

START Faces Revisal

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Konstantin Kosachyov, chairman of the State Duma's International Affairs Committee, said Friday that he would ask colleagues to reopen debate on the New START nuclear arms treaty with the United States.

Deputies should consider attaching conditions to ratification of New START in response to similar efforts by U.S. Senate Republicans, Kosachyov said in a blog on the web site of Ekho Moskvyy radio.

He said by phone Friday that he was "not suggesting refusal to ratify the treaty" but that he would ask his Duma committee in the coming days to return to discussions and add "its own interpretations" of unspecified clauses of the document. ☒

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