

## GLOSSARY

ABM	Anti-ballistic missile (system), for interception and destruction of ballistic missiles or their warheads in flight.
ADI	The Air Defence Initiative A US programme initiated in 1985 and continuing today, seeking to develop defences against bomber aircraft and cruise missiles capable of attacking North America.
ALCM	Air-Launched Cruise Missile A missile launched from an aircraft and sustaining itself in flight by the support of aerodynamic lift.
ASAT	Anti-satellite Adjective applied to a system intended to interfere with or destroy satellites.
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System Large aircraft equipped with a powerful radar able to detect and track airborne targets at any altitude, and to control friendly aircraft.
BMD	Ballistic Missile Defence
BMEWS	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System A set of large radars located in Alaska, Greenland, and England, able to detect and track ballistic missiles and satellites in trajectories above the Arctic regions.
CFE	Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Negotiations among the members of NATO and the Warsaw Pact to reduce the number of conventional armaments and forces deployed in Europe.
COUNTERFORCE	Targeting of offensive weapons against the weapons (as contrasted to the economic or population assets) of an enemy.
CRISIS STABILITY	A situation in which no member of a confrontation has a logical motive to be the first to resort to violence.
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe A series of meetings among (now) 34 states dealing with confidence-building, disarmament, human contacts, human rights, and economic relations.