

UNIT 2. INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

PART 1. Texts.

Read and translate the texts below. Translate the words and phrases in the right column first.

1.	<p>Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a joint statement “further deepening” their partnership following talks in Moscow Thursday – a show of solidarity in the face of global uncertainties unleashed by US President Donald Trump’s “America First” diplomacy. Seated together in an ornate room in the Kremlin following roughly four hours of talks, the two leaders inked what Chinese state media said was a “joint statement on further deepening China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era.” Putin and Xi typically release lengthy and wide-ranging joint statements following their regular meetings. In remarks afterward, both leaders looked to frame their relationship as a key force for defending and improving the world order. The Russia-China foreign policy partnership is a key stabilizing factor on the international stage,” Putin said, according to a Kremlin readout. “Together, we defend the formation of a more just and democratic multipolar world order.”</p>	<p>...to sign a joint statement...</p> <p>... a show of solidarity...</p> <p>...in the face of global uncertainties...</p> <p>...to ink a joint statement...</p> <p>... on further deepening...</p> <p>... comprehensive strategic partnership...</p> <p>... wide-ranging joint statements...</p> <p>... In remarks afterward...</p> <p>... to frame the relationship...</p> <p>... foreign policy partnership...</p> <p>... a key stabilizing factor...</p> <p>... on the international stage...</p> <p>... Kremlin readout...</p> <p>... a more just and democratic multipolar world order...</p>
2.	<p>Russia signs investment deal with Myanmar, sees offshore oil and gas prospects</p> <p>Russia signed an investment agreement with Myanmar on Friday that it said could open up new opportunities for Russian energy companies in the south Asian country. "We especially note the readiness of the Myanmar side to attract Russian companies to the development of offshore oil and gas fields," Economy Minister Maxim Reshetnikov said after signing the agreement in St. Petersburg</p>	<p>...to sign an investment agreement/deal...</p> <p>... offshore oil and gas fields...</p> <p>Economy Minister...</p> <p>...minister of investment and foreign economic relations...</p>

	with Kan Zaw, Myanmar's minister of investment and foreign economic relations.	
3.	<p>The presidents of Iran and Russia inked a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement during an official signing ceremony in Moscow on Friday. Speaking at a joint press conference following the signing event, Masoud Pezeshkian said the treaty will open a new chapter in relations between the two countries. He noted that the newly discussed agreements focus on enhancing cooperation across various sectors and that it specifically includes increasing the level of exchanges by utilizing the capacities within the Eurasian Economic Union. Beyond economic ties, Pezeshkian underscored the crucial role of bilateral collaboration in addressing regional security challenges. He emphasized the importance of improving bilateral cooperation on issues such as fighting against extremism, terrorism, and organized violence. He underscored Russia's significance in Iran's foreign policy, asserting that «Russia is an important country in the world».</p>	<p>... ink a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement...</p> <p>... official signing ceremony...</p> <p>... joint press conference...</p> <p>... newly discussed agreements...</p> <p>... enhancing cooperation...</p> <p>... utilizing the capacities...</p> <p>... Eurasian Economic Union...</p> <p>... to underscore...</p> <p>...address regional security challenges...</p> <p>... extremism, terrorism, and organized violence...</p>
4.	<p>China, Russia sign new trade agreement on energy and food, expected to further unleash potential Chinese and Russian companies have reached agreements on key industries such as energy, food and other daily commodities on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) from June 15-18, as the two countries are unleashing greater potentials in bilateral trade to boost the regional economy.</p>	<p>... trade agreement...</p> <p>... unleash potential...</p> <p>... reach agreements...</p> <p>... daily commodities...</p> <p>... unleashing greater potentials...</p> <p>...bilateral trade...</p> <p>...boost economy...</p>
5.	<p>Vietnam signs nuclear cooperation deal with Russia's Rosatom</p> <p>Vietnam and Russia signed an agreement on nuclear energy and several cooperation deals on Tuesday during a visit to Hanoi by Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin. Vietnam aims to</p>	<p>...sign nuclear cooperation deal...</p> <p>...sign agreement...</p> <p>...nuclear energy program...</p>

	restart its nuclear energy programme having suspended it for years, as it needs to boost power generation to feed its growing industrial sector, a driver of its economy. The content of the deal is not public.	...having suspended... ...boost power generation... ...growing industrial sector... The content of the deal is not public.
6.	<p>France, China sign cooperation deals in nuclear and renewable energy</p> <p>France and China signed several cooperation deals in the field of energy, notably nuclear and wind energy, during a state visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to China, the Elysee palace said in a statement.</p> <p>The Elysee said French state utility EDF and Chinese utility CGN, both major operators of nuclear plants, had signed a deal to renew their long-standing partnership. Deals were also signed between EDF and China Energy Investment Corporation for offshore wind.</p>	<p>... sign cooperation deals... ... nuclear and renewable energy... ... wind energy... The Elysee...[,eili:'zei] ... nuclear plants... ...renew long-standing partnership... ... offshore wind...</p>
7.	Saudi Arabia and China signed 30 investment agreements worth over \$10 billion (SAR37.5 billion) on the first day of the Arab-China Business Conference in Riyadh. Deals were made in sectors including technology, renewables, agriculture, real estate, minerals, supply chains, tourism and healthcare. One of the largest was a \$5.6 billion agreement between the Saudi investment ministry and Human Horizons, a Chinese electric car maker, to collaborate on developing, manufacturing and selling vehicles. More than 3,500 business leaders attended the two-day conference.	<p>... worth... ... renewables, agriculture, real estate, minerals, supply chains, tourism and healthcare...</p>
8.	Saudi Arabia has taken a decisive step in its international relations by signing a new strategic economic partnership with the United States, effectively pivoting away from its recent association with the BRICS economic alliance. The landmark deal was inked during a visit from US President Donald Trump to Riyadh, marking his first major international	<p>... take a decisive step... ... sign a new strategic economic partnership... ... pivoting away from... ... landmark deal... ...to be inked... ... first major international engagement...</p>

	<p>engagement since returning to the White House.</p> <p>President Trump and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman reached a comprehensive memorandum of understanding, spanning sectors such as energy, mining, defense, health, and the arts. The agreement also includes US support for Saudi Arabia in modernizing its armed forces and strengthening the Ministry of Interior's capabilities.</p>	<p>... reach a comprehensive memorandum...</p> <p>... energy, mining, defense, health, and the arts...</p> <p>... the Ministry of Interior...</p>
9.	<p>Vietnam and Russia 'to expedite' nuclear power plant talks</p> <p>Following bilateral talks, a joint statement says the two countries have "agreed to expedite negotiations and the signing of intergovernmental agreements on the construction of nuclear power plants in Vietnam". During the meetings, an Interdepartmental Roadmap for Nuclear Technology Development to 2030 was signed which covers the construction of a nuclear science and technology centre featuring a research reactor as well as fuel supplies for the existing Dalat research reactor.</p>	<p>....to expedite...</p> <p>Following bilateral talks...</p> <p>... expedite negotiations...</p> <p>... construction of nuclear power plants...</p> <p>... Interdepartmental Roadmap...</p> <p>...Nuclear Technology Development...</p> <p>...cover...</p> <p>... fuel supplies...</p>
10.	<p>Iran and China Sign 'Historic' 25-Year \$400 Bln Strategic Partnership Agreement</p> <p>China and Iran, both subject to U.S. sanctions, signed a 25-year cooperation agreement on Saturday to strengthen their long-standing economic and political alliance. "Relations between the two countries have now reached the level of strategic partnership and China seeks to comprehensively improve relations with Iran," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was quoted by Iran's state media as telling his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif. "Our relations with Iran will not be affected by the current situation, but will be permanent and strategic," Wang said ahead of the televised signing ceremony.</p>	<p>...sign strategic partnership agreement...</p> <p>... subject to U.S. sanctions...</p> <p>... strengthen long-standing economic and political alliance...</p> <p>... seek to comprehensively improve relations...</p> <p>... state media...</p> <p>... counterpart...</p> <p>... ahead of the televised signing ceremony...</p>

11.	<p>Cooperation within the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) is one of Russia's top priorities, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday. «First of all, I would like to emphasize that cooperation within the CIS is one of the main priorities of the foreign policy of Russia," Putin said at a meeting of the CIS Heads of State Council in Moscow. Russia considers CIS countries as strategic partners, and Moscow is determined to strengthen cooperation with them, Putin added.</p> <p>Vladimir Putin expects fruitful work and traditionally trustful communication between the leaders during the CIS summit.</p>	<p>... Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)...</p> <p>... Heads of State Council...</p> <p>... fruitful work...</p> <p>... trustful communication....</p>
12.	<p>APEC 2023: What you need to know about San Francisco summit</p> <p>Leaders from the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum gather this week in San Francisco for the 30th APEC summit, where the spotlight will be on a rare meeting between the U.S. and Chinese presidents. APEC operates on the basis of non-binding commitments with decisions reached by consensus and commitments undertaken on a voluntary basis. The leaders will gather from Wednesday to Friday, following preparatory meetings of senior finance officials and ministers. An annual APEC CEO summit runs from Tuesday to Thursday.</p>	<p>... member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)...</p> <p>...the spotlight...</p> <p>... non-binding commitments...</p> <p>... decisions reached by consensus...</p> <p>... undertaken on a voluntary basis ...</p> <p>... preparatory meetings...</p> <p>... senior finance officials...</p>
13.	<p>APEC has become a stage for strategic competition between the U.S. and China, the world's two largest economies, and all eyes will be on a bilateral summit scheduled for Wednesday in the San Francisco Bay Area between Joe Biden and Xi Jinping, only their second in person meeting since Biden took office in January 2021.</p>	<p>... become a stage for...</p> <p>... all eyes will be on...</p> <p>... scheduled for Wednesday...</p> <p>... in person meeting...</p> <p>...take office...</p>
14.	<p>BRICS Expert Forum Held on the Sidelines of SPIEF</p>	

	<p>The 27th St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2024 attracted over 21,000 people from 139 nations. The seminal event tackled an array of hot global topics and hosted poignant discussions reflecting the shifts in international development. During several sessions, the speakers discussed the main BRICS goals and objectives, opportunities for stepping up cooperation in trade, global innovation, mutual payments in national currencies, stronger partnerships in education, and creating a common BRICS cultural space. They also participated in the SPIEF Plenary Session attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Bolivian President Luis Arce and Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa.</p>	<p>...tackle an array of hot global topics...</p> <p>...host poignant discussions...</p> <p>... stepping up cooperation...</p> <p>... trade, global innovation, mutual payments in national currencies...</p> <p>... creating a common cultural space...</p> <p>... attended by...</p>
15.	<p>BRICS Sets Out Key Points in 15th Summit's Declaration</p> <p>The three-day historic summit of BRICS — the group uniting the world's largest developing economies, transpired in the South African capital of Johannesburg. To wrap up the event, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa presented a joint declaration during the venue's final day.</p> <p>The leaders agreed to "strengthen cooperation on issues of mutual interests both within BRICS and in multilateral fora including the United Nations General Assembly and Human Rights Council, taking into account the necessity to promote, protect and fulfil human rights in a non-selective, non-politicised and constructive manner and without double standards," the document says.</p> <p>The association also advocates further cooperation with a view to strengthening supply chains and payment systems between its members.</p>	<p>...set out...</p> <p>...transpire...</p> <p>...wrap up...</p> <p>...the venue...</p> <p>... within BRICS and in multilateral fora...</p> <p>... promote, protect and fulfil human rights...</p> <p>... non-selective, non-politicised and constructive manner and without double standards..</p> <p>... advocate further cooperation...</p> <p>... to strengthening supply chains and payment systems...</p>

PART 2. EXERCISES

1) What do the abbreviations below stand for?

1.	UN	
2.	OPEC	
3.	ASEAN	
4.	G7	
5.	EU	
6.	APEC	
7.	MERCOSUR	
8.	EFTA	
9.	CELAK	
10.	BRICS	
11.	LAS	
12.	OSCE	
13.	AU	
14.	CSTO	
15.	CIS	
16.	SCO	
17.	CAN	
18.	AUKUS	
19.	G20	
20.	NATO	

2) Give Russian equivalents and full names for the abbreviations below.

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16.	SCO	
17.	CAN	
18.	AUKUS	
19.	G20	
20.	NATO	

3) Match the organization (association, forum, etc.) with its purpose or description.

A.		B.	
1.	AUKUS	a)	regional intergovernmental organization in Eurasia. It was formed following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991
2.	UN	b)	to prevent conflicts in the region, settlement of crisis situations, elimination of consequences of conflicts.
3.	G20	c)	to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character.
4.	NATO	d)	to cooperate in the economic, social, cultural and other fields of the participating countries, as well as strengthening peace and stability in South-East Asia.
5.	NAFTA	e)	an international forum of both developing and developed countries which seeks to find solutions to global economic and financial issues.
6.	OPEC	f)	a regional organization in the Arab world with 22 member states.
7.	CIS	g)	a trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States intended to "promote a free and open Indo-Pacific that is secure and stable.
8.	ASEAN	h)	to coordinate activities and develop a common policy regarding oil production among the organization's member countries, maintain stable oil prices, ensure stable oil supplies to consumers, and get a return on investment in the oil industry.
9.	MERCOSUR	i)	to strengthen mutual trust and good-neighborliness among member States (Belarus, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan).
10.	SCO	j)	to promote free trade and the fluid movement of goods, people, and currency in South America.
11.	CSTO	k)	to strengthen stability and prosperity in the North Atlantic region, to create collective defense and preserve peace and security.
12.	LAS	l)	an intergovernmental military alliance in Eurasia consisting of six post-Soviet states: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Tajikistan
13.	OSCE	m)	to develop the trade, removal of barriers to trade in goods between member countries (USA, Canada, Mexico).

4) Match the organization with its Member Countries

1.	CAN (Andean Community)	a)	Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein
2.	AUKUS	b)	Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Iraq, Libya, Syria, etc. (22 member states)
3.	EFTA	c)	Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan (associate member)
4.	LAS	d)	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia
5.	CIS	e)	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates.
6.	SCO	f)	Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Venezuela, Algeria, Libya, Nigeria, Gabon, DR Congo, Equatorial Guinea
7.	ASEAN	g)	Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
8.	OPEC	h)	China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran
9.	BRICS	i)	Australia, UK, USA

5) Translate the abbreviations below at a fast pace.

EC – NATO – МЕРКОСУР – EFTA – ШОС – NAFTA – LAS – БРИКС – OPEC – ОБСЕ – ASEAN – UN – CELAK – ОДКБ – OSCE – АУКУС – CIS – ЕС – ЛАГ – АТЭС – AU – EACT – SCO – СНГ

6) Give the full names or abbreviations at a fast pace.

The European Union – Организация объединенных наций – **Association of South East Asian Nations** – ОПЕК – **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** – ЛАГ – **CELAK** – АС – Североамериканская зона свободной торговли – Организация Договора о коллективной безопасности – **CSTO** – Содружество Независимых Государств – **League of Arab States**

7) Translate the full names/abbreviations at a fast pace.

The European Union – Организация объединенных наций – **Association of South East Asian Nations** – ОПЕК – **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** – ЛАГ – **CELAK** – АС – Североамериканская зона свободной торговли – Организация Договора о коллективной безопасности – **CSTO** – Содружество Независимых Государств – **League of Arab States**

8) Translate the following words and phrases into Russian at a fast pace.

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9) Translate the following words and phrases into English at a fast pace.

всеобъемлющее стратегическое партнерство – подписать совместное заявление – проявление солидарности – достичь договоренностей – ключевой стабилизирующий фактор – на международной арене – нефтегазовые месторождения – подписать инвестиционное соглашение – официальная церемония подписания – решать проблемы региональной безопасности – раскрыть потенциал – двусторонняя торговля – стимулировать экономику – программа ядерной энергетики – знаковое соглашение – ускорить проведение переговоров – строительство атомных электростанций – укрепить давний альянс – государственные СМИ – коллега – Содружество Независимых Государств – плодотворная работа – обязательства, не имеющие юридической силы – внимание приковано – активизировать сотрудничество – взаимные расчеты в национальных валютах – укрепить цепочки поставок – подвести итоги – место проведения – в многостороннем формате – беспристрастный подход – плодотворная работа – находиться под санкциями США – Министр внутренних дел – Совет глав государств СНГ – Елисейский дворец – подписать стратегический меморандум – взаимные расчеты в национальной валюте – подчеркнуть – раскрыть потенциал – двусторонняя торговля – стимулировать

экономический рост — приостановив — содержание сделки не разглашается — увеличить энергетические производственные мощности — движущая сила экономики — возобновляемые источники энергии — атомная энергия — ядерная энергетика — охватывать

10) Translate the following sentences into Russian paying attention to the words and phrases in bold.

1. **На переговорах** президента России Владимира Путина и **председателя** КНР Си Цзиньпина стороны **договорились о сотрудничестве** в использовании **атомной энергии в мирных целях**.
2. **В Кремле** уточнили, что лидеры двух стран **подписали «Меморандум о развитии стратегического сотрудничества** в области использования атомной энергии в мирных целях».
3. Президент России с 31 августа находится в Китае **с четырехдневным визитом**. Он принял участие в саммите Шанхайской организации сотрудничества в Тяньцзине.
4. Валентина Матвиенко и Мейбл Чиномона **подписали Соглашение о межпарламентском сотрудничестве** между Советом Федерации и Сенатом Парламента Республики Зимбабве. По словам Валентины Матвиенко, это позволит значительно **укрепить правовую основу межпарламентского взаимодействия** и **вывести диалог на новый уровень**, расширить **прямые контакты** между профильными комитетами, комиссиями и группами дружбы.
5. **Председатель парламента** Ирана Мохаммад Багер Галибаф направил президенту страны Масуду Пезешкиану утвержденный **договор о всеобъемлющем стратегическом партнерстве** с Россией.
6. С учетом российско-иранского взаимодействия соглашение между Ираном и Пекином может в теории **заложить базу** для создания скорее неформального альянса, участие в котором укрепит положение Тегерана в регионе.
7. Китай и Иран **заключили соглашение о всестороннем сотрудничестве** сроком на четверть века. **Детали договора огласке не предаются**, однако известно, что оно, скорее всего, будет охватывать не только такие области, как экономика и культура, но и более чувствительные сферы — оборонную и разведывательную.
8. **На полях заседания Высшего Евразийского экономического совета** в Минске заключены соглашения **ЕАЭС** о свободной торговле товарами с ОАЭ и Монголией. С российской стороны подпись под документами поставил заместитель Председателя Правительства Алексей Оверчук.

9. Соединенные Штаты и Филиппины **подписали** в четверг в Сан-Франциско **двустороннее соглашение по ядерной энергетике**. Об этом сообщила **пресс-служба Госдепартамента**.

10. Страны БРИКС **подписали соглашение о взаимодействии в области инноваций**. Как рассказал **председатель ВЭБа** Владимир Дмитриев, документ "предполагает финансовое участие банков развития в **поддержании сотрудничества** между нашими странами в этой сфере".

11. Лидеры стран **Организации Договора о коллективной безопасности (ОДКБ)** подписали по итогу саммита в Минске 15 различных документов и соглашений. Об этом сообщает ТАСС со ссылкой на генсека организации Имангали Тасмагамбетова.

12. Россия и Объединенные Арабские Эмираты на полях переговоров президентов двух стран Владимира Путина и Мухаммеда бен Заида Аль Нахайяна **подписали два соглашения** в области инвестиций и транспорта.

13. **В ходе переговоров** стороны **обменялись мнениями** о возможностях осуществления в рамках ЕАЭС **взаимных расчетов в национальных валютах**.

14. Генеральный директор государственной корпорации по атомной энергии Росатом Алексей Евгеньевич Лихачев и министр науки и технологий Социалистической Республики Вьетнам Нгуен Мань Хунг подписали "**дорожную карту**" по **сотрудничеству в области мирного использования атомной энергии** на 2025-2030 год.

15. Главы правительств Великобритании и Чехии — Кир Стармер и Петр Фиала — **подписали соглашение о сотрудничестве в ядерной сфере**. Об этом сообщает чешское агентство ЧТК **со ссылкой** на главу правительства республики.

11) Translate the following sentences into English paying attention to the words and phrases in bold.

1. The Lithuanian and Latvian presidents said after their meeting in Vilnius on Thursday that they agreed **to expedite talks** on a maritime border treaty so that it could be approved within the next four years.

2. At a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Tony Abbott in Canberra on Tuesday morning, the two countries also agreed on a 'Framework for Security Cooperation' to reflect their **deepening and expanding strategic engagement**.

3. Nepal and India have agreed **to resume and expedite discussions** through various mechanisms related to multipurpose projects, flood management, and irrigation, among others.

4. The pact between Russia and Iran **is stipulated** for a period of 20 years, providing both sides an opportunity **to leverage** geo-economic, geopolitical, and military impact beyond the Asian region.
5. Signing agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Rosatom Corporate Academy (ANO Rosatom Corporate Academy) took place on September 16, 2025 on the sidelines of the 69th General Conference of the IAEA, held at the Vienna International Center.
6. Singapore and the US **inked a landmark deal** on Wednesday (Jul 31) to study how nuclear technology can support climate and energy needs.
7. **The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) entered into force** on July 1, 2020. The USMCA, which substituted the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is **a mutually beneficial win** for North American workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses.
8. Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law **ratifying** a protocol on cooperation of Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) members in the sphere of biological security.
9. On 6 May, the countries – the world's fifth and sixth largest economies – finally **agreed on a deal** that they have been working on since 2022. The UK government has described the pact as 'the biggest and most economically significant bilateral trade deal the UK has done since leaving the EU', while Modi has called the agreement 'historic'.
10. Biden and Trong **released a wide-ranging joint leaders' statement** on Sunday that 'reaffirmed the importance of economic, trade, and investment cooperation and innovation-driven inclusive economic growth as the core foundations and sources of momentum in the bilateral relationship'.
11. **A joint statement** has been issued between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the 10th session of the Qatari-Turkish Supreme Strategic Committee.
12. The UK and Israel have **signed a long-term agreement strengthening ties** in the fields of defence, security and technology following plans announced last year to put relations between the two countries **on an elevated footing**.
13. The UK and Australia have finally **signed a trade deal** after months of negotiations, it has been announced. The government **hailed the agreement** as the first "from scratch" post-Brexit trade deal.
14. Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on artificial intelligence (AI) cooperation. Other agreements included **industrial**

property protection, energy, internal affairs, statistics, healthcare, and digital development.

15. Japan and the U.S. are set to **sign an agreement** to work together on artificial intelligence and next-generation wireless standards, **with an eye on** exporting those technologies to Global South, where China is expanding its technological influence.

PART III. TEXTS

1) Translate the following text into Russian. Pay attention to words/word combinations related to the topic International and regional cooperation. Draw up a table with key words/phrases. Add to your Vocabulary list.

On January 17, 2025, Russia and Iran signed a 20-year cooperation agreement, marking a significant shift in their strategic alliance. This pact holds far-reaching implications for the Middle East and beyond.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian have recently signed a new cooperation agreement, augmenting the partnership between the two countries. The pact is stipulated for a period of 20 years, providing both sides an opportunity to leverage geoeconomic, geopolitical, and military impact beyond the Asian region.

This bilateral agreement has established a comprehensive strategic partnership that encompasses a broad spectrum of cooperation in areas including energy, military, scientific, and trade collaboration. Under this new strategic agreement, investments in the oil and gas sector will increase. Furthermore, cooperation between Russian and Iranian energy companies will also increase. Nonetheless, the most significant impact of this agreement will be on the new power dynamics in the Middle East. This newly strengthened partnership between Russia and Iran will alter the Middle Eastern geopolitical landscape once again.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian stated during a press conference, “We witness a new chapter of strategic relations. He further added that Russia and Iran were ready to expand bilateral trade relations and enhance the level of security cooperation. President Putin also stated, “The new treaty will give an additional impulse to practically all areas of our cooperation. Desiring to contribute to an objective process of shaping a new just and sustainable multipolar world order based on the sovereign equality of states, good faith cooperation, mutual respect for interests, collective solutions to international problems, cultural and civilizational diversity, the rule of international law in accordance with the United Nations Charter, including the renunciation of the threat or use of force, non-interference in internal affairs and respect for the territorial integrity of both States”

The agreement leads to cooperation in counterterrorism efforts, environmental issues, information technology, cybersecurity, combating organized crimes and money laundering, and peaceful nuclear energy collaboration. The two countries will also work on establishing and developing new financial and payment systems to avoid sanctions, a significant step to diminish the Western influence over the globe. Combined efforts towards de-dollarization will hasten the United States' decline and provide an alternative to third-world countries. Moreover, the two countries have pledged to develop bilateral military-technical cooperation and participate in joint military exercises. The treaty binds the two sides to resolve their differences according to international law and the UN Charter.

2) Translate the following text into English. Pay attention to words/word combinations related to the topic International and regional cooperation. Draw up a table with key words/phrases. Add to your Vocabulary list.

20 и 21 августа в столице Малайзии Куала-Лумпуре прошли 17-е консультации старших должностных лиц по экономике Россия — АСЕАН (Ассоциация государств Юго-Восточной Азии) и 14-е консультации старших должностных лиц по экономике Восточноазиатского саммита (ВАС). Российскую делегацию возглавил директор Департамента многостороннего экономического сотрудничества и специальных проектов Минэкономразвития России Никита Кондратьев.

В ходе консультаций по экономике Россия — АСЕАН стороны подвели итоги Рабочей программы торгово-инвестиционного сотрудничества 2021-2025 годов, отметив усиление взаимодействия по всем ключевым направлениям. *«По итогам 2024 года товарооборот между Россией и странами АСЕАН увеличился на 5,8% и достиг рекордных значений за все время взаимодействия. А с 2015 года рост взаимной торговли составил порядка 70%»*, — сообщил Никита Кондратьев.

В качестве приоритетных направлений сотрудничества с Ассоциацией государств ЮВА были обозначены диверсификация торговли, укрепление взаимосвязи, в том числе за счет открытия прямых рейсов и новых логистических маршрутов, цифровизация, противодействие изменению климата и туризм.

Стороны также отметили активное взаимодействие в части проектной работы по линии Фонда финансирования диалогового партнерства Россия—АСЕАН. За период его существования было реализовано 38 проектов в таких областях, как наука, разработки, энергетика, креативные индустрии и многих других.

Российская сторона представила партнерам проект новой Стратегии торгово-инвестиционного сотрудничества Россия — АСЕАН на ближайшие 10 лет. Он основан на базе предыдущей Дорожной карты сотрудничества и учитывает, как традиционные области взаимодействия России и стран Юго-Восточной Азии, так и новые перспективные направления сотрудничества. *«В проект документа добавлены новые для наших стран области, такие как креативная экономика, разработка недр, таможенное оформление, защита окружающей среды и экономика замкнутого цикла»*, — отметил Никита Кондратьев. Стратегия будет утверждена в ходе встречи министров экономики Россия-АСЕАН в конце сентября 2025 года.

Делегация Минэкономразвития России провела на полях консультаций двусторонние переговоры с представителями Индонезии, Малайзии, Камбоджи, Таиланда, Мьянмы, Сингапура и Филиппин. В ходе встреч стороны обсудили развитие ключевых направлений сотрудничества, в том числе роста взаимной торговли, финансово-банковского взаимодействия, транспорта и логистики, туризма, а также взаимодействия в многостороннем формате.

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