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**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Agreement on the prevention of dangerous military activities
(with annexes and agreed statements). Signed at Moscow
on 12 June 1989**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE PREVENTION
OF DANGEROUS MILITARY ACTIVITIES

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
the Government of the United States of America, hereinafter
referred to as the Parties,

Confirming their desire to improve relations and deepen mutual
understanding,

Convinced of the necessity to prevent dangerous military
activities, and thereby to reduce the possibility of incidents
arising between their armed forces,

Committed to resolving expeditiously and peacefully any
incident between their armed forces which may arise as a result of
dangerous military activities,

Desiring to ensure the safety of the personnel and equipment
of their armed forces when operating in proximity to one another
during peacetime, and

Guided by generally recognized principles and rules of
international law,

Have agreed as follows:

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1990, in accordance with article X (1).

ARTICLE I

For the purposes of this Agreement:

1. "Armed forces" means, for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: the armed forces of the USSR, and the Border Troops of the USSR; for the United States of America: the armed forces of the United States, including the United States Coast Guard.

2. "Personnel" means any individual, military or civilian, who is serving in or is employed by the armed forces of the Parties.

3. "Equipment" means any ship, aircraft or ground hardware of the armed forces of the Parties.

4. "Ship" means any warship or auxiliary ship of the armed forces of the Parties.

5. "Aircraft" means any military aircraft of the armed forces of the Parties, excluding spacecraft.

6. "Ground hardware" means any materiel of the armed forces of the Parties designed for use on land.

7. "Laser" means any source of intense, coherent, highly directional electromagnetic radiation in the visible, infrared, or ultraviolet regions that is based on the stimulated radiation of electrons, atoms or molecules.

8. "Special Caution Area" means a region, designated mutually by the Parties, in which personnel and equipment of their armed forces are present and, due to circumstances in the region, in which special measures shall be undertaken in accordance with this Agreement.

9. "Interference with command and control networks" means actions that hamper, interrupt or limit the operation of the signals and information transmission means and systems providing for the control of personnel and equipment of the armed forces of a Party.

ARTICLE II

1. In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, each Party shall take necessary measures directed toward preventing dangerous military activities, which are the following activities of personnel and equipment of its armed forces when operating in proximity to personnel and equipment of the armed forces of the other Party during peacetime:

- (a) Entering by personnel and equipment of the armed forces of one Party into the national territory of the other Party owing to circumstances brought about by force majeure, or as a result of unintentional actions by such personnel;
- (b) Using a laser in such a manner that its radiation could cause harm to personnel or damage to equipment of the armed forces of the other Party;
- (c) Hampering the activities of the personnel and equipment of the armed forces of the other Party in a Special Caution Area in a manner which could cause harm to personnel or damage to equipment; and
- (d) Interfering with command and control networks in a manner which could cause harm to personnel or damage to equipment of the armed forces of the other Party.

2. The Parties shall take measures to ensure expeditious termination and resolution by peaceful means, without resort to the threat or use of force, of any incident which may arise as a result of dangerous military activities.

3. Additional provisions concerning prevention of dangerous military activities and resolution of any incident which may arise as a result of those activities are contained in Articles III, IV, V and VI of this Agreement and the Annexes thereto.

ARTICLE III

1. In the interest of mutual safety, personnel of the armed forces of the Parties shall exercise great caution and prudence while operating near the national territory of the other Party.

2. If, owing to circumstances brought about by force majeure or as a result of unintentional actions, as set forth in Article II, subparagraph 1(a) of this Agreement, personnel and equipment of the armed forces of one Party enter into the national territory of the other Party, such personnel shall adhere to the procedures set forth in Annexes 1 and 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

1. When personnel of the armed forces of one Party, in proximity to personnel and equipment of the armed forces of the other Party, intend to use a laser and that use could cause harm to personnel or damage to equipment of the armed forces of that other Party, the personnel of the armed forces of the Party intending such use of a laser shall attempt to notify the relevant personnel of the