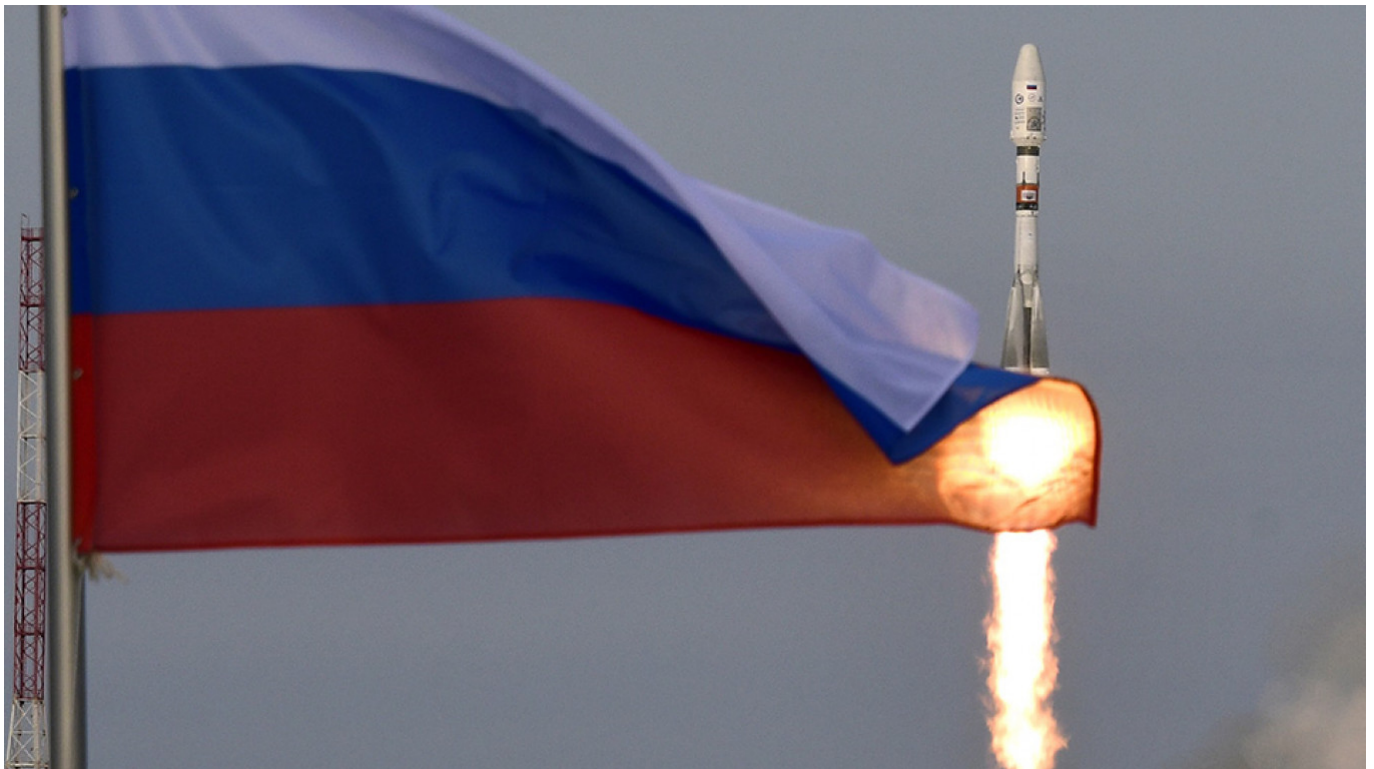


# Russia Accuses 'Aggressive' U.S. of Starting Arms Race in Space

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Russia condemned a new strategy document for space that the Pentagon unveiled Wednesday. **Yuri Smityuk / TASS**

Russia on Friday said the new space strategy unveiled by the U.S. this week was "aggressive," accusing Washington of seeing space as a place to wage war.

"The document confirms the aggressive course by Washington in the space sphere," Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

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"Space is seen by the U.S. side as an arena for warfare," it said, calling this a "destructive" approach which "provokes an arms race in space."

"Russia holds the diametrically opposing position, giving priority to using and studying space

only for peaceful goals," it said.

Unveiled by the Pentagon on Wednesday, the strategy document was the first since President Donald Trump announced the creation of the new Space Force military arm in December.

The Pentagon strategy stressed that the U.S. would strive to maintain superiority in space, in particular protecting GPS satellites on which the military as well as the emergency services, transport and even financial services depend.

"China and Russia present the greatest strategic threat due to their development, testing and deployment of counterspace capabilities," it said, claiming that Moscow and Beijing are developing tools for jamming and cyberattacks that directly threaten U.S. satellites.

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