

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic met today with the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Belgrade Alexander Chepurin.

The interlocutors discussed further development of cooperation at the bilateral level, including the visits and activities due to take place by the end of 2016.

Ambassador Alexander Chepurin took this opportunity to hand to Minister Ivica Dacic a congratulatory letter by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, on the occasion of his re-appointment as First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs:

"Dear Mr. Minister, dear Ivica,

I would like to congratulate you, from the bottom of my heart, on the appointment as First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia.

The strategic partnership between Russia and Serbia is developing consistently, which fully corresponds to the interests of our countries and peoples. I am confident that the deepening of bilateral cooperation in all fundamental areas and the implementation of joint, mutually beneficial projects, strengthen the foundation of the relations existing between Russia and Serbia.

I count on the continuation of a substantial exchange of views and the coordination of activities at the international stage.

Allow me to wish you good health, well-being and success in the discharge of your responsible duties", reads the congratulatory message of Russia's Foreign Minister.