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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
CONCERNING OPEN LANDS

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter "the Parties")

Striving to provide a solid and enduring basis of openness and partnership for Russian-American relations;

Recognizing that the continued maintenance of travel controls and closed travel areas serves as a symbol of the Cold War and a vestige of mistrust; and

Considering that abolishing closed areas and other travel controls will mark a major step in our new relationship and will expand trade opportunities and other exchanges;

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Announce their common intention to be guided by the following principles:

1. On a reciprocal basis, the Parties will abolish all closed areas in the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Parties may continue to prohibit entry or access without the appropriate permission to facilities or other places requiring special permission for visits by the general public.

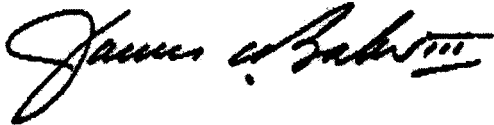
2. On a reciprocal basis, and in conjunction with the abolishment of closed areas, no permission will be required to undertake travel, by any means of transport, for U.S. and Russian diplomatic and consular personnel, military attaches, other government officials, commercial representatives, journalists, or other U.S. or Russian citizens covered by the current travel regime.

Such persons will be able, on a reciprocal basis, to arrange ticketing, accommodations, and other travel services directly with organizations providing such services, or through private or government service agencies where such exist, at the discretion of the traveller, and on the same basis as citizens of the host country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at Washington, June 17, 1992, in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

