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ACDA TEAM VISITS PAKISTAN

A team of experts from the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) visited Islamabad the week of February 1, 1994 for informal discussions on the techniques associated with arms control negotiation, implementation, and verification.

The purpose of the ACDA visit was to provide information on aspects of the U.S. arms control experience that might be applicable in South Asia. Rather than provide standard briefings on individual U.S. arms control agreements, comments were tailored to focus on specific proposals designed to reduce the risk of surprise attack, increase transparency, and effectively monitor agreements over the long term.

Presentations were provided on conventional arms control measures/strategies, the Open Skies Treaty as a verification and transparency measure, confidence-building measures, the U.S.-Soviet ballistic missile arms race, and the status of multilateral proposals for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and Fissile Material Production Cut-Off. As appropriate, suggestions were made as to how similar approaches might enhance security in South Asia.

This trip was part of an ongoing ACDA effort to assist in the development of arms control approaches for regional application -- in South Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, East Asia/Pacific, and Africa.

The ACDA delegation was headed by Acting Deputy Director Thomas Graham who also visited with officials in Sri Lanka and presented a paper on multilateral and regional arms control efforts at the UN Conference on Disarmament and Regional Security in Kathmandu, Nepal. The text of that paper is attached.