

## Historic Russia-China Joint Declaration: Against US-NATO Escalation and Nuclear War. Manlio Dinucci

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The meeting in Moscow between **President Vladimir Putin** and **President Xi Jinping** marks a turning point not only in the relationship between Russia and China, but in the entire international setup. The two sides signed 14 joint documents expanding cooperation in the areas of trade, investment, supply chain, megaprojects, energy and hi-tech. In the "**Joint Declaration on Deepening the Russian-Chinese Comprehensive Partnership and Strategic Cooperation for a New Era,"** the two sides pledge to "provide strong mutual support in the defense of each other's core interests, especially sovereignty, territorial integrity, security and development."

This includes the strategic-military agreement between Russia and China, on which the political-media complex in the West has dropped a curtain of silence, at the same time dismissing the Chinese plan for a diplomatic solution to the war in Ukraine, which Russia has accepted as the basis for negotiations.

These are the main lines laid down in the official documents signed in Moscow:

"Russia and China reiterate that a nuclear war cannot have winners and must never be fought."

"All nuclear powers must not deploy nuclear weapons outside their national territories and must withdraw all nuclear weapons deployed abroad."

"Russia and China expressed concern over the intensification of U.S. efforts to build a global missile defense system and deploy its elements in various regions of the world, as well as the U.S. intention to deploy intermediate- and short-range land-based

missiles in the Asia-Pacific and European regions and transfer them to their allies."

"Moscow and Beijing agreed to conduct regular joint sea and air patrols and joint exercises, develop military exchange and cooperation using all available bilateral mechanisms, and increase mutual trust between their armed forces."

Threatened by the escalation of the U.S. and its allies to the East, Russia and China form a common front extended to their respective allies. In this situation, Italy and the entire European Union are being drawn into an escalating war with disastrous consequences.

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