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Lavrov addresses UN General Assembly: Live Updates

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. © Sputnik/Valery Sharifulin

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is addressing the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York regarding the Ukrainian conflict and a broad range of other issues.

Lavrov has held more than 35 meetings on the sidelines of the UNGA over the past three days, including one with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. During the talks, both agreed to maintain contact on a wide range of issues.

They also reaffirmed the importance of the *“momentum”* generated by the Alaska summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump in *“normalizing bilateral relations,”* the Foreign Ministry in Moscow relayed.

The Russian delegation’s visit comes on the heels of a sharp change in Trump’s rhetoric on the Ukraine conflict following his meeting with Vladimir Zelensky earlier this week. In a Truth

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Social post on Tuesday, the US president said he believes Kiev is *“in a position to fight and win all of Ukraine back,”* with enough support from the EU and NATO.

For months before that, Trump and his administration had argued that Ukraine would need to relinquish some of its territorial claims in order to secure a US-brokered peace deal.

Unlike his predecessor, Joe Biden, Trump has resisted sending large amounts of direct US military aid to Kiev and has instead urged European NATO members to buy American weapons for Ukraine's forces.

Throughout the conflict, Moscow has stressed that it is open to a peaceful settlement, as long as it includes a Ukrainian commitment to neutrality, demilitarization, denazification, and acceptance of the new territorial realities.

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Russia supports removing Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism and lifting sanctions against it, Lavrov has said.

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Lavrov stated that Russia condemned the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, but still considers West Jerusalem's actions in Gaza unacceptable.

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“Today marks the culmination of the Russian delegation’s work” during the 80th UN General Assembly, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said.



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