

# The War Race: Long-Range Weapons against Russia. “A Nuclear Response is Possible”. Manlio Dinucci

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*President Biden authorised Ukraine to use US long-range weapons against Russia: ATACMS missiles with a range of over 300 km. Immediately the first missiles of this type were launched against targets on Russian territory. Shortly afterwards, Great Britain authorised Ukraine to use long-range Storm Shadow missiles against Russia, Italy also participates in its production with Leonardo Company. At this point, Russia hit a Ukrainian military aerospace facility with the new hypersonic Oreshnik missile with multiple non-nuclear warheads, also capable of being armed with nuclear warheads.*

Russian **Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov** stated that such attacks on Russia are a sign the West wants escalation, recalling that **President Putin had warned Western countries how Russia’s position would change if this category of weapons with a range of 300 km was approved.**

On 19 November, President Putin signed a decree ratifying the revision of Russian nuclear doctrine. These, in essence, are the key provisions:



**1. Nuclear deterrence is aimed at a potential adversary, and may include individual countries and military alliances (blocs, unions) that consider Russia as a potential enemy and possess nuclear and/or other weapons of mass destruction, or have substantial general-purpose force combat capabilities.**

**2. Russia will also engage in nuclear deterrence against those countries that offer their territory, sea areas, airspace and resources for aggression against it. Aggression by any non-nuclear state with the involvement or support of a nuclear state will be considered a joint attack on Russia.**

**3. Furthermore, a nuclear response is considered possible in the event of a critical threat to Russia's sovereignty, including through conventional weapons, including an attack on Belarus or a massive attack by warplanes, cruise missiles, drones or other aircraft crossing the Russian border.**

Italy falls into the category defined in point 2: although it is a non-nuclear country adhering to the Non-Proliferation Treaty that forbids it from receiving nuclear weapons from anyone, it hosts on its territory US nuclear weapons directed against Russia, for use. Under US command, the Italian Air Force is ready. Italy and other European countries in the same situation (Germany, Belgium, Holland) therefore fall under Russian nuclear deterrence, i.e. Russian nuclear missiles are aimed at nuclear bases in Italy.

While ignoring the growing danger of nuclear war, the Biden Administration, NATO, and the European Union are escalating the conflict against Russia, with the intention of precipitating the situation before the Trump Administration can open a negotiating channel with Russia. NATO is conducting a major direct war exercise against Russia in Finland that 28 countries, including Italy, are participating under US command. The European Union will conduct a similar military exercise in Germany. The five largest EU countries – France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Great Britain – have decided to jointly issue Defence Bonds to support the European war industry. **Ursula Von der Leyen** stated that the EU needs to invest EUR 500 billion over the next decade to strengthen its military forces and continue arming Ukraine.

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