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**On the Eastern Economic Forum**

Mr. Chairperson,

From 4 to 6 September, the fifth Eastern Economic Forum took place in Vladivostok under the motto “The Far East – Development Horizons”. It was attended by over 8,500 representatives from Russia and 65 countries, including OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation.

The President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, the President of Mongolia, Khaltmaagiin Battulga, and the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzō Abe, addressed the plenary session. It was emphasized that Russia, with its unique geographic location, plays an important role in building bridges between Europe and Asia, between the West and the East.

The largest delegations were from Japan (588 people), the Republic of Korea (285 people), Mongolia (69 people), the United States of America (65 people) and the United Kingdom (49 people). More than 440 Russian and foreign companies worked at the Forum. A total of 270 agreements worth around 3.5 trillion roubles or more than 50 billion US dollars (excluding those that were a commercial secret) were signed. The events were covered by around 1,300 journalists.

The results achieved confirm that the Forum has established itself as an authoritative platform for discussing pressing global and regional economic issues and ways to strengthen international co-operation in the Eurasian space and partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region.

The main facts and statistics of the Forum are available on the “Events” page of the information and analytical system [roscongress.org](http://roscongress.org).

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