

1 (A) a treaty or international agreement
2 specifically approved with the advice and con-
3 sent of the Senate pursuant to Article II, sec-
4 tion 2, clause 2 of the Constitution; or

5 (B) an Act of Congress specifically author-
6 izing such reductions.

7 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
8 shall not apply to the following:

9 (1) Reductions made to ensure the safety, secu-
10 rity, reliability, and credibility of the nuclear weap-
11 ons stockpile and strategic delivery systems, includ-
12 ing activities related to surveillance, assessment, cer-
13 tification, testing, and maintenance of nuclear war-
14 heads and strategic delivery systems.

15 (2) Nuclear warheads that are retired or await-
16 ing dismantlement on the date of the enactment of
17 this Act.

18 (3) Inspections carried out pursuant to the New
19 START Treaty.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means the following:

23 (A) The congressional defense committees.

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1 (B) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of
2 the House of Representatives and the Com-
3 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

4 (2) The term "New START Treaty" means the
5 Treaty between the United States of America and
6 the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further
7 Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive
8 Arms, signed on April 8, 2010, and entered into
9 force on February 5, 2011.

