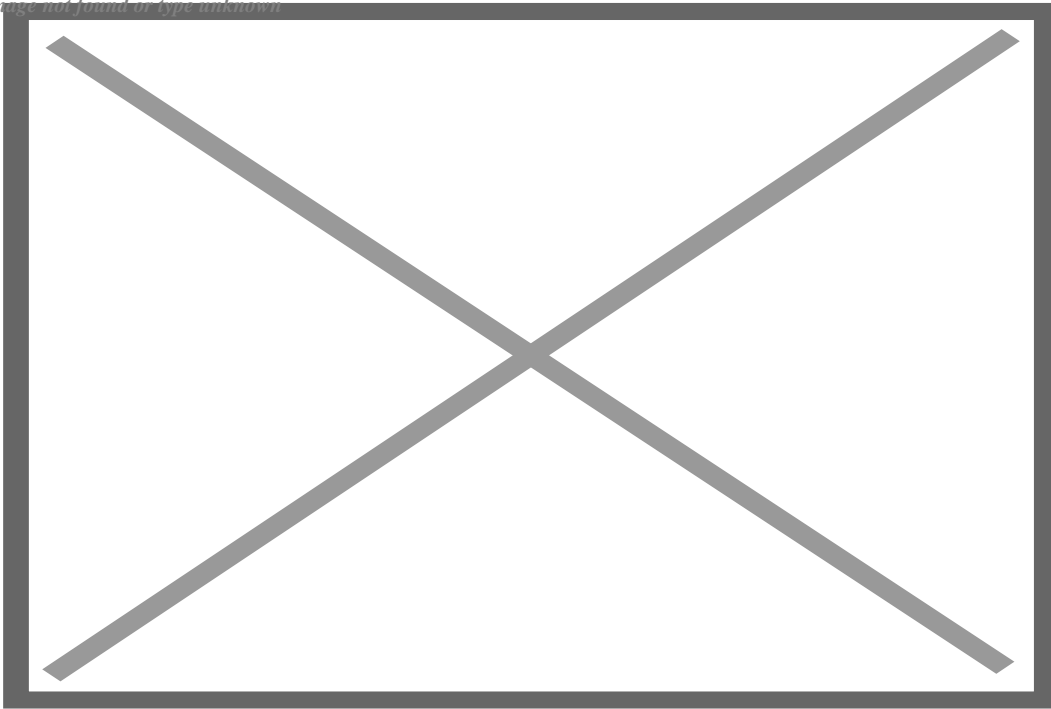


# *Cuba praises the Start-III Treaty as a guarantee for peace*

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Havana, February 2 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez stressed on Tuesday that the Treaty on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (Start-III), signed between Russia and the United States, contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security.

Through his official Twitter account, the head of Cuban diplomacy emphasized the importance of the agreement, 'by limiting the number of nuclear warheads and the means for their delivery'.

'The extension of the new Start contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security, and the last of the bilateral legal instruments for nuclear arms control is preserved', he wrote.

The original Treaty was signed in 2010 by then U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and was set to expire earlier this month.

Recently, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden decided to extend the agreement, which now runs until February 5, 2026.

Start-III is currently the only agreement between Moscow and Washington in the field of nuclear disarmament.

This Treaty established in 2010 the reduction in the shares of deployed strategic offensive armaments in seven years so that the sum of intercontinental ballistic rockets, missiles on submarines, and heavy bombers of this type would not exceed 700.

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