

## News from Senator

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### DOLE TESTIFIES ON "TRIAD PLAN" FOR ARMS CONTROL BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to outline his "Triad Plan" for nuclear arms control. The Dole proposal was introduced in a Senate resolution last week.

"I would like to build on the flexibility that the President has shown. Perhaps a new approach might be productive. There are many delivery systems and thousands of warheads on both sides which have not been specifically addressed in detail in the INF and START talks. I would like to include them all, and then get down to the basic issues of force comparability at both INF and START. For reasons of assuring our NATO allies of the essential value that we attach to our common defense, I would keep the INF and START talks separate, although they would of course become closely linked, perhaps through a negotiating memorandum of understanding," said Dole.

"Further, I would pursue a nuclear freeze of force levels, aiming for initial reductions below our current deployment totals. To summarize, here is my six-point program that addresses these points in further detail:

- I believe that the President should propose to the Soviet Union a mutual and verifiable freeze of nuclear force levels substantially reduced from those that currently exist;
- The precise proposal must not limit the United States to nuclear forces inferior to those provided the Soviet Union;
- The freeze will be of all types of strategic and theater nuclear weapons and warheads, along the lines of the nuclear triad itself;
- If agreed to, the freeze would be a long-term agreement with provisions for reviews from time to time, looking to even lower nuclear force levels;
- Special attention must be paid to weapons that are the most destabilizing, and to technological breakthroughs of all sorts.
- We should also explore with the Russians nuclear nonproliferation, and the best ways to reduce the dangers of nuclear war by accident."

"I have been disappointed that the President's attempts to introduce flexibility at both the INF and START talks have met with stony refusals to negotiate seriously from the other side. We moved away from the zero-zero option in the INF talks -- and the Soviets did not take that opportunity to negotiate seriously on theater nuclear force reduction. The President's June 8 remarks set forth new flexibility in our START position -- and again, the Soviets failed to seize the occasion for real reductions on the strategic missile side," said Dole.

"It is more productive in my view to preserve our nuclear defenses while offering the Soviets something that both sides can agree to. With an eye to what these weapons are supposed to do -- rather than to a rigid formula -- we can best see how to limit them. Let's put arms control in the real world of nuclear defenses, and let's make it work," said Dole.

"To summarize, I believe that the President should propose that all strategic and intermediate-range nuclear forces should be reduced below today's deployment figures for both the United States and the Soviet Union. The proposal should parallel our present nuclear triad force structure. Then nuclear force levels should be frozen at that lower, reduced level -- which would then become the ceiling for a new round of negotiations. Special attention should be paid to weapons that are the most destabilizing, to verification procedures, and to non-nuclear technological breakthroughs that could affect the nuclear defense."

"The negotiations would be hard and long -- but I know of no subject that more deserves our full commitment and attention," said Dole.