

- a missile control regime,
- a multilateral, rules-based system to regulate military activity in space, and
- similar cooperation in monitoring air defence systems;

Medium-Term Options (2000-2003)

- Bring attention to the UN Committee on Disarmament in the debate,
- Support the creation of an international, apolitical organization that can discuss the facts of issue, make reliable risk analysis and threat assessments,
- Promote no first-use ballistic missile policies through multilateral organizations such as NATO.
- Recognize regional security problems and the context of countries' insecurities,
- Expand and strengthen the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty,
- Negotiate and clarify multilaterally space regulations and reserve the use of space for commercial rather than military uses,
- Identify leaders for an organization which can advance ideas, agendas,
- Look for ways to build other tools to reduce the risk of confrontation, conflict and accident, such as de-alerting, reducing research and development, technological exchanges, missile test bans, international monitoring and surveillance, etc.

The **long-term goals** include demilitarization, the elimination of non-civilian ballistic missiles, and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Threat

The experts acknowledged a genuine, two-fold ballistic missile threat:

- the most immediate and certainly most severe threat is in the deterioration of Russia's capacity to manage its existing strategic forces (declining faith in the capacity of its early warning system to detect attack leads Russia to increase its reliance on a high-alert, rapid response posture, thus heightening the dangers of miscalculation); and
- the proliferation of missile technology has the potential to destabilize the security environment in certain regions and, to a lesser degree, globally.

However, the threat of ballistic missile attack is declining:

- the 1999 US National Intelligence Estimate says that *in 15 years and in the absence of any political accommodations*, the US will face a ballistic missile threat from North Korea, Iran and Iraq in addition to Russia and China
- the primary threat will continue to be from Russia, although it will be much reduced, and
- the new threats such as North Korea, if they materialize, will be from very few missiles, which in turn will be capable of carrying much smaller payloads and will be much less accurate.