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TRUMP, XI, PUTIN, REAFFIRM REAGAN-GORBACHEV IN SHENZEN

Donald Trump, Xi Jin Ping, and Vladimir Putin appear to have reaffirmed the Reagan-Gorbachev statement of 1984 that:

“A Nuclear War Cannot be Won and must never be fought’.

This, amidst the threats of nuclear annihilation that have been bandied around almost inconsequentially over the period between the commencement of the Russian war on Ukraine and now, is a pleasant surprise, though time alone will tell how meaningful it is.

Reagan-Gorbachev was last reaffirmed at the Biden-Putin summit in Geneva in 2021.

What is required to make Reagan-Gorbachev a reality would be:

--Real progress on nuclear risk reduction measures such as No First Use, lowered alert status, and improved or resumed military to military communications (Hotlines).

--An end to threats or implied threats of nuclear weapons use such as those that have emanated from one of the three governments since the invasion of Ukraine.

--Assured security for all especially smaller and medium sized nations next to large ones.

It has been hinted that a longer term outcome of the Trump-Xi-Putin meeting could be a dialogue on nuclear arms limitations and/or risk reduction.

Such a dialogue is long overdue and is to be warmly welcomed.

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