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| Trump Officials Remain Bullish on Trilateral Arms Control and Bearish on New STARTPresident Donald Trump said recently that he is open to meeting with the other heads of state of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to discuss arms control and will soon put forward a trilateral arms control proposal with Russia and China. But China continues to express its opposition to trilateral talks and has yet to respond to U.S. overtures to begin a bilateral strategic security dialogue.At the same time, the U.S. administration continues to deflect questions about its stance on the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which is due to expire in 2021.Trump [told](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=ece7a61d65&e=42144a53b1) reporters Feb. 29 that Russia, China, the United Kingdom, and France “all want to now discuss arms control” and that the leaders of those countries will likely discuss the subject at the UN General Assembly in New York in September.[READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=df10f4524d&e=42144a53b1) |

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| https://gallery.mailchimp.com/94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1/images/c0d577d9-bb08-4b07-9346-874381d991ce.png**Russia Continues Pushing for INF-Range Moratorium.** Only France and Italy have acknowledged President Putin’s proposal for a moratorium on the deployment of ground-launched, intermediate-range missiles previously prohibited by the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, Russia’s Foreign Minister said last month. [READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=8878648ecf&e=42144a53b1) |

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| https://gallery.mailchimp.com/94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1/images/5e30b13c-5d67-457b-94fd-d20f4dacc6d6.png**Future of U.S. Open Skies Participation Still to Be Determined.**Defense Secretary Mark Esper told Congress in March that he is halting funding to replace the Pentagon’s aging aircraft used for flights under the Open Skies Treaty until the administration makes a final decision regarding the future of U.S. participation in the treaty. [READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=dfb07de56b&e=42144a53b1) **Leaders Respond to Russian P5 Summit Proposal.**Russia has received a positive reaction to President Putin’s proposal to hold a summit on international security with the leaders of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. [READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=cfe1c0552b&e=42144a53b1)**P5 Discuss Arms Control in London.**Officials representing the five permanent members of the UN Security Council discussed a range of arms control issues during a Feb. 11–12 meeting in London in advance of this year’s NPT review conference scheduled to begin in April. They were joined by participants from 16 non-nuclear-weapon states to address topics such as nuclear transparency, disarmament, and verification. [READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=4df4d86ae2&e=42144a53b1)**Russia Denounces U.S. Deployment of New Low-Yield Warhead.**Russia criticized the Pentagon’s announcement in February that the U.S. Navy has for the first time begun fielding a low-yield nuclear warhead (the W76-2) on some of its submarine-launched ballistic missiles. [READ MORE](https://armscontrol.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94d82a9d1fc1a60f0138613f1&id=4339a3df49&e=42144a53b1) |

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