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# New START

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The Russian foreign ministry in a statement said, the US was seeking advantages and had deprived Russia of the right to carry out inspections on US territory.

**New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty)** is a nuclear arms reduction treaty between the United States and the Russian Federation, that were aimed at **reducing those two countries' arsenals of nuclear warheads and of the missiles and bombers capable of delivering such weapons.**

It was signed on 8 April 2010 in Prague, and, after ratification, entered into force on 5 February 2011. It is expected to last until 5 February 2026, having been extended in 2021.

New START replaced the Treaty of Moscow (SORT), which was to expire in December 2012.

The treaty calls for halving the number of strategic nuclear missile launchers. A new inspection and verification regime will be established, replacing the SORT mechanism. It does not limit the number of operationally inactive nuclear warheads that can be stockpiled, a number in the high thousands.

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