

# *Russia, Peru Favor Peaceful Solution to Ukrainian Crisis*

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Lima, May 1 (RHC) -- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that his government and Peru favor a dialogue between Ukraine's de-facto government and pro-Russia militias under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Lavrov made the comment during a statement to reporters after meeting with Peru's President Ollanta Humala and Foreign Minister Eda Rivas.

The Russian diplomat said his country and Peru have common positions on international issues, including the Ukrainian crisis, and stressed the importance of the peaceful resolution of the conflict in that eastern European country.

In Lima, the Russian Foreign Minister met with his Peruvian counterpart Eda Rivas, who proposed to start negotiations for the signing of a bilateral free trade agreement, adding that free trade zone talks with Russia will lead to a beneficial experience exchange between the two nations.

Earlier, Lavrov met with President Ollanta Humala, with whom he celebrated the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations, with a mutual pledge of strengthening bilateral ties. The Russian foreign minister came to the South American country as part of a Latin American tour that also took him to Chile, Nicaragua and Cuba.

In 2013, Peru offered Russia to set up a free trade zone. Russia's exports to Peru include fertilizers, metal rolls, aircraft spare parts, and petroleum produce. On the list of its imports are lead and zinc concentrates, fish flour, frozen fish and other seafood.

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