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**Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Speaks to US Secretary of State
Condoleezza Rice by Telephone**

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On March 24, a telephone conversation between Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice took place at the American side's initiative.

A number of international problems were discussed, including the situation around the nuclear program of Iran in the context of ongoing consultations on this issue in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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