

## The Failed Russia “Reset” Rolls on With Iran

### *Rhetoric:*

- “A ratified New START Treaty would also continue our progress toward broader U.S.-Russian cooperation, which is critical to other foreign policy priorities, including dealing with Iran’s nuclear program.”  
– [Secretary of State Clinton](#), 5/18/2010
- “Our close cooperation with Russia on negotiating this New START treaty added significantly to our ability to work with them regarding Iran.”  
– [Secretary of State Clinton](#), 6/17/2010

### *Reality:*

- “U.N. Agency Says Iran Data Points to A-Bomb Work”  
– [NY Times](#), 11/9/2011
- “Russia Dismisses Calls for New UN Sanctions on Iran”  
– [NY Times](#), 11/10/2011

The Obama Administration promised a “reset” in relations with Russia, specifically saying Russia would be more helpful in addressing Iran’s nuclear program. The reality is that Russia continues to serve as Iran’s protector in international affairs. Given this, Senators would have plenty of foundation to ask what exactly has been gained in the Russia Reset.

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