

Comment by the Information and Press Department on appointment of Michelle Bachelet as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

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On August 10, the UN General Assembly reached a consensus and approved UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's decision to appoint Michelle Bachelet as the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. She will take office on September 1 for the term of four years.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov sent Ms Bachelet congratulations on her appointment and noted her high professionalism, vast experience and personal contribution to the development of international cooperation, including the encouragement and protection of human rights. He also expressed hope that in the role of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet will pay close attention to building an atmosphere of constructive and respectful cooperation and dialogue between the states within the UN human rights agencies, as well as to the exchange of best practices in promoting and protecting human rights, and providing technical assistance to countries involved in overcoming challenges and issues in this connection.

Russia believes that the human rights agenda is intended to bring states and groups of states closer together and to strengthen the atmosphere of trust and respect in international relations. Russia is open to cooperation on the entire range of human rights protection issues and is ready to further develop collaboration with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office.