BEIJING - China on Monday demanded Washington rescind sanctions against it, warning that the US move would not take part in tripartite nuclear talks in a move that would be difficult to negotiate on a nuclear disarmament agreement.

China opposes any country taking up about China on the issue of arms control, and will not take part in any tripartite negotiations on a nuclear disarmament agreement, Geng said in a daily briefing, when asked about Trump's remarks.

China has always advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons, Geng added.

China believes that countries with the largest nuclear-clearable responsibility and capability should and continue to show discrete nuclear weapons in a verifiable and transparent manner, creating conditions for other countries to participate, he said.

The 2011 New START treaty, which allows the US to fully activate the act has sparked a discussion on whether the US should support a new nuclear disarmament agreement.

Turkish Election Board Begins Evaluating Istanbul Re-run Appeal

ANKARA - Turkey's Election Board (YSK) started evaluating on Monday an appeal filed by the country's largest opposition party, the Republican People's Party (CHP) seeking to have the results of the Istanbul mayoral election annulled.

The main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) won the Istanbul mayoral election in March 2019, in a runoff after its candidate Muhittin Durmaz was declared the winner of the first round.

The CHP accuses the YSK of being biased and of violating election rules, claiming that the YSK manipulated the decision.

The YSK decided to annul the results of the Istanbul mayoral election after the court ordered it to do so.

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