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**Press release on a diplomatic demarche to Canadian Charge d'affaires ad interim over Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly's "regime change" in Russia statement**

On March 20, Canadian Charge d'affaires ad interim Brian Ebel was summoned to the Foreign Ministry, where he was presented with a strong protest over Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly's statement at a March 10 news conference to the effect that official Ottawa intended to achieve the goal of "regime change" in Russia by all "economic, political and diplomatic means."

The Canadian diplomat's attention was drawn to the fact that remarks of this sort were inadmissible and at variance with Canada's obligations under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, to which it is a State Party, and with the generally recognised principles and norms of international law.

It was underscored that Russia reserved the right to take relevant countermeasures depending on the further steps of the ruling Trudeau regime in the context of its declared course of confrontation with Russia. It was noted in particular that this latest Russophobic attack, which has taken place and has not yet been disowned by the Canadian side, will have the most serious consequences for bilateral relations.



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