

were enshrined in the 27th, CPSU Congress reflected his pragmatism and vision by combining the philosophy of ensuring security in nuclear age with an agenda for action aimed at creating a peaceful world. His ideas of security were broader in connotation as they offered a comprehensive approach to the future development of international politics, not only by creating a conducive atmosphere for favourable interactions among the international actors in various spheres of their activities, but also by guaranteeing the security through peaceful coexistence and cooperation with the west. His concept of comprehensive universal security had four major dimensions - military, political, economic and humanitarian. The military aspect concerned 'the renunciation by the nuclear powers of war against each other or against any third country with either nuclear or conventional weapons, which reflected that peace could be achieved only by terminating the material preparation of a nuclear war'.<sup>45</sup> When the world was on the brink of nuclear war, Gorbachev took consistent efforts to ease out the tension from the globe for a secured and prosperous world. He took the initiative to bridge up the gap between the two super powers towards which he concluded various treaties with USA. Geneva, Reykjavik, INF, Moscow, Malta and Washington summits were milestones in this regard. The second idea behind the proposal of the 27<sup>th</sup> CPSU Congress relating to the military aspect of Gorbachev's concept of security was aimed at the "prevention of the arms race in space, cessation of all nuclear weapon tests and total destruction of such weapons, a ban on and the destruction

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<sup>45</sup> *Report of the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of the CPSU*, (Moscow: Novosti Press, 1986), p. 71.

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