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The Treaty prohibits both sides from deploying a nationwide ABM system and to enhance the ABM deployment area (this was added to the Treaty in July 1971). The Treaty also sets constraints on radar and intercept capabilities and prohibits the deployment, testing or deployment of sea, air, space or mobile land-based ABM systems and their components. Extensive verification measures are provided for in the Treaty, which also established the Standing Consultative Commission to deal with questions of Treaty interpretation and compliance. The United States Senate ratified the Treaty by a vote of 88 to 2.

During the 1970s both the United States and the Soviet Union continued to