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Objective:

Russia has been trying to develop a modern conventional strike capability for more than ten years. Although reaching this goal is still years ahead, the gap appears to be narrowing. Moscow's plans for an even more ambitious project, a prompt global strike capability, are probably only two or three years behind American efforts. Moscow's new ability to support a more ambitious foreign policy will inevitably affect Washington's calculations.

This project will review the R&D and acquisition programs in these areas together with Russian military doctrine, Russian nuclear strategy, Russia's relations with other nations, missile defense capabilities, and arms control agreements.

Approach:

Sokov will review existing Russian programs, chart the parameters of the likely future capability, analyze Russian views on the possible applications of conventional strike and defense forces, and outline the possible consequences of these capabilities on the international security landscape. The Monterey Institute will publish the end product as an occasional paper or special report.