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**Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Yakovenko Meets with
Directors of Departments of International Organizations of the Foreign Ministries of
Britain, the PRC, US and France**

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On March 2 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Alexander Yakovenko received the directors of the departments of international organizations of the foreign affairs agencies of Britain, the PRC, US and France, in Moscow to hold consultations among the representatives of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

During conversation, a high assessment was given to the outcome of the consultations held, and the necessity was emphasized of imparting to them a more regular character. Problems connected with the reformation process within the UN and with the course of the implementation of the Summit 2005 Final Document, as well as pressing issues on the Security Council agenda were discussed. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of comprehensively strengthening the Security Council, which in accordance with the United Nations Charter bears primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

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