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FOR THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

FOR THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION

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**Joint Agreed Statement**

For the purposes of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms of January 3, 1993 (START II), and without prejudice to the provisions of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms of July 31, 1991, the Parties agree that Article III of START II shall be understood by both Parties as allowing reductions in the number of warheads attributed to Minuteman III ICBMs to be carried out at any time before December 31, 2007.