

**AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
RUSSIAN AVIATION AND SPACE AGENCY
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE ELIMINATION OF
STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS**

Pursuant to Article II, paragraph 1 of the Agreement Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Russian Aviation and Space Agency Concerning Cooperation in the Elimination of Strategic Offensive Arms, dated August 26, 1993, as amended and extended, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement," the Russian Aviation and Space Agency (RASA) hereby notifies the United States Department of Defense (DoD) that it retains responsibility for elimination of Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) launch tubes covered by this agreement, but has delegated responsibility for dismantlement of strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines associated with the elimination of SLBM launch tubes covered by this agreement and disposal of nuclear reactors and spent nuclear fuel from those strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines, to the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation (MINATOM);

Noting that dismantlement of strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines and disposal of nuclear reactors and spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from the strategic ballistic missile nuclear submarines which has previously been carried out under this Agreement, will continue to be carried out under this Agreement by MINATOM pursuant to the delegation of responsibility referred to above; and

Desiring to amend the Agreement pursuant to Article VIII of the Agreement,

The Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Russian Aviation and Space Agency, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, hereby agree:

1. To amend Article I by adding the following new paragraphs:

5. RASA shall implement this Agreement in a manner consistent with the obligations of the Russian Federation under the START Treaty, to the extent applicable. This Agreement is not intended to affect any obligations of the Russian Federation under the START Treaty. If there is a conflict between this Agreement and the START Treaty, the START Treaty shall prevail.

6. RASA shall use the interim storage facilities built in the Russian Federation with DoD assistance only to store SS-24 and SS-25 ICBMs removed from their launchers and from which the motors' propellant cannot immediately be removed by burning in missile test stands, missile test facilities or other facilities mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed by DoD in writing, RASA shall render unusable for any purpose the interim storage facilities built with DoD assistance when DoD confirms to RASA in writing that such storage facilities are no longer required.

7. RASA shall ensure that:

a. The SNF shore offloading facilities and associated equipment, built or acquired with DoD assistance and located at the Zvezdochka and Zvezda shipyards, shall not be used to load fuel into nuclear reactors on any nuclear reactor-powered submarines.

b. The SNF casks built with DoD assistance shall be used only to store SNF removed from strategic ballistic missile submarines with DoD assistance and the SNF cask storage facility, building 301, at Mayak rebuilt with DoD assistance shall only be used to store SNF casks containing SNF removed from strategic ballistic missile submarines with DoD assistance, unless otherwise agreed by DoD in writing.

8. RASA shall cooperate with DoD semi-annually to review a plan describing the underlying assumptions, requirements, and responsibilities for each project being undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, and shall certify each such plan as accurate.

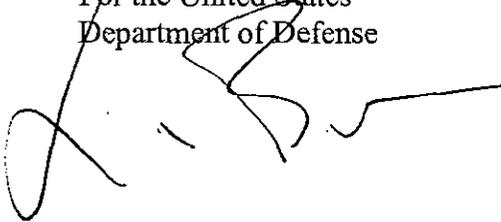
9. As appropriate, the Parties may enter into implementing arrangements to carry out the provisions of this Agreement. In the case of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any such arrangements, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

2. To amend Article III, paragraph 1 of the Agreement by replacing the words "nine hundred thirty-five million four hundred fifty thousand U.S. dollars" with the words, "one billion, twenty-three million, five hundred seventy-five thousand U.S. dollars."

This amendment shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement.

DONE at Washington this 9 day of June, 2003, and at Moscow this 29 day of MAY, 2003, in duplicate, each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the United States
Department of Defense



For the Russian Aviation
and Space Agency

