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Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Speaks to Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Manuchehr Mottaki by Telephone

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On April 29, a telephone conversation between Sergey Lavrov and Manuchehr Mottaki took place at the Iranian side's initiative. The ministers exchanged views on the developments in the situation around the Iranian nuclear program in the context of the report prepared on April 28 by IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei on this matter. There was re-emphasized on the Russian side the urgent need for Iran to take concrete steps directed at regaining the world community's trust in its nuclear activities, in particular to suspend uranium enrichment R & D, as well as to fully cooperate with the Agency in the matter of clarifying the questions IAEA still has about the Iranian nuclear program as soon as possible.

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