

6:00 to 7:30

Opening Forum at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government

Presenter: President Gorbachev

Moderator: Graham Allison

Topic: "Overcoming Nuclear Danger."

5 December

All Conference Sessions (5th Floor Taubman Building, John F Kennedy School of Government)

8:30 to 10:00

I. The 1987 INF Treaty: zeroing out a class of nuclear weapons and missiles. A look back at the concept of the INF agreement and the record of what it achieved for lessons or insights about extensions or analogs.

Discussion Initiator: Rose Gottemoeller

Moderator: Steven Miller and Alexander Kononov

Discussion Questions:

- What was the basic concept in the INF agreement?
- Twenty years on, what grade should an objective observer give this agreement?
- Is the intrusive verification regime that allowed the parties to "trust but verify" appropriate for agreements that constrain the arms of the U.S., Russia, or other states appropriate today?
- Is it likely any other nations will join the recent joint US - Russian call to expand the INF Treaty?
- How will interactions between missiles, on the one hand, and missile defenses, on the other, affect the viability of the INF Treaty and other analogs?

10:20 to 11:50

II. Reykjavik Vision. In 1986 at Reykjavik, Iceland, Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev had a serious discussion of eliminating all nuclear weapons. This session will focus on the thinking behind this discussion, how the idea came about, why it was not adopted, and whether it may be more appropriate and/or more feasible today.

Discussion Initiator: President Gorbachev

Discussion Participant: Secretary George Shultz (by video link)

Moderator: Joe Nye

Discussion Questions:

- How serious were both Presidents about eliminating all nuclear weapons?
- Is the complete elimination of nuclear weapons a realistic goal?
- Would the elimination of nuclear weapons make the world safer and more stable?
- Can the elimination of nuclear weapons be achieved separately from agreements about missiles and missile defense?

1:00 to 2:30

III. Nuclear Danger Today: Nuclear Terrorism. This session will ask (1) how grave is the threat of nuclear terrorism and (2) what actions can be taken to minimize this danger?

Discussion Initiator: Graham Allison

Moderator: Tad Oelstrom and Mikhail Margelov

Discussion Questions:

- How real is the threat of terrorists exploding a nuclear weapon in one of our cities?
- Whose cities are at greatest risk of nuclear terrorism?
- What are the most important and urgent actions that can be taken to combat this threat?

3:00 to 4:30

IV. Beyond START II and the Treaty of Moscow. The future of U.S.-Russian strategic arms control.

Discussion Initiator: Vladimir Dvorkin

Moderator: Matt Bunn

Discussion Questions:

- What challenges to stability will be posed by the expiration of the strategic arms control verification regime in 2009?
- What agreements beyond START II and the Moscow Treaty would enhance U.S., Russian, and global security and stability?
- How do missile defenses affect the balance in arms control and disarmament negotiations?

5:30 to 7:30

Small Dinner. Participants and observers. (Ball Room Charles Hotel)
