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**PRESS RELEASE**

**State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia Grigory Karasin Meets with Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Georgia Heidi Tagliavini**

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A meeting took place in Moscow on May 2 between State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Grigory Karasin and Heidi Tagliavini, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Georgia.

There were examined the prospects for movement forward in resolving the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict through an active use of existing negotiation mechanisms. The sides noted the importance of continuing close cooperation between the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia and the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Force as the key elements of the maintenance of security and stability in the conflict zone.

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