

Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty

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Russia has officially declared it no longer considers itself bound by the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

About Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty

- It was signed between the **United States and Russia** (Formerly known as the Soviet Union) in 1987.
- **Objective:** Under this treaty both powers agreed to **destroy two categories of lethal missile systems from their own stocks** as a means to decelerate the nuclear arms race.
- The need for such an expansive treaty was felt after a considerable build-up of missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads by both sides in their European spheres of influence, threatening the security of the entire continent.
- The treaty came to fruition after years of negotiations during the leadership of US President **Ronald Reagan** and Soviet leader **Mikhail Gorbachev**.

- The treaty led to the elimination of an entire class of weapons, ground-launched missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometres.
- It also allowed verification by observers from both sides — thus leading to the dismantling of 2,619 missiles in three years.
- **Present status of the treaty:** The US withdrew from it, citing violations by Russia.

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