

## The Trump administration is preparing a major mistake on the INF Treaty

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“Once the United States withdraws from the treaty, there is no reason for Russia to even pretend it is observing the limits. Moscow will be free to deploy the 9M729 cruise missile, and an intermediate-range ballistic missile if it wants, without any restraint. [And] the U.S. decision will prove controversial with European allies and others who continue to see value in the treaty.”

This article lists four main reasons that withdrawing from the INF treaty is a mistake.

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