

# Russia Will Respond to Any NATO Steps Over Missiles, Minister Says

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**Russian Defense Ministry**

Moscow will respond in kind to any steps NATO takes over Russia's decision to suspend a 1987 nuclear missile treaty, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Wednesday, according to the state-run RIA news agency.

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NATO defense ministers will discuss later on Wednesday their next steps if Moscow keeps a missile system that the United States says would allow short-notice nuclear attacks on Europe and break the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

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