

# INTERNATIONAL

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## Russia Pulls Out of ICC, Philippines May Follow

**R**USSIA SAID WEDNESDAY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE with the wishes of President Vladimir Putin, it is quitting the International Criminal Court (ICC). The decision was made because the organization has “failed to meet the expectations to become a truly independent, authoritative international tribunal,” an official statement said.

CNN wrote about [the decision on November 17](#):

## Pax Germanica: Media Hails Germany as New World Leader

**I**N THE WAKE OF DONALD TRUMP'S ELECTION, Germany is being asked to step up as it is hailed as America's replacement as leader of the free world. The following are some notable quotes from a range of news sources.

[“Donald Trump's Election Leaves Angela Merkel as the Liberal West's Last Defender,”](#) *New York Times*, November 13 :

**“Never before has so much ridden on the Germans,”** said Simon Tilford, the deputy director of the Center for Euro-

# EU Takes Concrete Steps Toward a Military to Create a 'Superpower'

**WE TALKED ABOUT THIS**



**E**UROPEAN UNION DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS on November 14 agreed on a plan to take concrete steps toward an EU military.

While small, these are practical, concrete steps, designed to bring Europe toward developing an EU military. They are far more than token gestures. They lay the foundation for later progress and solve some important problems that have held Europe back in the past.

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