

Grushko added: “If our partners are not ready to give us this information, then we have no chance to come to an agreement. I do not see any possibility of doing this.”

Both current President Vladimir Putin and former President (when the discussions were initiated) Dmitri Medvedev have stated in no uncertain terms that the unilateral deployment of the U.S.-NATO BMD is strategically unacceptable to Russia, and that they *will* take necessary countermeasures before the system is fully deployed.

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## Russian Ambassador to NATO: BMD Discussions ‘Exhausted’

Feb. 11—In a timely restatement of long-standing Russian policy on the U.S.-NATO Ballistic Missile Defense system, which is being deployed to encircle Russia and impose their strategic capitulation to the British monarchy’s policies, Russia’s ambassador to NATO, Alexander Grushko, told Russia 24 TV channel Feb. 10:

“We can go around in circles, convene meetings, but if we fail to resolve the fundamental issue of providing reliable legal guarantees of non-direction of the U.S. and NATO missile system against Russian forces of nuclear deterrence, we can expect no improvements” in the BMD discussion. RIA Novosti reported that