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PRESS RELEASE

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Meets with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan

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Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov on March 8, in New York, during his visit to the US, met with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

An exchange of views on the full range of issues on the UN agenda took place, including tasks linked to implementation of the decisions of Summit 2005.

Lavrov and Annan substantively and from similar vantage points examined developments around Iran, in Iraq, the Middle East as a whole and Kosovo, pointing out the importance of working out a consolidated international strategy to achieve a lasting settlement in conflict areas of the world.

Further mutual engagement in questions of Georgian-Abkhaz settlement was discussed, including that between the Collective Peacekeeping Force (CPKF) and the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG).

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