

# Obama Signs START

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signed documents for the New START treaty, a cornerstone of U.S. efforts to “reset” ties with Russia, on Wednesday.

The agreement limits each country to 1,550 strategic warheads, down from 2,200. President Dmitry Medvedev signed the papers last week after the treaty cleared parliament. The U.S. Senate approved the pact in late December after Obama lobbied hard for passage.

Ratification becomes final when both sides exchange the signed papers.

Obama signed the documents in the Oval Office in the presence of news photographers only. ☒

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