

Germany Would Oppose New Nuclear Missiles in Europe, Foreign Minister Says

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Germany would strongly oppose any move to station new medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe if a key Cold War-era arms control treaty is scrapped, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told DPA.

"Under no circumstances should Europe become a stage for a rearmament debate," the German news agency quoted him as saying in an interview published on Wednesday.

"Stationing of new medium-range missiles would be met with broad resistance in Germany," he said.

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The United States has threatened to pull out of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces

Treaty, which bans Moscow and Washington from stationing short- and intermediate-range, land-based missiles in Europe.

Russia has said it was planning for a U.S. deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe following Washington's planned withdrawal from the treaty.

Germany's Maas said: "Nuclear rearmament is most certainly the wrong answer."

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