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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING AT CAMP DAVID: ARMS CONTROL

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT, AGREED WITH THE PRESIDENT AT CAMP DAVID, WAS RELEASED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT HER PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON AT 2000Z ON 15 NOVEMBER: QUOTE

(A.) THE PRESIDENT AND I DISCUSSED THE WAY FORWARD ON ARMS CONTROL AFTER REYKJAVIK.

(B.) WE AGREED THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO:

- AN INF AGREEMENT, WITH RESTRAINTS ON SHORTER RANGE SYSTEMS,
- A 50 PER CENT CUT OVER 5 YEARS IN US AND SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, AND
- A BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

IN ALL THREE CASES, EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT.

(C.) WE ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE SDI RESEARCH PROGRAMME WHICH IS PERMITTED BY THE ABM TREATY.

(D.) WE CONFIRMED THAT NATO'S STRATEGY OF FORWARD DEFENCE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE WOULD CONTINUE TO REQUIRE EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, BASED ON A MIX OF SYSTEMS. AT THE SAME TIME, REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD INCREASE THE IMPORTANCE OF ELIMINATING CONVENTIONAL DISPARITIES. NUCLEAR WEAPONS CANNOT BE DEALT WITH IN ISOLATION, GIVEN THE NEED FOR STABLE OVERALL BALANCE AT ALL TIMES.

(E.) WE WERE ALSO IN AGREEMENT THAT THESE MATTERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

(F.) THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED THE UNITED STATES' INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH ITS STRATEGIC MODERNISATION PROGRAMME, INCLUDING TRIDENT. HE ALSO CONFIRMED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MODERNISE BRITAIN'S

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