

Russia intends as a matter of principle to accede to the international regime of non-proliferation of missiles and missile technology as an equal participant. We support the efforts of the so-called Australian Group on monitoring chemical exports.

The Russian Federation plans to adopt domestic legislation to regulate Russian exports of dual-application material, equipment and technologies that can be used to create nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as combat missiles.

A State system to monitor these exports is being created. We will establish the closest cooperation and coordination between all member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States on these issues.

Russia supports the guiding principles on arms trade approved in London in October 1991.

... Seventh. Chemical weapons. We favour the early conclusion (in 1992) of a global convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons. A convention of this nature is required as a means of reliably blocking the way to the acquisition of chemical weapons without infringing the lawful economic interests of its signatories.

Russia is committed to the 1990 Agreement, reached with the United States, on the non-production and elimination of chemical weapons. The time-table for the elimination of such weapons envisaged by the Agreement calls for some correction, however.