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Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov's Meeting and the Consultations at the Russian Foreign Ministry with Demetrius Perricos, Acting Head of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

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On February 13, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov received acting head of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) Demetrius Perricos, with whom consultations were also held at the Foreign Ministry on matters related to the Commission's activities in Iraq and the situation with the Iraqi "disarmament dossier."

There was reaffirmed on the Russian side the necessity to close the "disarmament dossier" of Iraq on an international legal platform through the adoption of an appropriate resolution of the United Nations Security Council. In this connection the importance was emphasized of arranging constructive engagement by Iraq with international inspection and monitoring mechanisms, UNMOVIC and IAEA.

There was reconfirmed the urgency of Iraq's accession, in execution of the relevant UNSC resolutions, to international agreements and treaties with respect to the prohibition and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which would among other things contribute to the strengthening of security in the region.

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