

# Dmitry Medvedev's meeting with Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Abdullah Abdullah

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Meeting of the SCO Heads of Government Council.

## **Excerpts from the transcript:**

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**Dmitry Medvedev:** We meet in similar formats on a regular basis. This is our fourth meeting.

I would like to reaffirm Russia's stance on Afghanistan establishing itself as an independent, self-sufficient, stable and economically strong state.

I suggest we compare our views on trade and economic cooperation, and regional security.

**Abdullah Abdullah** (*via interpreter*): Thank you for Russia's stance on stabilisation and on the development of economic cooperation between the two countries. Terrorism is our common threat, and both countries, and all states in general, need to work more closely to prevent it.

I would like to note that international organisations and international meetings, including the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, are an opportunity to touch base and once again discuss what can be done to improve our relations in various areas.

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