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**Sergey Lavrov's remarks and answers to questions  
at the Primakov Readings International Forum  
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**Key points:**

- We are witnessing the development of a fairer multipolar and polycentric architecture.
- Those whose business is to analyse international developments cannot disregard the fact that more and more countries in Eurasia, Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America are trying to pursue a more independent foreign policy.

- The principles of “regional solutions to regional problems” is becoming increasingly more topical. More and more countries, regions and organisations have accepted it and have joined their voices in calling for more democratic international relations.
- There are now centres of power and development outside of Europe and outside of the Western world. This can be viewed as the positive results of the decolonisation process, which started in mid-20th century. The Soviet Union took part in it.
- Even if the US retains the status as one of the global centres of power in the foreseeable future, which is quite possible, this does not mean preserving the US-led world order.
- The only novelty, perhaps, is the non-independent, servile position of the leaders of big, respected European states with rich traditions of autonomy in international affairs and awareness of their own national dignity. <...> The US is already openly shifting the costs of fighting Russia to its European vassals, enabling its defence companies to make money.
- We are interested in just one thing: threats to Russian security should stop emanating from the West.
- Our neighbours on the western tip of Eurasia could have become a centre of an emerging multipolar world order. Someday, they will change their mind and realise that their line, implemented on orders from Washington, is leading them into a blind alley.
- Western countries want to punish Russia, and they want to use our example to intimidate everyone who conducts, or intends to conduct, an independent foreign policy <...>. All these vain attempts have no future and are already yielding a diametrically opposite effect.

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