

Belarus: Weapons On Territory

The last SS-25 Topol ICBMs on Belarusian territory were withdrawn to Russia on 27 November 1996. All warheads for the missiles were withdrawn to Russia on 23 November 1996. ["Belarus Completes the Withdrawal of the Remaining Russian Missiles," Press Release, Embassy of the Republic of Belarus to the United States of America, 27 November 1996.] {Entered JL 1/8/97}

ICBM DESIGNATIONS / NUMBER OF WARHEADS

NATO designation	SS-25 'Sickle' (road-mobile)
USSR-Russian designation	RS-12M 'Topol'
No. of warheads	1

ICBM BASES

9/90 START I MOU [1]	27 SS-25 at Lida 27 SS-25 at Mozyr
12/91 peak deployment [2]	81 SS-25 at Lida, Mozyr, and Postavy (breakdown unknown)
12/94 MOU [3]	18 SS-25 at Lida 18 SS-25 at Mozyr
1/1/96 MOU [4]	9 SS-25 at Lida 9 SS-25 at Mozyr
7/1/96 MOU [5]	7 SS-25 at Lida 9 SS-25 at Mozyr 2 non-deployed launchers at Lida
1/1/97 MOU [6]	0 at Lida 0 at Mozyr
7/31/2000 MOU [7]	0 at Lida 0 at Mozyr

Sources:

[1] September 1990 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

[2] Leonard Spector and William Potter, *Nuclear Successor States of the Soviet Union: Nuclear Weapon and Sensitive Export Status Report*, A Cooperative Project of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 1995, p. 6.

[3] December 1994 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

[4] "Fact Sheet," US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 2 April 1996.

[5] START I Memorandum of Understanding, effective date 1 July 1996.

[6] 1 January 1997 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, released 1 April 1997.

[7] 31 July 2000 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), US Department of State. {Updated 3/9/01 RG}

START-ACCOUNTABLE LAUNCHERS & WARHEADS

While all warheads and missiles were removed from Belarus in November 1996, the launchers remain START-accountable until their removal has been verified.

9/90 START I MOU [1]	54 ICBMs 54 warheads
12/91 peak deployment [2]	81 ICBMs 81 warheads
12/94 MOU [3]	36 ICBMs 36 warheads
1/1/96 MOU [4]	18 ICBMs 18 warheads
7/1/96 MOU [5]	16 ICBMs 16 warheads*
1/1/97 MOU [6]	0 ICBMs 0 warheads
7/31/2000 MOU [7]	0 ICBMs 0 warheads

* It is assumed that the warheads from the 2 missiles transferred to Russia in 1996 were also removed from Belarus.

Sources:

[1] September 1990 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

[2] Leonard Spector and William Potter, *Nuclear Successor States of the Soviet Union: Nuclear Weapon and Sensitive Export Status Report*, A Cooperative Project of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 1995, p. 6.

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TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

All tactical nuclear weapons were removed from Belarus at the start of May 1992; two months ahead of the 1 July 1992 scheduled deadline.

["Status Reaffirmed," JPRS-TND-92-014, 14 May 1992, p. 18.]