

Arms Limitation Treaties

Year	Agreement	Signatories	Description
1959	Antarctic treaty	30	Limits Antarctica to peaceful activities; explicitly bans nuclear explosions and disposal of radioactive waste.
1963	Partial Test Ban Treaty	111	Bans testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space, or underwater.
1963	Hot Line Agreement	US, USSR	Establishes direct communications links between Moscow and Washington so heads of state may confer in event of crisis.
1967	Outer Space Treaty	81	Bans nuclear weapons from space
1967	Treaty of Tlatelolco	25	Bans production, acquisition, testing, storage or deployment of nuclear weapons by Latin American nations; additional protocols require NWS to respect denuclearized Latin America.
1968	Non-proliferation Treaty	140	Bans acquisition of nuclear weapons by NNWS; bans nuclear-weapons technology transfers from NS to NNWS; encourages non-weapons nuclear-technology assistance to NNWS: commits NW's to pursue arms control.
1971	Accidents Measures	US, USSR	Upgrades safeguards against unauthorized or accidental use of nuclear weapons.
1971	Seabed treaty	74	Bans nuclear weapons on or beneath the ocean floor beyond 12 miles from coast line.
1972	ABM Treaty	US, USSR	Limits signatories to two anti-ballistic missile sites each; later protocol reduces this to one site each.
1972	SALT I Interim Agreement	US, USSR	Places limits on strategic-missile launchers.
1973	Prevention of Nuclear War Agreement	US, USSR	Requires US-USSR consultation when there is danger of nuclear war.
1974+	Threshold Test Ban	US, USSR	Limits underground tests to 150-kiloton maximum yield
1974	Vladivostok Accords	US, USSR	Limits strategic launch vehicles to 2,400 on each side. Bombers included for first time.
1979+	SALT II	US, USSR	Limits strategic launch vehicles, number of MIRVed Missiles, bombers with cruise missiles. Allows each side to deploy only one new ICBM model. Prohibits secret coding of signals from missile test flights.
1985	Treaty of Rarotonga	8	Establishes nuclear-weapons free zone in South Pacific; requires IAEA safeguards on other nuclear technology.
1987	INF Treaty	US, USSR	Eliminates all medium range nuclear missiles (range: 300-3400 miles in US and Soviet arsenals); establishes on-site inspections of missile-production facilities.
1991	START Treaty	US, USSR	30% reduction in strategic nuclear war-heads, including 50% reduction in ballistic-missile warheads. Cap of 1,600 long-range deliver vehicles, including missiles and aircraft. First limits on cruise missiles. Detailed limitations on specific weapons systems.

*year treaty first signed. Unless noted, treaty became effective by the following year. + SALT II was never ratified; Threshold Test Ban was not ratified until 1990

