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Objective information on military matters

Letter dated 12 October 1990 from the Deputy Head of the
Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit information on the total number and main categories of weapons of the Armed Forces of the USSR as at 1 January 1990.

I request that the text of this letter and its annex be circulated as a General Assembly document under agenda item 56 (f).

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Annex

INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL NUMBER AND MAIN CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS OF
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USSR

(as at 1 January 1990)

Total strength of armed forces of USSR - 3,993,000

Numerical data on strategic nuclear weapons of USSR

ICBM launchers	1 398
MIRVed ICBM launchers	760
SLBM launchers	924
MIRVed SLBM launchers	440
Total number of ICBM and SLBM launchers	2 322
Total MIRVed ICBM and SLBM launchers	1 200
Heavy bombers	162
Heavy bombers equipped with cruise missiles	97
Total ICBM, SLBM and heavy bomber ballistic missile launchers	2 484
MIRVed or cruise missile-armed ICBM, SLBM and heavy bomber ballistic missile launchers	1 297
Total number of strategic missiles, approximately	10 000

Quantitative data on main categories of conventional weapons of USSR

Forward Air Force Combat Aircraft, anti-aircraft defence and naval aircraft	8 207
Military helicopters, including naval aircraft	4 014
Tactical missile launchers	1 723
Tanks, including amphibious tanks (PT-76)	63 900
Military troop transports and armoured troop transports	76 520
Multiple rocket launchers and rocket-launching mortars (100 mm calibre and above)	66 880
Submarines (except for submarines armed with strategic ballistic missiles)	260
Nuclear submarines	113

Heavy surface vessels (aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, large anti-submarine vessels, landing craft displacing 1,200 tons and above)	157
Aircraft carriers	4
Landing craft displacing 1,200 tons and above	41
