements of an international legally-binding arrangement on General and Complete Disarmament encompassing the elimination of WMD including nuclear, chemical, biological missiles; and the reduction and regulation of conventional armaments; and for global and regional confidence and security building measures encompassing military exercises and operations; open for broad international accession.”¹

Preamble

The States Parties to this Arrangement, *Guided* by the objective of strengthening strategic stability both globally and regionally, *Convinced that* the measures set forth in this Arrangement will help to reduce the risk of outbreak of war and strengthen international peace and security, *Determined to act* with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict international control, *Emphasizing* the importance of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States laid out in Article 33 of the UN Charter, *Recognizing* the right of States to self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter, *Reaffirming* Article 11 and Article 26 of the UN Charter, *Recalling* the many occasions the International Community has supported General and Complete Disarmament, *Mindful of* Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the UN Millennium Declaration, *Desiring* to contribute to the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, have agreed as follows:

Article I General Obligations

1. Each State Party to this Arrangement upon entry into force of this Arrangement and thereafter shall not produce or flight-test any strategic, intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles or produce any stages of such missiles or any launchers of such missiles.

2. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall eliminate all its strategic-range, intermediate-range and shorter-range and short-range missiles and launchers of such missiles, as well as all support structures and equipment associated with such missiles and launchers, being in its possession or ownership, or being located in any site or on any vessel under its jurisdiction

¹ Chemical Weapons verified elimination is encompassed in the Chemical Weapons Convention

or control, under categories subject to an agreement, so that no later than the agreed date after entry into force of this Arrangement and thereafter no such

missiles, launchers or support structures and equipment shall be possessed by each State Party. The forgoing to include ground-to air, air-to air, space launched and anti-missile-missiles. Where states designate missiles as solely for the purpose of launching payloads into space these are included in these aforementioned categories for inspection purposes to ensure the prevention of space-based weapons whether using kinetic or other energy.

3. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall permit inspections on its territory consistent with the relevant provisions developed by UNMOVIC / IAEA with respect to nuclear and biological weapons and their production facilities to carry out the verified elimination of such weapons and supporting technologies and infrastructure according to a timetable agreed; and in conjunction with the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

4. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall not produce or test any weapon system of category types described in the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty regardless of whether they are fitted to land, air or sea systems save where it is subject to prior notification and verification.

5. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall provide data to other States Parties to this Arrangement concerning weapon systems of all category types within the CFE Treaty whether operated from air, land or at sea.

6. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall adhere to the Open Skies Treaty.

7. Each State Party to this Arrangement shall adhere to the Vienna Confidence and Security Building Measures developed by the OSCE.

8. Each State Party to this agreement shall adhere to the Arms Trade Treaty.

a. Each State Party to this agreement shall apply the provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty to all conventional arms, munitions and ammunition, as well as to equipment used for military, police or national security purposes.

9. Each State Party to this agreement shall adhere to the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

10. All States party to this agreement shall adhere to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, and to its protocols.

Article II Rules of Accounting and Definitions of Types of Weapons systems

Provisions for Rules of Accounting and Definitions of Types weapons and supporting technologies are subject to an agreement pursuant to the adapted provisions of START, INF, UNMOVIC / IAEA, CFE.

Article III Limitations on numbers of weapons and supporting technologies are subject to an agreement

Article IV Exchange of Information Related to the Obligations

Provisions for exchange of an information under categories of data, related to the obligations provided for by this Arrangement, are subject to an agreement pursuant to the provisions of START, INF, UNMOVIC, CFE, CSBMs and drawing on the timetables therein.

Article V Elimination Procedures

Each State Party to this Arrangement shall eliminate all its strategic, intermediate range, shorter-range, and short range missiles and launchers of such missiles, and all support structures and support equipment associated with such missiles and launchers in accordance with the procedures which are subject to an agreement and weapons within the CFE categories based upon the elimination procedures of UNMOVIC, START and INF and CFE . Each State Party to this Arrangement shall reduce the other categories of weapon systems and supporting equipment and manufacturing capability subject to agreement.

Article VI Rules of Compliance Verification

Rules of compliance verification are subject to an agreement.

Article VII Definitions shall draw on the relevant paragraphs of the treaties listed herein

Article VIII The Organization for Implementation of the Arrangement

The States Parties to this Arrangement shall come to an agreement about mechanism of implementation of the subject and the objective of this Arrangement. A framework for discussion will be the timeframes for implementation of UNMOVIC, START, INF and CFE Treaties with a view to completion within a ten year timeframe.

Article IX Duration of the Arrangement

This Arrangement shall be of unlimited duration.

Article X Amendments, Signature, Accession, Ratification, Entry into Force, Reservations, Depositary, Authentic Texts

Amendments, signature, accession, ratification, entry into force, reservations, depositary, authentic texts are subject to an agreement.

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