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PRESS RELEASE**Publication of a Collection of Documents Related to the UN's 60th Anniversary**

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A unique edition has come out in Moscow, "Statements of Heads of Delegations of the USSR/Russian Federation at Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization."

The edition was prepared jointly by the Foreign Ministry of Russia and MGIMO (U). The editorial board under the chairmanship of Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov consists of Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Yakovenko, Rector of MGIMO (U) Anatoly Torkunov, Permanent Representative of Russia to the United Nations in New York Andrey Denisov, Director of the MFA Historico-Documentary Department Alexander Churilin, and eminent Russian diplomats - A. A. Bessmertnykh, A. M. Belonogov, Y. M. Vorontsov, Y. V. Dubinin and V. F. Petrovsky.

The collection of documents incorporates a selection of statements of heads of Soviet and Russian delegations from the first UNGA session in 1946 to the World Summit held in New York in September 2005.

The value of this publication lies in the fact that it helps to trace, on the basis of original sources, the evolution of the approaches of the USSR and Russia as its successor towards the United Nations Organization. Much has changed over these 60 years. But the keenness of Russia, just as of many states, to comprehensively reinforce the UN system and the principles of collective diplomacy remains invariable. In this sense the collection is a major historical document.

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