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Official Visit to Russia of Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Patricia Espinosa Cantellano

On October 7-9, Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, was on an official visit to Russia at the invitation of the Government of the Russian Federation.

Her meetings with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov and Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Elvira Nabiullina took place.

During the talks at the Foreign Ministry, which passed in a benevolent and constructive atmosphere, the sides exchanged views on current issues in bilateral cooperation and on pressing international and regional problems. It was noted that Russia and Mexico are united by their common approaches to most of them and, first and foremost, to the task of strengthening the principle of multilaterality in world affairs, of reinforcing the central role of the UN in the system of international relations and of imparting to its activities greater effectiveness. Russia and Mexico strive for close cooperation in different formats in the interest of shaping a democratic, fair and safe world order, in particular, in questions of resolving conflict situations, of nuclear nonproliferation, of countering terrorism, organized crime and the drug business, and of war on poverty and on climate change.

Lavrov informed Espinosa about Russia's position with regard to the situation resulting in Transcaucasia from the aggression of Georgia against South Ossetia and about the actions of the Russian leadership aimed at restoring stability in that region.

Noting the positive dynamics of Russian-Mexican relations, the sides expressed their reciprocal readiness to expand mutually advantageous cooperation in the economic, commercial, scientific, technological, cultural and humanitarian fields. Emphasis was laid upon the importance of intensifying the mechanisms of business cooperation, to which belong the Russia-Mexico Mixed Commission on Economic, Commercial, Scientific-Technical Cooperation and Marine Navigation and the Russian-Mexican Business and Academic Forum. The signing on October 9 of an Academic Cooperation Agreement between the Russian MFA Diplomatic Academy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico became an indicator of the strengthening of bilateral interaction.

A Joint Statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs was signed at the end of the talks.

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