The Treaty of Moscow between the United States and the Russian Federation requires each party to reduce its stockpile of operationally deployed weapons to between 1,700 and 2,200 weapons by the end of the year 2012.

In order to facilitate planning discussions for this, the parties have agreed to exchange certain information at the unclassified level, including the total number of operationally deployed weapons as of a certain date. The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Energy (DOE) jointly agreed to release to the Russian Federation by the Bilateral Implementation Commission of the following statement as unclassified:

"As of December 31, 2003, the United States had 5,273 operationally deployed strategic nuclear warheads."

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