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**Answers of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation  
Sergey Lavrov to media questions following bilateral meetings on the  
sidelines of the Ministerial Meeting of Afghanistan's Neighboring  
Countries, Tunxi, March 30, 2022**

**Question (translated from English):** How can you comment on the talks you had with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi?

**Foreign Minister Lavrov:** A full-fledged round of talks was held with my colleague, Minister of Foreign Affairs, member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Wang Yi. We reviewed the entire range of bilateral relations in accordance with the guidelines agreed upon by the leaders of Russia and China, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping. They are aimed at the comprehensive development of Russian-Chinese ties and building up our foreign policy coordination. Satisfied with the negotiations that took place.

**Question (translated from English):** How do you assess the results of the talks with the Ukrainian side held in Istanbul?

**Foreign Minister Lavrov:** We regard the results of the talks held yesterday in Istanbul as positive progress. This is not the final result yet. I consider it a significant progress that the Ukrainian negotiators confirmed the need to ensure a non-nuclear, non-bloc status of Ukraine and its security outside the framework of the North Atlantic Alliance, as well as the understanding by the Ukrainian colleagues that the issues of Crimea and Donbass have been finally resolved.

**Question:** You had talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. And what are your impressions after meetings with other colleagues?

**Foreign Minister Lavrov:** The impressions were positive. In all of today's talks with representatives of participating countries, Afghanistan's neighbors have seen, heard and confirmed the commonality of our approaches to what is happening today in the international arena.

A new reality is being formed: the unipolar world is irretrievably a thing of the past, and a multipolar one is emerging. This is an objective process. It's impossible to stop him. In this reality, more than one power will “rule” – it will be necessary to negotiate between all the key states that today have a decisive influence on the world economy and politics. At the same time, realizing their special position, these countries ensure compliance with the basic principles of the UN Charter, including the fundamental one - the sovereign equality of states. No one on this Earth should be treated as a minor player. All are equal and sovereign.

**Question:** There is a list of countries unfriendly to Russia. Is there a list of friends?

**Foreign Minister Lavrov:** All the rest who are not included in this list are countries that are friendly to us.

**Question (translated from English):** President Joe Biden said, "I don't appreciate it until I see what action they take." At the same time, US Secretary of State E. Blinken said that there is a difference between what Russia says and what it does. What will be your answer?

**Foreign Minister Lavrov:** I can't think and fantasize for US President George Biden, as well as for Secretary of State Andrew Blinken. If we talk about those whose words differ from deeds, I don't even want to give a huge number of examples now when the United States said one thing and did something completely different.



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