
CHINA DEFENDS NUCLEAR POLICY AMID SCRUTINY OF ARSENAL EXPANSION

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China on Tuesday defended its nuclear posture as stable, consistent and predictable, reiterating that it follows a self-defense strategy and a longstanding policy of no first use of nuclear weapons amid growing international scrutiny of its expanding nuclear arsenal.

Speaking at a press briefing, Chinese Defense Ministry spokesperson Chen Xi dismissed claims that Beijing is engaged in a nuclear buildup aimed at competing with other major powers.

China always keeps its nuclear capabilities at the minimum level required for national security and never engages in any nuclear arms race, Chen said.

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