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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Meets with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Aboul Gheit in New York**

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On May 8 Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, currently in New York, met with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

A number of pressing international and regional problems were discussed, with special emphasis laid on issues related to the current situation in Middle East settlement and on the necessity of resuming the Palestinian-Israeli dialogue.

The sides also reaffirmed the strategic character of Russian-Egyptian relations and the reciprocal striving for the expansion of close cooperation and coordination between the two countries at the regional and international levels.

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