

The Third Site: Risk or Opportunity?

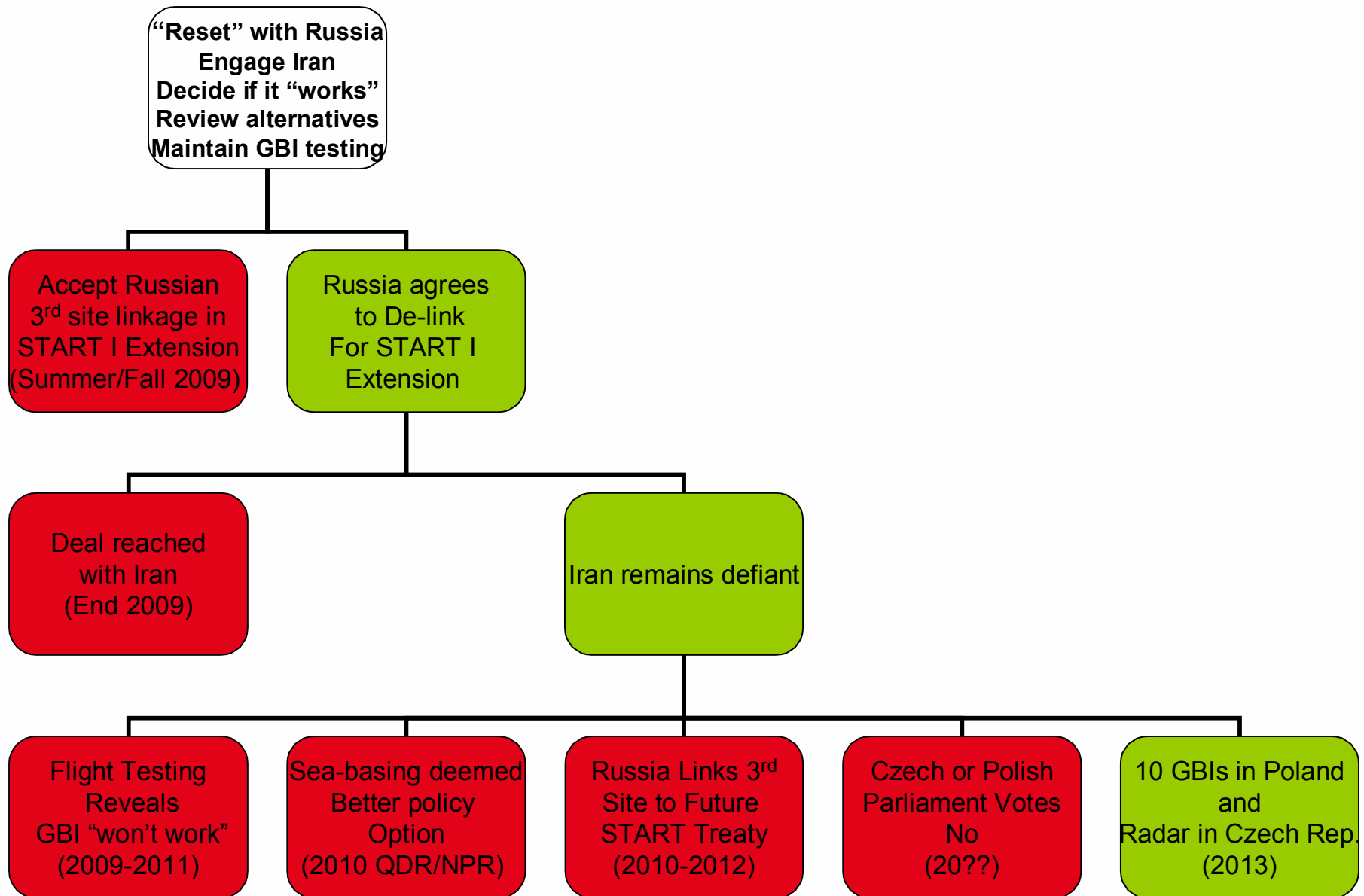
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“Let me be clear: Iran’s nuclear and ballistic missile activity poses a real threat, not just to the United States but to Iran’s neighbors and our allies. The Czech Republic and Poland have been courageous in agreeing to host a defense against these missiles. As long as the threat from Iran persists, we will go forward with a missile defense system that is cost-effective and proven.”

Obama Administration's "European Capability" Decision Pathway



NATO Decisions at Strasbourg on Territorial MD

- Bucharest MD conclusions reaffirmed
- Additional work on options for a comprehensive MD architecture is still required
- A “future US contribution of important architectural elements” could enhance elaboration of this Alliance effort
- The missile threats to the Alliance should be dealt with in a prioritized manner that includes consideration of the level of imminence of the threat and the level of acceptable risk
- NAC tasked with presenting recommendations (inc. architectural alternatives) at next Summit, and with identifying *and undertaking* the policy, military and technical work related to a possible expanded role for ALTBMD to include territorial defense
- Increased cooperation with Russia supported, including readiness to explore linking US, NATO and Russian MD systems.

Basic NATO Territorial MD Options

(to complement “a future U.S. contribution of important architectural elements”)

