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)
NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS (NTM)

- 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
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
Exhibitions

**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)

**AS REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS** (43 Types)

• Movement of strategic offensive arms
• Missile Flight Tests
• Inspections
• New Types of strategic offensive arms
• Each newly-produced and existing ICBM, SLBM, and heavy bomber is assigned a UID.

• UIDs are included in the data exchanges and in Treaty notifications.

• UIDs 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.
• 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?