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SSD Working Group: Draft Instructions for Moscow

Subject: Instructions for Working Group on Safety, Security and Dismantlement of Nuclear Weapons

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2. The next meeting of the U.S.-Soviet Working Group on Safety, Security, and Dismantlement of Nuclear Weapons is scheduled for Moscow, Dec. 20 to Dec. 23. Instructions for U.S. side follow below.

3. General Objectives: Main goals of meeting are to:  
--seek responses to questions posed in U.S. non-paper, ref. A., and, more generally, obtain more specifics of central plans and procedures for, and republican concerns, conditions, and involvement in, safe and secure implementation of unilateral and START-related withdrawal and elimination;  
--through these responses and through other questioning, seek clarification of the need for and proposed character of any U.S. assistance on safety, security and dismantlement that may be sought by central, republican, or commonwealth entities.  
--support later U.S. decisions as to the character, content, and conditions of any such U.S. assistance.

4. U.S. side should not:  
--express any commitment of the U.S. to any specific program of assistance; however, the U.S. side may repeat the general readiness of the U.S. to provide such assistance where feasible and useful and may explore without commitment possible specific forms of assistance that would respond to acknowledged deficiencies in central or republic capabilities;  
--state any specific conditions that would apply to any future program of assistance; however, the U.S. side should make clear that a decision to undertake such future programs would require, inter alia, satisfactory arrangements to make sure that such assistance was needed, and applied efficiently and effectively.

5. Transparency Issues:

--The U.S. side should make clear that the U.S. does not envision any verification regime of the sort appropriate to bilateral arms control agreements.

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--At the same time, the U.S. side may make clear, as appropriate, that any U.S. program of assistance will require arrangements to make sure that such assistance is being effectively used.

--Moreover, the U.S. side may make clear, without initiating discussion of the subject, that the U.S. would consider how it could assist central-republican joint arrangements for notification, confirmation, or joint implementation of withdrawal and elimination, if requested to do so.

6. Involvement of Other Parties:

--The U.S. side should not initiate discussion of question of involvement of other parties in withdrawal and elimination of Soviet nuclear weapons. If the other side does so, the U.S. side may hear them out, but should make clear that this is a policy question not appropriate to the SSD working group meeting.

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