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1. (U) We drew on ref A October 23 to brief MFA Arms Control and Military Technical Cooperation Department Director Volodymyr Belashov and Counselor Rustam Rustamov on the results of the U.S.-Russia "2-plus-2" discussions held October 12-13 in Moscow. Belashov, who was on his way the same afternoon to a CFE-related meeting in Vienna, noted the information was very timely and thanked us.

2. (C) On the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, Belashov noted that, while Ukraine is not a party to the treaty, it had decided in 1992 to voluntarily observe the treaty's requirements. He expressed understanding of the Russian desire to expand INF requirements to other countries, but also noted that public statements by Russian officials indicated a Russian willingness to abandon the INF treaty if its provisions were not expanded to include other countries. Belashov also expressed skepticism that the Russians would be willing to undertake any additional steps regarding Georgia and Moldova to meet their Istanbul commitments.

3. (U) Visit Embassy Kyiv's classified website:
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