

CLOSER ASIAN RELATIONS

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India contacts with other Asian countries may become even greater than in the past due to the Asian talks, however, is understood to have reflected the belief that the Eastern countries, working together on occasion, may influence much greater UN apparently considered that if Asian countries want to build a larger unit in the interests of peace and international trade and more of an existing pattern of cooperation such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), East Asia Summit (EAS), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building in Asia (CICA) and Cooperation in Russia-India-China (RIC) frameworks.

The APEC forum agreed tariff caps for an expanded list of environmental products and promised not to raise new trade barriers by 2015 and showed that the Asian vector of Russia's foreign policy has strengthened. Russian political class attaches great importance to the participation of Moscow in the different regional forums such as the EAS, SCO, APEC, ASEAN, ACD, CICA and RIC frames. Active work on these sites helps to build a new regional architecture, which is designed for existing political blocs and is based on the supremacy of international law, equality and transparency. The architecture must rest on the indivisibility of security and provide security inadmissible self to the detriment of other states. Russia, with its great potential will make every effort to improve stability in the region and develop reliable partnerships.

When some territorial or economic contradictions between the countries of the region are being discussed in these dialogue mechanisms, Russia is one of the few to demonstrate objective approach to the views of all parties involved in the issue, including India. India should keep in mind that there is no conditional aspect Moscow plans for the countries of the region with balanced approach to the approval of different sanctions and commitment to the peaceful resolution of international problems

Russian leaders and senior officials in their statements to the media emphasize the company to pursue a course of further integration in the political and economic processes in South Asia and Asia Pacific regions. Discuss issues of regional security and cooperation Russia will seek U.S. and its allies engaged in constructive dialogue cripple Washington's efforts to strengthen its own military and political alliances with countries in the region to cope with the growing influence of China.

Experts assess the prospects of cooperation between India and Russia in various fields for mutual benefit. It goes without saying that a close cooperation with Russia gives India long-

term and stable deliveries of natural resources, investment projects in exploration and development of gas fields and pipeline laying projects, hydro and nuclear energy, research non-traditional sources of energy and energy saving technologies. Due to the instability of world markets for hydrocarbon fuels and rising oil prices. Russia, with its huge reserves of natural resources could be serious economic stabilizer in India and other countries in the region. India could reduce its dependence on oil and gas shipments to conflict zones by expanding with Russia.