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- We have always viewed our space launch trade agreements as transitional arrangements.
- These agreements have facilitated entrance by nonmarket economies into the commercial space launch business.
- Given the great progress Russia has made towards a market-based economy, and with the START issue behind us, we are prepared to work with your experts to transition to a more flexible approach.
- I am confident that we can move towards a market characterized by free and open trade in commercial space launch services. Given this, it is our intention, by the end of the current agreement, to eliminate the need for quota-based agreements in the future.
- I have asked our negotiators to contact Mr. Koptev and set the next round of talks as soon as possible