

NATO's New Strategy of Global Use of Force Worries Russia - Lavrov

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Moscow is concerned about NATO's new strategy which allows the alliance to use force all around the world, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said.

"It does not fully comply with the UN Charter, and, of course, raises our concerns," the top diplomat said Thursday during a meeting with Russian NGOs. "NATO keeps expanding," he noted, as cited by Itar-Tass.

Meanwhile, NATO hasn't welcomed the latest actions of Russia, as President Dmitry Medvedev and Abkhazian President Sergey Bagapsh [signed a deal on building a joint military base](#) on Abkhazian territory on Wednesday. NATO has not recognized the legality of this deal.

At the same time, the alliance is working on a new military strategy which will allow the alliance use force globally.

The idea of a new strategic concept was voiced at the NATO summit in Strasbourg and Kehl in April 2009. A team of 12 – the so-called Group of Experts – was appointed by the organization's Secretary General to work out the document which is supposed to set the alliance's tasks for the next decade and outline ways of solving them.

The drafting and final negotiation phases are scheduled for summer and autumn this year. Before that, the Group of Experts has been holding seminars and discussions on the issue.

Earlier in February, the group – led by the former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright – [arrived in Moscow](#) to gauge Russia's stance on the alliance's new strategy. The twelve met with Lavrov and the leadership of the Russian Security Council.

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