



**MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES DU ROYAUME DES PAYS-BAS
LA HAYE**

TRAITÉ SUR LES FORCES ARMÉES CONVENTIONNELLES EN EUROPE
(Paris, le 19 novembre 1990)

Notification conformément à l'article XXII, troisième paragraphe

RETRAIT

Fédération de Russie, 09-06-2023

Conformément à l'article XIX, deuxième paragraphe, la Fédération de Russie a notifié au Dépositaire sa décision de se retirer du Traité. Le retrait prendra effet le 7 novembre 2023.

DECLARATION

Fédération de Russie, 09-06-2023

Le Dépositaire transmettra dès que possible la traduction française de la déclaration de la Fédération de Russie.

La Haye, le 9 juin 2023

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**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
THE HAGUE**

TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE
(Paris, 19 November 1990)

Notification in accordance with Article XXII, paragraph 3

WITHDRAWAL

Russian Federation, 09-06-2023

In accordance with Article XIX, second paragraph, the Russian Federation has given the Depository notice of its decision to withdraw from the Treaty. The withdrawal becomes effective on 7 November 2023.

DECLARATION

Russian Federation, 09-06-2023

(Translation)(Original: Russian)

"The Russian Federation has taken a decision to withdraw from the CFE Treaty 150 days after this notification is sent. The Russian Federation also assumes that in the context of its withdrawal from the Treaty, the Document agreed by the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe of 19 November 1990 (Annex A to the Final Document of the First Conference to Review the Operation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and the Concluding Act of the Negotiation on Personnel Strength adopted in Vienna on 31 May 1996 (the Flank Document)) will cease to have effect with respect to the Russian Federation 150 days from the date of this notification.

The Russian Federation considers it necessary to withdraw from the CFE Treaty in the context of extraordinary events related to the subject matter of this Treaty that have jeopardized its supreme interests. Such events include, in particular:

1. Accession to the North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington on 4 April 1949 (Washington Treaty of 1949) of new states without a corresponding change in the composition of the CFE States Parties and groups of States Parties, as well as the stationing of conventional armaments of "old" NATO members in the territories of "new" members, resulting in the repeated circumvention or excess of CFE Treaty "group" limitations.
2. Non-compliance by the CFE States Parties that have signed or acceded to the Washington Treaty of 1949, with the political commitment made in Istanbul on 19 November 1999 to accelerate ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, as well as with the commitment to adjust territorial ceilings.
3. Other actions by a number of the CFE States Parties, which run counter to the objectives of the Treaty, in particular actions relating to the transfers of conventional armaments.

The recent NATO accession of Finland that is not a CFE State Party but borders on the part of the territory of the Russian Federation included into the area of Treaty application, probable future deployment of conventional armaments of the third States in Finland, as well as continuing procedures for admitting Sweden, neither a CFE State Party, into the Alliance, considerably upset the safe and stable balance of conventional armed forces in the North of Europe, being the last straw that has necessitated the withdrawal of the Russian Federation from the Treaty.

The Russian Federation assumes that the CFE and the Flank Document will cease to have effect for it 150 days after the notification of withdrawal is sent to all CFE States Parties, namely starting from 7 November 2023.

The Russian Federation would appreciate the Depositary's prompt bringing this information to the attention of all the States Parties to the CFE Treaty, as well as timely convening a conference of States Parties to the CFE Treaty in accordance with Article XXI, paragraph 4, of the Treaty."

The Hague, 9 June 2023

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