
Ambassador Jayatilleka thanks Foreign Minister Lavrov for Russia's support

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The photograph shows Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov being greeted by Dr. Dayan Jayatilleka, Sri Lanka's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, on Saturday. Foreign Minister Lavrov delivered a landmark speech at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva on Saturday March 7th, the day after he and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had met in Geneva, and symbolically pressed a re-set button for the improvement of US-Russian strategic relations. In his address Sergey Lavrov said that the present moment was the best time for progress on disarmament issues since the end of the Cold War. Ambassador Jayatilleka who is coordinator of the agenda item of the Disarmament Conference on general and comprehensive disarmament, thanked Minister Lavrov for the support extended to Sri Lanka by Russia, including in all UN forums. Minister Lavrov whose first diplomatic posting was Sri Lanka, also exchanged a few words in Sinhala with Dr. Jayatilleka.