

Nicaragua, Abkhazia establish diplomatic relations

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MEXICO CITY – Representatives of Nicaragua and the Republic of Abkhazia on Thursday signed a joint statement on the establishing of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

At the ceremony that was held in the Nicaraguan capital Managua, they also signed an agreement on regular consultations between their Foreign Ministries.

The documents that lay the foundation for a further development of bilateral relations were signed in the course of a visit to Nicaragua by an Abkhazian delegation with Deputy Foreign Minister Maxim Kvindzhiya at the head.

“These documents have special significance for practical connections between the two republics and they will help to flesh out bilateral relationship with tangible content,” Russia’s ambassador to Nicaragua Igor Kondrashov told Itar-Tass by telephone from Managua.

Maxim Kvindzhiya said, on his part, Nicaragua became the first Latin American country to establish relations with Abkhazia. “Also, it was country number two in the world after Russia to take this step,” he said.

According to Kvindzhiya, Abkhazian businesses have intensive interest in developing business cooperation with the Nicaraguans. He spoke in favor of a parallel expansion of Russian-Nicaraguan trade.

Upon completion of the visit to Nicaragua, the delegation goes to Venezuela where it also expects the signing of an agreement on the establishing of diplomatic relations.

Kvindzhiya said this became possible after Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said during a visit to Russia his country had officially recognized Abkhazia as an independent sovereign state.

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