

JOINT RUSSIAN-CHINESE INITIATIVE ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

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The Two Sides underscore that multiplying threats and challenges facing the Asian Pacific region require further efforts of all countries of the region to maintain regional safety and stability. Therefore they have decided to jointly put forward an initiative on strengthening security in the spirit of mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and interaction. The Two Sides stand for establishing in the Asia Pacific region an open, transparent and equal architecture of security and cooperation based on the principles of international law, non-bloc foundations and due consideration of legitimate interests of all parties. All countries of region must reject confrontation and mutual cooperation directed against third countries.

The Two Sides call upon all countries of the Asia Pacific region to adhere to the following basic internationally recognized principles while promoting their bilateral and multilateral cooperation:

- To respect sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, not to interfere in internal affairs of each other;
- To confirm their commitment to the principle of equal and indivisible security;
- To confirm defensive character of their military policy;
- Not to use or threaten to use force;
- Not to undertake or support any actions aimed at overthrowing governments or undermining stability of other states;
- To resolve mutual disagreements by peaceful political and diplomatic means on the basis of principles of mutual understanding and search for compromise;
- To strengthen cooperation on countering non-traditional threats to security;
- To develop bilateral and multilateral military cooperation not directed against third countries;
- To develop cooperation in border areas and to strengthen contacts between people.

The Two Sides highlight that establishing partnerships between multilateral associations in the Asia Pacific region could serve the advancement of the aforementioned principles and security measures.