

Russia, NATO pledge cooperation

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MOSCOW - Moscow plans to cooperate more with NATO, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Tuesday in Moscow.

Lavrov said the cooperation will be aimed at monitoring reforms within NATO, RIA Novosti reported.

"The parameters of the cooperation will depend on which way NATO's transformation goes," Lavrov said at the opening of a Russia-NATO Council session in Moscow, Novosti reported.

Lavrov said he will emphasize Russia's concerns to NATO officials at the council session, including those involving the Conventional Forces in Europe, or CFE, treaty, the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty and the status of Kosovo.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said he was looking for increased Russian-NATO cooperation against drug trafficking in Afghanistan, as well as to to make progress on the CFE treaty and Kosovo issues, Novosti said.

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