

Lastly, I wish to say that we are willing to make a special effort to support the work of this commission, and to make the necessary infrastructure available to it in Switzerland.

Mr. NAZARKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian):

... A few words now on heavy ICBMs. As a result of the 1987 Washington summit, the two sides agreed to cap heavy ICBMs at 154 and their warheads at 1,540. This agreement was reaffirmed at the Moscow summit meeting in 1988 and is not open to question. To meet certain United States concerns on the subject of heavy ICBMs, we have however taken a number of steps bearing in mind these concerns. Work has continued on provisions in the future treaty and the accompanying documents related to the verification issue. The Soviet side calls for the broadest and most effective possible verification of compliance with limitations and prohibitions covering all types of strategic offensive arms that will be covered by the treaty. In particular, in this round, we have considered in detail the issue of "suspect site inspections" (these are more or less the same as challenge inspections under the chemical weapons convention). Indeed, the difficulties we have encountered in this area are similar to those existing in the area of a chemical weapons ban. Similar, but not identical. Here too the Soviet side has taken steps to narrow down the differences separating the two delegations.