

I think that we must begin to melt this iceberg we have inherited from the Cold War.

Can we feel quiet and confident knowing that an area which concentrates increasing numbers of the most sophisticated arms remains unaffected by glasnost, knowing that those arms are extremely mobile and intended above all for use in offensive actions?

Let us face the truth: today the easiest way to launch a surprise attack, a military invasion, or an aggression is from the seas.

Of course, it is easier to look for things where there is light rather than total darkness. Instead of putting more searchlights where there is already bright illumination, strong rays of light should focus on the darkest corners of military activity.

Take space, where they do not just grow chickens. It is oversaturated with more than just monitoring satellites. And can we really be sure that all this stuff is good for mankind and for peace?

Closed space could make irrelevant the very idea of open skies.

I am convinced that we should urgently develop a system for verifying the activities of states in space.

The advocates of continued existence of nuclear weapons like to talk about some crazy leader who might suddenly acquire a nuclear bomb or missile and threaten to destroy life on Earth.

This is a strong argument. But it belongs to the past.

Now that private companies are well able to launch space rockets and objects, we can have absolutely no assurance that some "company" would not launch into space something that would make the world hostage to its ambitions.