

**STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF RUSSIA IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTS IN PAKISTAN'S MEDIA ABOUT THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CREATION OF CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR**

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Reports appearing in Pakistan's media about some "secret talks" between Russia and Pakistan on the creation of China-Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC) do not correspond to the realities. The possibility of Russia's joining this initiative is not being discussed with Islamabad.

Our trade and economic cooperation with Pakistan has its own value. We aim for its further strengthening. The implementation by Russian companies of business projects in IRP, including the construction of North-South gas pipeline from Karachi to Lahore, are implemented on bilateral basis.