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Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov Speaks to United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan by Telephone

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A telephone conversation took place on January 28 between Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

The conversation focused on questions of the preparation for a Middle East Quartet ministerial meeting in London, scheduled for January 30, in which it is planned to discuss the results of the Palestinian parliamentary elections. There was underscored on both sides the importance of working out a coordinated position of the Quartet at the present crucial stage in Palestinian-Israeli settlement on the basis of the principles contained in the Road Map.

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