

**Articles I, II, and VI:
New Issues for the NPT**

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- negotiate!

China after Russia's Belarus deployment

- <https://press.un.org/en/2023/gadis3712.doc.htm> (Oct. 5, 2023)

(Business as usual)

<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/PRO/N23/091/67/PDF/N2309167.pdf?OpenElement> (Mar. 31, 2023)

(China all but calls out Russia at the UNSC)

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S/PV.9300 p. 21. **CONTEXT:** Security Council meeting on Russia's deployment of nuclear weapons to Belarus.

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Some or all of the above?

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