

ABM Treaty is no barrier to missile defense development

Actions permitted under the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (without modification):

- Development and testing of fixed, land-based, mid-course missile defense (the current NMD system that has been in development for a decade)
- Testing of mid-course system under realistic conditions (targets launched from Kodiak, AK; tests conducted without warning or in bad weather)
- Development and testing of boost-phase missile defense technologies
- Development and testing of Airborne Laser missile defense technologies
- Development and testing of Space-Based Laser missile defense technologies
- Development of advanced, realistic simulators to test NMD technologies under a variety of conditions and scenarios