

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov Attends the International Conference on Afghanistan: a Comprehensive Strategy in a Regional Context

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov on March 31 took part in the International Conference on Afghanistan: a Comprehensive Strategy in a Regional Context, held in The Hague.

In the framework of this forum, an exchange of views took place on the developments in the military-political and socioeconomic situation in Afghanistan, including in a regional context, taking into account the upcoming presidential elections in the country. The possibilities of imparting a new impetus to the efforts of the international community on the Afghan track were discussed – primarily in terms of greater coordination with the Government of Afghanistan.

Sergey Lavrov briefed on the results of the special conference on Afghanistan convened under the aegis of the SCO and held in Moscow on March 27. The documents adopted at the Moscow Conference, including the Joint Declaration and SCO-Afghanistan Plan of Action, were officially circulated at the forum in The Hague and evoked considerable interest. The role of Russia in facilitating Afghan settlement efforts was noted in the speeches of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and other participants.

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