

National Security Can't Wait – Ratify New START Now.

For almost a year, American inspectors have been unable to monitor the Russian nuclear arsenal. The New START treaty will re-establish those inspections, provide a sound strategic framework, and improve our national security. That is why the entire U.S. military chain-of-command, seven former commanders of the U.S. Strategic Command, the head of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency and senior experts in both parties from each of the last seven presidential administrations support the New START treaty currently pending before the Senate.

“[T]he military leadership in this country believes that this treaty is essential to our future security. I hope the Senate will ratify it quickly.”

– Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
November 12, 2010

“If we don't get the treaty, they [the Russians] are not constrained in their development of force structure and we have no insight into what they're doing. So it's the worst of both possible worlds.”

– Gen. Kevin Chilton, Commander of U.S. Strategic Command
July 16, 2010

“So both for myself, as a previous commander at STRATCOM, and also for General Chilton, we both feel very comfortable with these numbers [in New START].”

– Gen. James Cartwright, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
April 6, 2010

“The U.S. is better off with [the New START] treaty than without it... It increases stability and predictability, allows us to sustain a strong nuclear triad, and preserves our flexibility to deploy the nuclear and non-nuclear capabilities needed for effective deterrence and defense.”

– Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
May 18, 2010

“We strongly endorse its early ratification and entry into force.”

– 7 former commanders of U.S. Strategic Command and Strategic Air Command
July 14, 2010

“Relative to the recently expired START Treaty, the New START Treaty actually reduces constraints on the development of the missile defense program.”

– Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, Director of the Missile Defense Agency
April 20, 2010

“[Failure to ratify this treaty] would have a detrimental effect on our ability to influence others with regard to, particularly, the nonproliferation issue.”

– James Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense 1973-1975
April 29, 2010

“I strongly believe that it is important for our country and Russia to maintain a vigorous commitment to arms control as part of our effort to create and maintain an effective non-proliferation regime.”

– James Baker, Secretary of State 1989-1992
May 19, 2010

“Non-ratification would throw the whole nuclear negotiating situation into a state of chaos...”

– Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, National Security Advisor 1989-1993
June 10, 2010



As members of The Consensus for American Security, we support the ratification of New START:

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| Brig. Gen. John Adams | USA (Ret.) | Maj. Gen. Marcelite Harris | USAF (Ret.) |
| Madeleine Albright | Secretary of State 1997-2001 | Sen. Gary Hart | US Senator (D-CO) 1975-1987 |
| Graham Allison | Special Advisor to the Secretary of Defense 1985-1987 | Lt. Gen. Arlen "Dirk" Jameson | USAF (Ret.) |
| Mary Catherine Andrews | Special Assistant to the President 2003-2005 | Brig. Gen. John Johns | USA (Ret.) |
| Scott Bates | Senior Advisor to the U.S. House of Representatives' Homeland Security Committee | David Kay | Former IAEA Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector |
| Samuel Berger | National Security Advisor 1997-2001 | Geoffrey Kemp | Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs 1983-1985 |
| Coit Blacker | Director and Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies | Lt. Gen. Donald Kerrick | USA (Ret.) |
| Barry Blechman | Defense Policy Board 2002-2006 | Col. Richard Klass | USAF (Ret.) |
| Mark Brzezinski | Director of Russian/Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council 1999-2001 | Lawrence Korb | Assistant Secretary of Defense 1981-1985 |
| Amb. Richard Burt | Chief Negotiator, Strategic Arms Reduction Talks with the Former Soviet Union | Rear Adm. Rosane Levitre | USN (Ret.) |
| Lt. Gen. John Castellaw | USMC (Ret.) | Gen. Merrill "Tony" McPeak | USAF (Ret.) |
| Brig. Gen. Stephen Cheney | USMC (Ret.) | Janne Nolan | Director of Nuclear Security, ASP |
| Nelson Cunningham | Senior White House Foreign Policy Advisor | Adm. William Owens | USN (Ret.) |
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| Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton | USA (Ret.) | Lt. Gen. Norman Seip | USAF (Ret.) |
| Lt. Gen. Robert Gard | USA (Ret.) | Amb. Wendy Sherman | Former Counselor to the Secretary of State 1997-2001 |
| Dennis Gormley | Senior Research Fellow, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies | George Shultz | Secretary of State 1982-1989 |
| Vice Adm. Lee Gunn | USN (Ret.) | Strobe Talbott | Deputy Secretary of State 1993-2001 |
| Mort Halperin | Director, Policy Planning Staff at the Department of State 1998-2001 | Lt. Gen. James Thompson | USA (Ret.) |
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