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U.S. Considers New Sanctions Against Russia Over Alleged INF Treaty Violation

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Rose Gottemoeller, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Verification and Compliance.

The U.S. could introduce new economic sanctions against Russia over its alleged violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Wednesday, citing a top U.S. official.

"We continue to consider economic measures in connection with the INF Treaty, but we have not made a decision yet," said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control Rose Gottemoeller, RIA Novosti reported.

The INF Treaty bans the production, storage or flight-testing of any medium-range missiles with a range capability of 500 to 5,500 kilometers. Washington claims that Russia violated the agreement by testing a missile in July last year. Moscow denied the accusations.

Gottemoeller added that the sanctions imposed on Russia by the U.S. and the European Union

last year over its actions in the Ukraine crisis had been “incredibly effective,” according to the news agency.

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