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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Yakovenko Attends the Ministerial Roundtable of the UNESCAP Sixty-second Session in Jakarta on Enhancing Regional Cooperation in Infrastructure Development, Including That Related to Disaster Management**

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On April 11, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Alexander Yakovenko took part in the ministerial roundtable held in conjunction with the sixty-second session of UNESCAP in Jakarta on enhancing regional cooperation in infrastructure development, including that related to disaster management.

In his speech the Russian representative focused mainly on transport infrastructure development in the AP region, information technologies, energy security, more intense efforts by the world community for establishing a disaster warning infrastructure, and the question of financing this activity.

Yakovenko drew attention to Russia's initiative for promoting cooperative disaster warning and elimination efforts within the framework of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue. In this context he informed meeting participants of the upcoming holding in Moscow on September 26-29 of an International Conference on the Problems of Hydrometeorological Security.

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