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Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Speaks to Head of the Palestinian National Authority Mahmoud Abbas by Telephone

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A telephone conversation took place on April 14 between Sergey Lavrov and PNA Head Mahmoud Abbas.

Issues related to the current state of, and prospects for Palestinian-Israeli settlement were touched on, accentuating the importance of continuing international assistance to the resumption of the negotiating process on a universally recognized international legal basis, the maintenance of stability in the Palestinian territories and the solution of the pressing social and humanitarian problems facing the Palestinian population.

Abbas highly assessed the intention of Russia, affirmed by Lavrov, to soon render urgent financial aid to the PNA.

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