The New START Treaty: An Overview of the Verification Regime

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The New START Treaty: Tools of Verification

- National Technical Means (NTM)
- On-Site Inspections
- Exhibitions
- Data Exchanges and Notifications
- Unique Identifiers (UIDs)
- Telemetric Information
- The Bilateral Consultative Commission (BCC)
• The Treaty provides for the use of NTM.
• The Parties are not to interfere with the other’s NTM.
• NTM helps confirm the accuracy of the declared data.
ON-SITE INSPECTIONS: Type-One Inspections

• 10 Type-One inspections

• Type-One inspections confirm declared data on strategic offensive arms

• Type-One inspections confirm the number of warheads declared to be on a designated, deployed ICBM, SLBM, or heavy bomber

U.S. and Russian Inspection Team Chiefs at the first New START inspection in the United States
ON-SITE INSPECTIONS
Type-Two Inspections

• 8 Type-Two inspections

• Type-Two inspections confirm declared data on non-deployed strategic offensive arms

• Type Two inspections confirm the number, type, and technical characteristics of non-deployed strategic offensive arms
Article XI: “Each Party shall conduct exhibitions and have the right to participate in exhibitions conducted by the other Party.”
New START Treaty Data Exchange

**DATA EXCHANGE AND NOTIFICATIONS** – Ongoing exchanges of data on numbers, locations, and technical characteristics of weapons systems and facilities, with regular notifications and updates.

- Facilities
- Number and location of strategic offensive arms
- Aggregate number of warheads

**SCHEDULED DATA EXCHANGE** (Twice a year)

- Movement of strategic offensive arms
- Missile Flight Tests
- Inspections
- New Types of strategic offensive arms

**AS REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS** (43 Types)
UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS (UIDs)

- Each newly-produced and existing ICBM, SLBM, and heavy bomber is assigned a UID.
- UID are included in the data exchanges and in Treaty notifications.
- UID are verified during inspections in order to confirm the declared data.
Annual Telemetry Exchange

• The exchange of telemetric information of launches of ICBMs and SLBMs is on a parity basis, up to five flights annually.

• The Parties exchanged telemetric information for one launch during each of the first two Treaty years.
Bilateral Consultative Commission (BCC)

- The Treaty established the BCC.
- The BCC has met 5 times so far.
- The work of the BCC improves the viability and effectiveness of the Treaty.
Conclusions

• New START Treaty implementation is progressing smoothly.

• The New START Treaty’s verification regime is effective.

• Both sides are working together in a professional manner.
Questions?