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**„Ballistic Missile Defence“**  
**- German Position and Activities -**



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# Threat Assessment

- Growing number of missile possessing states
- White Paper 2006: „*The proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery potentially represents the greatest threat to global security and, consequently, one of the largest political challenges to the international community of states.*“
- Deployed forces could be targets to ballistic missiles
- For DEU territory and population no current, immanent threat
- Potential development has to be taken into account
- For some allies a potential threat already exists.



# Strategic Implications

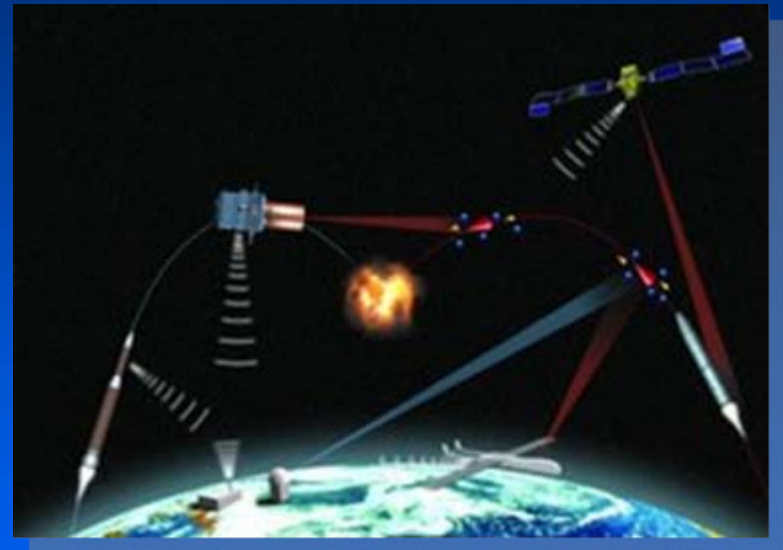
- **For example, impact on relationship with RUS**
- **MD could only be one element of a preventive security strategy**
  - Diplomacy
  - Non-Proliferation and Arms Control
  - MD
  - Deterrence



# German Activities and Position



## Territorial Missile Defence



## Theatre Missile Defence



# Theatre Missile Defence

- Improvement of own capabilities
- Significant Contribution to NATO ALTBMMD-Programme:
  - PATRIOT
  - MEADS
  - F-124 (sensor)
  - SAMOC
- Cooperation with RUS through NRC AHWG TMD



# Territorial Missile Defence

- **NATO best suited for MD-Discussion**
- **Several open questions**
  - Threat analysis
  - Arms Race ?
  - Consultation with 3rd countries, especially RUS
  - Cooperation with RUS
  - Command and Control
  - System architecture
  - Costs
  - Debris, HEMP
- **Sufficient answers prerequisite for decision**





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