

Lavrov: Russia Ranked Second on Obama's List of Threats

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U.S. President Barack Obama failed to deliver a peacemaking speech at the session of the UN General Assembly, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said here Wednesday.

"As for the U.S. President's speech, we earned the second place among the threats to international peace and stability," Lavrov said. "Number one is the Ebola virus, number two is the so-called Russian aggression in Europe and Isis and other terrorists who are now taking hold of the Middle East and primarily of the countries, which have evidenced U.S. interventions, are ranked as number three."

"One more thing I found bizarre was that the U.S. President said several times the world had become freer and safer," he said. "I didn't understand whether he was serious or not and whether there was an Orwellian element in it. Because George Orwell invented the Ministry of Truth and it looks like this philosophy is lingering."

"The U.S. President presented a U.S. worldview as he stressed many a time the exceptionality of himself and of his country," Lavrov said. "That's the worldview of a country that has spelt out its right to use force arbitrarily regardless of the UN Security Council's resolutions or other international legal acts in its national defence doctrine."

"That's why the speech of a peacemaker - the way it was conceived - failed to deliver if one compares it to real facts," he said. 

Moscow seeks to settle conflicts through equal dialogue and not through unilateral accusations, Sergey Lavrov added.

"We're interested in settling conflicts in the world not by making unilateral accusations or shifting the blame, but through a fair, equal and respectful dialogue," Lavrov said

"I'll meet with [U.S. Secretary of State] John Kerry today. I'll tell him about it," he added

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