

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST ACCORD

The American Committee on East-West Accord is an independent, educational organization aimed at improving East-West relations with special focus on US-Soviet affairs.

The purpose of the East-West Committee is to strengthen public understanding of initiatives to control and reduce nuclear arms and to encourage mutually beneficial programs in science, culture, and nonmilitary trade. Members view these policies as contributing to liberalized emigration, enhanced human rights, increased exchange of information, and freedom to travel for peoples of all nations.

Whereas organizational affiliations are listed for identification purposes, each official member serves in his or her individual capacity. The other category of participation is that of supporter.

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To drive the probability of nuclear war to zero is the historic imperative. In order to conduct an educational program of sufficient scope, substantial funding needs must be met. No effort should be spared; no support withheld. We welcome, and need, your participation.

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NEGOTIATION, NOT CONFRONTATION

The East-West Committee believes the security of the United States and that of our allies is best served by reducing tensions between East and West, and in particular between the United States and the Soviet Union to avert thermonuclear war.

We fully appreciate the fundamental differences separating the two societies, yet it is clear that areas of mutual self-interest exist—most significantly in nuclear weapons control and reduction; but also in nonmilitary trade and a variety of cultural, educational, scientific and technological exchanges. No matter how rigid the Soviet system, it is not immune to political accommodation, exposure to diversity, effective communication, and world opinion.

We believe that confrontational policies by either great power invite dangers neither nation can risk. Nor can the world.

In that spirit we support a stable military balance and fair and verifiable agreements to limit and reduce nuclear weapons. We reject the concept of "limited" nuclear war by either power and oppose development of nuclear weapons systems which undermine the principle of deterrence. In the area of nonmilitary trade, we believe undue unilateral restrictions should be removed and disincentives avoided.

We believe the aforementioned principles contribute to our national interest, our economic well-being, and above all, our ultimate survival.