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Statement by Chairman Rogers on Putin's Violation of Nuclear Treaty

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Mike Rogers today released the following statement on Russia's violation of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. The signing of the INF Treaty in 1987 by President Reagan and Secretary Gorbachev marked an historic turning point in the Cold War, and stood as the pillar of our post-Cold War relations with Russia.

Statement by HPSCI Chairman Mike Rogers: "It is past time this Administration holds Russia accountable for its actions. The violation of this treaty has put our allies at greater risk and is a major step backward in our post-Cold War relations with Russia. This treaty violation, coupled with Russia's actions in Ukraine, support for separatists that shot down flight MH-17, and its arming of the murderous dictator in Syria clearly demonstrates Putin's Russia is a thugocracy that has no regard for international norms and is not a productive member of the community of nations. President Vladimir Putin's Russia seeks only one thing: a return to great power status to the detriment of the interests of the United States of America and our allies.

"The United States should not be unilaterally bound from developing options to deal with terrorists and rogue states. The Administration should make clear that Russia will face repercussions for its failure to comply with the Treaty."

Background:

In an October 2012 classified letter, Chairman Rogers urged President Obama to take seriously the violation of and circumvention of the INF treaty. Chairman Rogers sent additional letters to the President on the treaty violation, linked below.

[02-06-14 – Letter to the President on Russia's Breach of INF Treaty \(link\)](#)

[04-12-13 – Letter to the President on Russian violation of Arms Control Obligations \(link\)](#)

[02-14-13 – Letter to the President on Arms Control Violations by Russia \(link\)](#)

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