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Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov Attends a G8 Political Directors Meeting

A G8 Political Directors meeting took place in Paris on November 23-24. It was, on the Russian side, attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov.

The meeting took stock of Canada’s G8 presidency in 2010, and had a foretaste of the political priorities of France’s upcoming presidency in 2011.

The parties discussed ways to deepen cooperation among the G8 nations on WMD nonproliferation and counteraction against new challenges with emphasis on fighting terrorism and drug trafficking. A number of regional themes also were touched on – including the situation on the Korean Peninsula, in Afghanistan and the Middle East and the prospect of negotiation with Iran.

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