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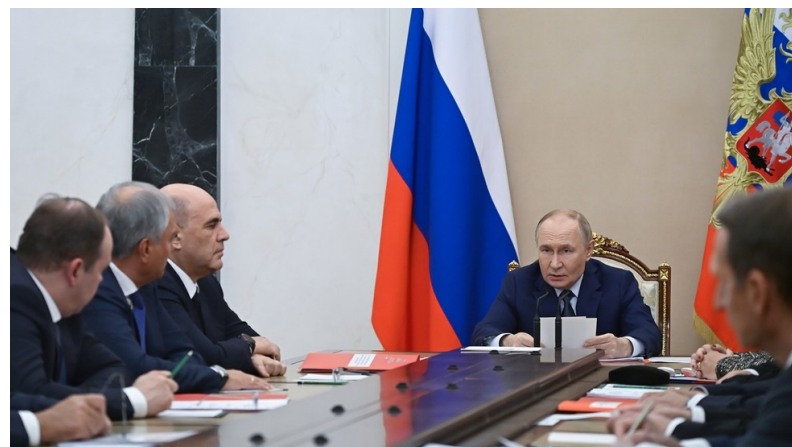
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# Russia willing to extend New Start nuclear treaty – Putin

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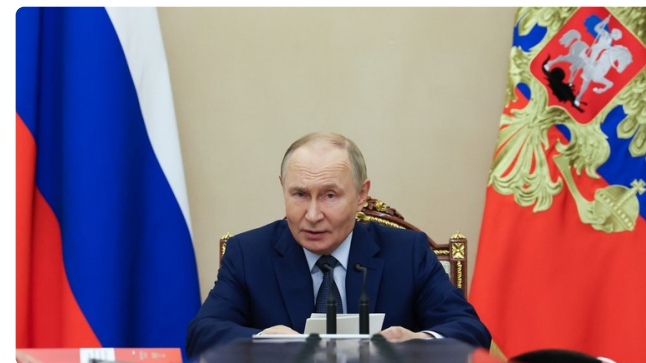
Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting with members of the Security Council at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. © Sputnik / Alexander Kazakov

Russia is prepared to continue abiding by the New START treaty on nuclear arms for one year even after it expires next February, Russian President Vladimir Putin has said.

Speaking at a meeting with the permanent members of Russia's Security Council on Monday, Putin said that due to the hostile and destructive steps taken by the West in recent years, the foundations of constructive relations and cooperation between nuclear-armed states have been significantly

undermined.

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*“Step by step, the system of Soviet-American and Russian-American agreements on nuclear missile and strategic defensive arms control was almost completely dismantled,”* Putin said. He stressed that the systems of agreements between Russia and the US, who possess the two largest nuclear arsenals in the world, long served as a stabilizing factor and contributed to global stability and international security.

Putin noted that the New START treaty, signed in 2010 by Russia and the US, is the last remaining bilateral agreement limiting nuclear weapons. He warned that allowing it to expire and abandoning its legacy would be *“a mistaken and short-sighted step, which, in our view, would also negatively impact the goals of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.”*

The president announced that in order to avoid provoking a strategic arms race and ensuring an *“acceptable level of predictability and restraint,”* Russia is prepared to continue adhering to the central limitations of the New START Treaty for one year after February 5, 2026.

*“Based on our analysis of the situation, we will subsequently make a decision on maintaining these voluntary self-restraints,”* he added.

At the same time, Putin stressed that Moscow would implement this measure only if the US *“follows suit and does not take steps that undermine or disrupt the existing balance of deterrence potential.”*

The president ordered Russia’s relevant agencies to continue closely monitoring US activities in regard to strategic offensive arms arsenals and any plans to expand the strategic components of the US missile defense system. If it is deemed that Washington is taking actions that undermine Moscow’s efforts to maintain the status quo on strategic offensive arms, Russia will *“respond accordingly,”* Putin said.

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