

Agreement

Between the Russian Federation and Ukraine about Cooperation in the Development, Serial Production and Operation of Missiles, Missile Launchers and Space Vehicles.

Parties to the present Agreement,

Based on the Agreement on Principles of Providing the Armed Forces of the member-states of the Commonwealth of Independent States with Arms, Military Equipment and other material means, the organization of scientific research and experimental and design work (Kiev 20.03.92);

Considering it expedient to ensure the maximum security and reliability of exploitation of strategic means in armed forces, and the unconditional implementation of international treaties regarding reductions of strategic armaments;

Assuming a mutual interest in the creation of favorable conditions for the development of relations between enterprises and ruling out unjustified material expenses unavoidable in the event of the disruption of existing ties between organizations and enterprises, agree on the following:

1. To preserve the existing economic ties, cooperation and order of mutual payments between enterprises and organizations of Russia and Ukraine in the development, serial production and exploitation of missiles, missile launchers and space vehicles on the basis of mutual benefit and not allowing for actions that could inflict economic damage to each other.
Therefore, to consider the most important the projects included in the coordinated list attached to the present agreement.
2. To entrust the Ministry of Industry of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Machine-Building, Military-Industrial Complex and Conversion of Ukraine, together with the command of the Strategic Deterrent Forces, with developing a full list of joint projects for 1992-1995, as well as proposals for financing such projects.
3. To carry out in 1992-1995 scientific research and experimental and design work, and mutual reciprocal shipments of armaments and military equipment, as well as associated spare parts, according to direct contracts between the buyer (the Strategic Deterrent Forces, Ministries of Defense of Russia and Ukraine) and the enterprises, preserving the economic ties, payments, inspection procedures, finishing completion and testing of complexes and systems on the test sites of the Russian Federation (Plesetsk, Kapustin Yar) and Ukraine.
The sides guarantee the supply of raw materials and spare parts for the production of armaments and military equipment.

4. To consider it expedient to address Kazakhstan and Belarus with proposals to conclude similar agreements.

President of the Russian Federation

President of Ukraine

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LIST

Of the most important projects on missile and missile-space technology in the interests of the Strategic Deterrence Forces and national missile-space programs of the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

1. Warranty and repair service for armaments and military equipment upon request from the Main Command of the Unified Armed Forces of the Commonwealth, and the Ministries of Defense of the Russian Federation and Ukraine in the interest of maximum security of operation of the strategic systems.
2. Ensuring coordinated actions in the implementation of the Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty.
3. Further serial production of the heavy missile RS-20 (SS-18) in accordance with the START Treaty upon request from the Main Command of the United Armed Forces of the Commonwealth.
4. Completion of the testing *SLI* [Russian acronym, TBT] of the heavy missile RS-20 with guided warhead (*OKR* [Russian acronym, TBT] *Voevoda*, 18H with guided warhead).
5. Flight and design finishing with the start of flight testing in the second quarter of 1992 and serial production of the missile system RT2-PM2 with a goal of scheduled replacement of the outdated and nearing the term of service systems with mono-warheads UR 100K and RT2P, as well as system "Topol" and system with missile UR100H.
6. Development and implementation of measures to improve system 15P961, for nuclear safety and for removal of concerns, which were identified in the process of the testing *SLI* (*OKR* "Sovershenstvo" [Perfection], *OKR* VTP-1, *OKR* "Shchit" [Shield], *OKR* "Zaryadie 2-61," *OKR* "Pereosnashchnie" [Retrofitting], *NIR* "Garantiya" [Guarantee]).
7. Continuation of joint work on the design of future missile systems RT-23M ("Yermak") and R36M3 ("Ikar") with improved ability to overcome means created in the SDI framework.

8. Continuation of serial production of the launcher missile “Tsiklon” [Cyclone] to ensure launches of spaceships in accordance with approved programs.
9. Completion of testing and continuation of serial production of medium class launcher missile “Zenit-2.”
10. Further improvement of medium class launcher missile “Zenit-2” by outfitting it with an accelerating third stage (OKR “Zenit-KB”, “Zenit-3”), and also work on improved versions for launching manned [space]ships (OKR “Zenit-P”).
11. Joint development of space vehicles in the interests of the Strategic Deterrent Forces (“Tselina 2R,” “Tselina 2S,” “Labyrinth of Science Exploration” (Program AUOS) and Rational Use of Natural Resources and Ecological Control (“Ocean-A”).
12. Development of projects for conversion of strategic and other armaments (use of heavy missiles RS-20 for launching spaceships—project “Space Industry,” and for the purpose of providing assistance to those involved in accidents—project “Vita”).

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