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MIPT: GOPBACHEV'S STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT:-

ON JANUARY 15, 1986, THE SOVIET UNION PUT FORWARD A HISTORIC PROGRAMME, THAT OF STAGE-BY-STAGE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHEN SUGGESTING IT WE PROCEEDED FROM THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT FUTURE SECURITY WOULD BE A NUCLEAR-FREE ONE.

THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, AND THE COUNTRY'S DEFENCE COUNCIL WHICH I AM INSTRUCTED TO HEAD, CONSTANTLY KEEP THE PROBLEMS OF UNIVERSAL SECURITY AT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION. WE DO NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT THE SECURITY OF THE WORLD AND THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY SHOULD BE ENSURED BY JOINT EFFORTS AND POLITICAL MEANS, AND NOT BY WEAPONS.

THE COMMON SENSE OF THE PEOPLES, AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS, AND THE NATURAL INSTINCT OF SELF-PRESERVATION DECLINE TO ACCEPT THE LOGIC OF HUMANITY'S SUICIDE.

GUIDED BY THE AWARENESS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WORLD, THE SOVIET UNION COMES OUT IN FAVOUR OF FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE AND NON-VIOLENT WORLD.

AT THE RECENT FORUM IN MOSCOW WE ONCE AGAIN FELT THE EXPECTATIONS, CONCERNS AND INTENSE QUEST BY THE OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS AND PERSONALITIES IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, POLITICS AND RELIGIONS AND AGAIN BECAME KEENLY AWARE OF THE CRUCIAL NATURE OF OUR TIMES.

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THE REYKJAVIK MEETING SHOWED THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IS A QUITE REALISTIC POLICY. IN THE CAPITAL OF ICELAND WE WERE ONE STEP AWAY FROM AN ACCORD ON A WHOLE RANGE OF SUCH DECISIONS WHICH IN THEIR AGGREGATE WOULD HAVE SIGNIFIED A DEEP BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FRONT OF NUCLEAR DANGER.

HEREIN IS THE GREATNESS AND TRAGEDY OF THE REYKJAVIK MEETING. ITS GREATNESS WAS IN THE FACT THAT AN ATTAINABLE PROSPECT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD OPENED UP. ITS TRAGEDY LAY IN THE FACT THAT POWERFUL FORCES, BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY NUCLEAR-STRENGTH MENTALITY, OPPOSED ACCORDS.

IT IS A MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE WHAT HAS HAPPENED AFTER THE REYKJAVIK MEETING. THE U.S. TALKS, NOTWITHSTANDING OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE DYNAMISM AND SPECIFIC CHARACTER TO THEM, ARE BEING AGAIN DELIBERATELY BLOCKED.

THE SAME OFFICIALS WHO REGARDED IT AS LOGICAL TO CONSIDER IN REYKJAVIK THE ENTIRE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS COVERING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES, SPACE WEAPONRY, AND NUCLEAR TESTS, ARE NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH SAFOTAGING ACCORDS ON EACH OF THE AREAS BY PLEADING THAT THE SOVIET UNION INSISTS ON SOLVING THEM AS A PACKAGE.

IN ACTUAL FACT THE TALKS ARE BEING BLOCKED BY NARROW SELFISH INTERESTS AND BY UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP COUNTING ON MILITARY AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY, AND BY ILLUSORY EXPECTATIONS TO GET AHEAD, FIRST OF ALL, VIA OUTER SPACE.

TO US, THIS APPROACH IS ALIEN, AND MORE THAN THAT -- IT IS UNACCEPTABLE. OUR PRINCIPLED COURSE IS TIRELESSLY TO LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD OPEN UP A WAY TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ACCORDS AND TO EQUAL SECURITY.

THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, UPON HAVING RECENTLY CONSIDERED THE PACKAGE OF ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD, DECIDED TO MAKE YET ANOTHER BIG STEP IN THIS DIRECTION.

TODAY, ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, I AM ANNOUNCING OUR DECISION WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS.

THE SOVIET UNION SUGGESTS THAT THE PROBLEM OF MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE BE SINGLED OUT FROM THE PACKAGE OF ISSUES, AND THAT A SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON IT BE CONCLUDED ON IT, AND WITHOUT DELAY.

THERE IS ACTUALLY A READY ACCORD, AND NOT JUST A BASIS, FOR SUCH A STEP. IT WAS AGREED IN REYKJAVIK THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD ELIMINATE ALL THEIR MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES (MRM) IN EUROPE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD THE NUMBER OF SOVIET MRMS IN THE ASIAN PART OF OUR TERRITORY WOULD BE CUT DOWN TO A HUNDRED WARHEADS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD LEAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF MRM WARHEADS IN ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY.

AS SOON AS AN AGREEMENT ON ELIMINATING SOVIET AND U.S. MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE IS SIGNED, THE SOVIET UNION WILL WITHDRAW LONGER RANGE THEATRE MISSILES FROM THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, THE MISSILES WHICH HAD BEEN DEPLOYED THERE AS MEASURES IN REPLY TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING-2 AND CRUISE MISSILES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

AS FAR AS OTHER THEATRE MISSILES ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN TALKS IMMEDIATELY WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING AND FULLY ELIMINATING THEM.

SO, THERE IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO FREE OUR COMMON EUROPEAN HOME FROM A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF NUCLEAR BURDEN WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. THAT WOULD BE A REAL AND BIG STEP TOWARDS FULL DELIVERANCE OF EUROPE FROM NUCLEAR ARMS, WE ARE PUTTING OUR PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN GENEVA.

WE WERE ASSURED MORE THAN ONCE THAT IF THE USSR SINGLES OUT THE ISSUE OF MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES FROM THE REYKJAVIK PACKAGE, THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY TO AGREE TO THEIR ELIMINATION IN EUROPE. A GOOD OPPORTUNITY IS NOW BEING OFFERED TO PROVE THAT IN PRACTICE. THIS IS BEING AWAITED BY THE EUROPEANS AND BY THE PEOPLES OF OTHER CONTINENTS. THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE INTERESTS OF THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

OF COURSE, THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT, AS HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY EMPHASISED, SHOULD BE CONDITIONED BY A DECISION ON THE PREVENTION OF DEPLOYMENT OF WEAPONS IN OUTER SPACE, IN VIEW OF THE ORGANIC INTERCONNECTION OF THESE ISSUES.

DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES AND ARTIFICIAL OBSTACLES, THE SOVIET UNION IS AGAIN SHOWING ITS WILL TO RESOLVE THE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ISSUE.

THE NEW WAY OF THINKING MEANS AN ABILITY TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE PUBLIC. =THE EUROPEAN AND WORLD ONE, TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS AND INTERESTS OF OTHER PEOPLES, AND NOT TO SEPARATE ONE'S OWN SECURITY FROM THE SECURITY OF NEIGHBOURS IN OUR INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

THE HISTORIC CHANCE SHOULD NOT BE MISSED (EXCLAMATION). WE ARE AWAITING A SPEEDY AND POSITIVE REPLY.

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