

Vladimir Putin and Klaus Schwab “Go Way Back”. Does Putin Support the Covid Vaccine?

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Schwab meets both Putins. In each case, Masonic thumbs get a workout.

Putin is a Rothschild boy like all world mis-leaders.

Mankind is the victim of a diabolical plot to start WW3.

[“Sputnik V” Is the Model Great Reset Drug](#)

[With the Most Obvious Direct Ties to the World Economic Forum](#)

Yet it's the one “vaccine” that isn't being linked to it

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In January of 2021, Putin gave a keynote (virtual) address before the World Economic Forum. The theme: “*The Great Reset.*”

Beginning his speech with a warm “dear Klaus,” Putin [recalled](#) how he first met Mr. Schwab in 1992 and since then had regularly attended events organized by the Fourth Industrial Revolution visionary.

Putin used his address to urge for **“expanding the scale of [COVID] testing and vaccinations”** across the globe—policies that have ushered in worldwide medical apartheid.

Echoing the sentiments of western leaders, **Putin also [argued](#) that the global economy would need to be rebuilt from the ground up by central banks:**

[T]he key question today is how to build a program of actions in order to not only quickly restore the global and national economies affected by the pandemic, but to ensure that this recovery is sustainable in the long run, relies on a high-quality structure and helps overcome the burden of social imbalances. Clearly, with the above restrictions and macroeconomic policy in mind, economic growth will largely rely on fiscal incentives with state budgets and central banks playing the key role.

The Russian president has [repeatedly](#) stated vaccination should be voluntary—but his personal opinion has had no impact on actual policy. **All 85 regions of Russia now have decrees requiring certain segments of the population to get the shot.**

On December 17, 2021, Putin [voiced support](#) for a nationwide QR code law—one of the most [unpopular](#) pieces of legislation in recent Russian history. The introduction of digital health IDs would in essence make vaccination compulsory for those who want to partake in life’s most ordinary activities.

In late November, after the health ministry approved “Sputnik-M”—Russia’s COVID shot for ages 12-17—**Putin [suggested](#) authorities begin “thinking about” vaccinating children starting from the age of two.**

How many two-year-olds have died from COVID in Russia? (Trick question: **the Russian government doesn’t disclose COVID-linked deaths by age group. In fact, the Russian government refuses to publish lots of highly important COVID-related data**, including [statistics on post-vaccination side effects](#). Why?)

Time for a Rethink?

In October, RT.com ran a [provocative op-ed](#) describing the Great Reset as a “cartoonish fantasy that will hand the global elite even more power.”

The piece lists various world leaders—including Boris Johnson, Emmanuel Macron, and Angela Merkel—as devout followers of Schwab. No mention of Russia anywhere.

The irony, of course, is that Sputnik V is practically the official vaccine of the WEF—and the Russian government is among Schwab’s biggest fans.

Relevant Videos (Selected by Global Research)

President Putin on the Covid Vaccine, Address to WEF, June 2021

Address by President Putin at the World Economic Forum on the Global Economy and the Pandemic

(27 January 2024)

**Transcript of President Putin's presentation to WEF
Focussing on the World Economy and the Pandemic**

Introductory comments by Klaus Schwab

January 27, 2021

Klaus Schwab

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russia is an important global power and this is a long-standing

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tradition of russia's participation in the world economic forum at this moment in history
whereas the

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world has a unique and short window of opportunity to move from an age

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of confrontation to an age of cooperation the ability to hear your voice the voice

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of the president of the russian federation is essential even and especially in

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times characterized by differences disputes and protests constructive on honest

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dialogue to address our common challenges is better than isolation and

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polarization yesterday your phone exchange with president biden

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and the agreement to extend the new start nuclear arms treaty in principle

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i think is a very promising sign in this direction coming 19 mr president has shown

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our global vulnerability and interconnectivity and like any other country

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will russia will certainly also be affected and your

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economic development and prospects for international cooperation of course is

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of interest to all of us mr president we are keen to hear from your

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perspective and from that of russia how you see the situation developing

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in the third decade of the 21st century and what should be done to ensure

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that people everywhere find peace and prosperity mr president the world

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is waiting to hear from you

**President Vladimir
Putin**

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mr schwab dear uh dear colleagues i've visited davos

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many times assisting uh meetings starting from the 90s mr schwartz just mentioned that we met

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each other first in back in 1992. uh in sun peace and when i worked in south

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beach i visited uh this for many times i'd like to thank you uh for this opportunity today uh for me

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to make my statement vis-a-vis the expert community which is participating in this or thanks

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to your efforts mr schwab first of all uh ladies and gentlemen i'd like to welcome welcome all world economic forum

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participants and i'd like to start with the following it's rather gratifying in spite of the

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pandemics it's rather gratifying to see that this year despite of the restrictions caused by the coronal eraser in the

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virus the forum continues its work online it has provided an opportunity for the

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participants to engage in an open and free discussion and share their evaluations and

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forecasts and it partially makes up for the lack of direct communication between the leaders of

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states global businesses and the world community that has accumulated over the past months

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all of this is important now that we are when we are facing

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so many complex issues requiring solutions um this foray is the first for in the

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third decade of 21st century and the majority of its topics are dedicated to

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the profound changes which are taking place in our play uh in in the world it is indeed hard to ignore the

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fundamental transformations in global economy politics social life and technology

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the coronavirus pandemic that which you mentioned uh before has become a major

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challenge to the entire mankind has just spurred or accelerated the structural changes

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the preconditions for which have been already in place for many years the pandemic has

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sincere weighted the problems uh and imbalances that accumulated in the world earlier we have every reason to

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believe that the tensions might aggravate even further and such tendencies might emerge in

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almost every area naturally there are no direct

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parallels in history but some experts however and i do respect their opinion they compare

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the current situation to the late uh 20s or early 30s of the last century one can may

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agree or disagree with such opinion such an opinion yet one cannot but draw some parallel

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in terms of many aspects the scale as well as the cross-cutting and systemic nature of challenges and

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potential threats we see the crisis we're witnessing the crisis of previous

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models and tools of economic development social stratification is increasing both globally and

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in individual countries we mentioned this before but today it causes a sharp polarization in

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public opinions uh populism right and left-wing radicalism

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and other extreme movements are on the rise domestic political processes including

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in leading economies are escalating and becoming more violent all of this cannot but

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impact the nature impact the nature of international relations making them less

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stable and predictable international institution institutions are weakening regional conflicts conflicts are

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multiplying the global security system is degrading and klaus just mentioned my yesterday's phone uh call

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uh phone talk with the u.s president and we have agreed about the uh

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extending the start uh agreement it's a correct step but anyway uh the contradictions are

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multiplying and it is well known that in the 20th

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century the failure and inability to essentially resolve such issues resulted in a catastrophic world war of

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course nowadays such a heated conflict is not possible i hope that it's not possible in principle

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because it will mean the end of our civilization but i'd like to reach rate however that

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the situation might develop unpredictably and uncontrollably if we will sit on our hands doing

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nothing to avoid it and there is a possibility that we may experience an actual

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collapse of global development that might result in a fight of all against all the warring parties

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would attempt to tackle the escalated tensions by searching for internal and external enemies the fight would

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mean the destruction of not only traditional values and we cherish these values in russia such as

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family but also fundamental freedoms including the right of choice and privacy i would like to know that social crisis

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and the crisis of values have already caused negative demographic consequences

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as a result the humankind risks losing the entire civilizations and cultures our common responsibility today

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is to avoid such a future that resembles a grim dystopic dystopia we need to

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ensure development following a different path one that is positive balanced and constructive and in this regard i would

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like to elaborate on the key challenges that in my opinion are facing the world

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community today the first of them the first one of them is of the social

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and economic nature well that's true we took if we look at the statistics

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despite the severe crisis of 2008 and 2020

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the past 40 years one can call extremely successful for

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the global economy starting from 1980 the global gdp

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had purchasing power parity in real terms per capita has doubled

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and it's a positive sign globalization and domestic growth have resulted in a boost in developing countries

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more than a billion people have been lifted out of poverty

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for instance if we take an income level of 5.5 u.s dollars per person per

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day at purchasing power parity according to the world bank the number

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of people with lower income in china has reduced from 1.1 billion

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in 1990 to less than 300 million

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in recent years and it's a success for china in russia this number has been decreased from

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almost 64 million people in 1999 to about five million people as of now

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and we think that uh we are moving in the right direction

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and it's the most important area but the main question the answer to which gives much insight

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into the current problems is what was the nature of this global growth who benefited most from it

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undoubtedly as i've already said developing countries gained much benefit from it

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using the growing demand for their traditional and even new products

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but however this embedding in the global economy resulted not only in new jobs and expert

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earnings for them but also in social costs including significant income gap of the population

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and what is the situation in the developed countries whose level of average well-being is much higher

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paradoxically the problems of stratification here in

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developed countries have proven to be even more profound according to the world bank estimates

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while there were 3.6 million people living on less than 5.5 u.s dollars

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a day in the u.s in the year 2000 in 2016 this figure rose

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up to 5.6 million

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during the same period globalization resulted in a substantial increase in the profits

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of the large multinational companies primarily american and european ones

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and the as to the number of rest of these people in european countries develop

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european countries the tendency tendency is the same like in america but again who gets this revenues talking about

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about companies the answer is obvious those who represent one percent of the

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population and what has happened with the other people

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for the last 30 years

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the income of more than half of the citizens of a number of developed countries in real terms has not increased

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while the cost of education and health services has tripled has increased

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and has tripled actually that has millions of people even in rich

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countries have ceased to see the prospect of increasing their income at the same time they face the

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problems of how to preserve their own health and that of their parents how to provide

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quality education for their children children there is also a large proportion of people who in

fact

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turn out to be non-demanded thus according to the international labor organization

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estimates in 2019 21 of young people in the world or

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267 million uh we're neither studying or working and

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even among those who have work work and it's an interesting figure even among those who work

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30 percent live on less than 3.2 us dollars a day at purchasing power

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parity such imbalances in uh global social and economic development

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are the direct results of the targeted policy that has been conducted since the 80s of the last century often

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blatantly and dogmatically based on this so-called

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washington consensus with its unwritten rules that give priority to private

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debt-driven economic growth with deregulation and

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low taxes on the rich and the reach and corporations as i've already mentioned the

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coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated the problems last year

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they declined the global economy was the worst since the second world war uh labor

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market losses by july were equivalent to almost 500

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million jobs yes half of them have been recovered by the end of the

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year but still almost 250 million jobs lost

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is a very large and boring worrying figure in the first nine months of last year

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alone global labor income losses totaled three and a half and a half three three and a

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half trillion dollars in the world and this figure is still rising which

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means social tensions are on the rise as well at the same time post-crisis recovery

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is not an easy task if 20 or 30 years ago the problem could have been resolved

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through stimulative stimulative macroeconomic policies that's what we have done and we still

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they're still doing it so today such mechanisms are no longer working fact

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the result is practically exhausted and it's not my just my uh st

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evaluation thus according to the imf estimates the level of aggregate public and

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private sector debts is close to 200 of global gdp and in some economies

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it has exceeded 300 percent of national gdp at the same time all developed countries

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now have zero interest rates

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and the main develop developing countries historically historical minimum ones all this leads

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to practically practical impossibility of stimulating the economy with traditional tools by

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increasing private credit quantitative easing the so-called quantitative easing which

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only increases inflates the financial asset bubble leads to further stratification in the

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society and the increasing gap between real and virtual economy

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and quite often representatives of real economy

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sector from many countries keep telling me this and i think that business representative today will uh

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tell me tell me the same so

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and the increased gap between rail and rational economy as i said represents a real threat and it is fraught with serious and

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unpredictable disturbances certain hopes for resetting the previous growth model

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are related to rapid technological development yes the last 20 years have laid the foundation for what is

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known as the fourth industrial revolution which is based on the widespread use of artificial intelligence automated

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and robotic solutions the coronavirus pandemic has greatly

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accelerated such developments and their implementation however this process is also bringing is also

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bringing about new structural changes in the labor market therefore without efficient efforts by

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states many people are risking

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their jobs and this often affects the so-called middle class which continues constitutes the core

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of any modern society and let me turn to the second fundamental challenge for the forthcoming decade uh in other

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words the social and political challenge increasing economic problems and

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inequality are splitting the society they pave the way for social racial

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national intolerance and this pressure shows through even in those countries

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which seem to possess well-established civic and democratic institutions that are designed to smooth over

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mitigate such events and incidents systemic social economic problems

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leads to public discontent and it requires special attention

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uh they should be these problems should be resolved there are dangerous illusions that we

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can adjust don't deal with it bury them deep

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but in this case the public discontent uh will increase and the society will be

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divided because the reasons of public discontent has to do with real problems

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which affects everybody uh independently uh what political beliefs or

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what political ideas there stick to real problems they lead to discontent i would point

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out one more important aspect modern technology model technological uh first of all

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digital giants have been playing an increasingly significant role in the life of the society

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well we talked a lot about that uh taking into account what had happened in

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the united states and we're not talking about economic giants uh only in certain areas

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they are compete they are competing with states and their audience include millions millions and

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millions of users which using these ecosystems

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they're using ecosystems and they spend a lot of time there and the company's monopoly position

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as they can see it is best suited for running technological and business processes probably it's

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true but here is the question how well does this monopolism correlate with the public interest

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where is the distinction between successful global businesses

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sought after services and big data consolidation on the one hand and the efforts to rule

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the society in the rude and self-servicing manner by

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substituting for legitimate democratic institutions by encroaching on or restricting the

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natural right of people to decide for themselves how to live and what to choose and what

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you to express freely on the other hand we have seen all of this just recently in the united states

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and everybody understands quite well what i'm talking about and i'm sure that the majority of people share this view

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including those who are participating today at this meeting and finally the third

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challenge or to be more precise the clear threat which we can face in this decade

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i mean the further aggravation of the whole set of international problems

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if states especially major states choose to search for internal enemies they will inevitably

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need an external external enemy the one which they can blame for each and every

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failure and the one to which they can redirect the temper and discontent of

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their own citizens and we see it we can see it already we feel the tension in external

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policy or with their friends grow we may expect practical steps to become more aggressive this might include

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further pressure on countries that do not agree to become docile easy to control satellites

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the use of trade barriers illegitimate sanctions restrictions restrictions in the

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financial technological and information spheres such a game without rules

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is dramatically increasing the risks of the universal use of military force

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which is very dangerous under the under any pretexts invented pretexts

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as well as the odds of the emergence of new hot spots on our planets

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that's cannot but cause the preoccupation for creation among us

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dear participants and dear participants despite this angle of differences and challenges

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it is essential that we keep looking positively into the future and remain committed to

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the constructive agenda it would be naive to offer some universal magic

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solutions for the sad problems but all of us should certainly work to

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develop common approaches narrow down discrepancies as much as

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possible didn't identify social global tensions i would like to reiterate my message the

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fundamental reason behind the lack of sustainability in global development

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is in many cases the accumulated social and economic problems that's why the key issue for us today is

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this what logic should we follow in our actions so as not only to quickly restore global and

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national economies affected by the pandemic but to ensure that

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the such restoration is sustainable in the long term and has a quality

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structure enabling it to help overcome the burden

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of social imbalances it is clear that given the above mentioned uh limitations

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of the past macroeconomic policies further development of the economy will be based to a great extent on

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fiscal stimulus which state budgets with state budgets and central banks

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playing the key role in fact we are already witnessing such

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tendencies in the developed and countries as well as as well as in certain developing

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countries the increase the increasing role of the government in the social socioeconomic sphere

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at the national level and not and obviously in matters of the global agenda requires

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greater responsibility and closer interstate cooperation various international fora

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have invariably been calling for inclusive growth for creating conditions to ensure a decent life for everyone

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it is absolutely clear and that's correct and it's absolutely clear that

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that the world cannot follow the path of building an economy uh that works for a million

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people or even for the golden billion it's a destructive type of policy such a

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model is unsustainable by definition and recent developments including the migration crisis uh have once again

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proved that today it is important to move from general statements to actions to putting real efforts and

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resources to both reducing social inequality within individual states

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and step by step to narrow the gap between the levels of economic development of

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different countries and regions of the planet thus we will avoid immigration migration risks

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designed to ensure sustainable harmonious development this policy has clear

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purposes and priorities those include the creation of new opportunities for everybody

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conditions for people to develop and realize their potential regardless of where they were

born and

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live and where they live um there there are four key priorities

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how of how i can see them as the priorities

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probably i will not be i will not say nothing new but uh i'm

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expressing the power of the position the position of russia that's what i'm doing first a person

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should have a comfortable environment to live in which includes housing and accessible infrastructure transport energy and

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utilities and of course ecological well-being we should keep this in mind always second a person must be confident

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that he or she will have a job that provides a steadily increasing income and

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therefore an adequate standard of living people should have access to effective

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mechanisms for lifelong learning which is just necessary today

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allowing them to keep to develop and build their career and receive a decent pension and social

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package after retiring third a person must be confident

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that he or she will receive high quality and effective medical care when needed

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that the healthcare system in any event will guarantee them access to most uh advanced services

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fourth regardless of family income children should have opportunities to

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receive a decent education and fulfill their potential and this kind of potential every kid has

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this is only the only way to guarantee the most effective development of a modern economy an

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economy that does not view people as a mean as means as a mean but places

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them at the center only those countries that can make progress in those in these four areas and

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um i just mentioned uh the most important areas uh so only

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those countries that can make progress here will ensure sustainable inclusive development

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and it is these approaches that underlie the strategy that russia is pursuing my country is pursuing our

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priorities focus on the individual and the family they center on ensuring demographic development and

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safeguarding the people on improving the well-being and protecting the health of our people

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we work to create conditions for decent and efficient work and successful entrepreneurship to

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ensure digital transformation as a basis for a technology driven future for our

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entire country rather than a small group of companies in the coming years we will concentrate

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the efforts of the government business and civil society on these tasks and building a stimulating budget policy

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in achieving our national development goals we're open to a broad international

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cooperation and we believe that cooperation matters on the global social and economic agenda

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would have a positive impact on the general atmosphere and the world affairs and

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interdependence in solving urgent problems would lead to us to stronger mutual trust

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which is especially irrelevant today it is clear that an

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era associated with attempts to build a centralized unipolar world order is over

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it hasn't been started even there were attempts to do this in just there

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but it's over such a monopoly was inherently contrary to the cultural

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and historical diversity of our civilization

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the the reality is that there are truly different studies of development in the

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world with their own distinctive models political systems political models social institutions and

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today it is extremely important to create mechanisms for coordinating their interests so

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so that the diversity and which is natural and the natural

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competition between the poles of development does not turn into anarchy and multiple

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protracted conflicts and we for this we have to strengthen and

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develop the universal institutions which bear special responsibility for ensuring global stability and security and

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uh elaboration of rules of conduct in the world economy and trade i've mentioned many times that many universal

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institutions are facing facing hard times today and at different summits i keep telling you

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about that these institutions have been created in uh during different

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uh era and they're facing today's challenges it's not an easy task for them

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objectively but i'd like to to stress that

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we just we shall support them

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they have unique uh experience when it comes to uh using a huge

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potential which have not have has not been implemented it should be adapted to the realities

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but we should use it we shall not make history of them we should use the

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new uh forms of interaction when it comes to

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certainly it can also be understood in different ways it can be seen as a way of promoting one's own interests

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and making one's unilateral actions look legitimate while others are left with no other

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choice but to not in approval or it can be an opportunity for sovereign states

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to actually join their efforts to deal with specific problems for the common good in particular this

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may involve the settlement of regional conflicts and creation of

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technological alliances as well as many other areas including the formation of

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cross-border transport and energy corridors etc

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dear friends ladies and gentlemen you you understand that we have here vast opportunities

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for mutual work uh such multilateral approaches actually work

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and the practice the practical work shows that let me remind you that a lot

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has been done by russia iran and turkey within the astana format to stabilize the situation in syria and

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they are currently contributing to the establishment of a political dialogue in that country we

are doing this with other countries

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we are doing it together and russia engaged in active mediation efforts to

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put an end to the armed conflict in the nagorni karabakh region a conflict between the nations that are

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our old friends and neighbors azerbaijan and armenia these efforts were guided by the key arrangements made

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by the osce means group particularly by its co-chair russia the u.s and france it's another

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good uh example of uh cooperation as it is known a trilateral

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statement was signed by russia azerbaijan and armenia in november more importantly most of its provisions

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are constantly put into practice there's this has helped to end the bloodshed which is

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the most important thing the ending of the bloodshed we establish a complete ceasefire and we

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uh start with the stabilization process right now the task for the international community

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and of course of those countries that have been involved in the resolving the crisis is to provide assistance to the affected

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regions to help them overcome the humanitarian problems associated with the return of refugees

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restoration of the destroyed infrastructure and protection of historical religious and cultural

monuments and

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their restoration you also know another

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example i would like to stress the role played by russia saudi arabia and the

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united states in the stabilization of the world energy market this firm it has provided a private

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example of a productive interaction between countries with different and sometimes even opposite assessments of global processes

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with their own views of the world at the same time there are of course issues that affect all states

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without exception a good a good example is the joint work to study and combat the cavite 19

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infection recently several types of this dangerous disease have emerged

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as it is well known and the world community needs to create an environment that enables scientists

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and as specialists to work together in order to understand why and how the chronovirus mutations

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occur what is the difference between its strains and of course there is a need for worldwide coordination

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of efforts and the uh general secretary you and general secretary calls upon it

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we need to coordinate of efforts to distribute and facilitate the accessibility of the much needed covered 19 vaccines

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vaccines help should be provided to states that need it the most including african states such

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health should involve the increase should involve the increase in the

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number of tests and vaccination as we can see a mass vaccination

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is accessible mostly today for those who live in the developed countries at the same time there are hundreds of

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millions of people uh in our world who cannot even hope to get such protection

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and reality such inequality could result in a common thread because the pandemic

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and it is well known the pandemic will drag on uh

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and uncontrolled epicenters who will remain infection and pandemics

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no no no no body that's why we need to learn the lessons from the current situation

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and to come up with measures to make the system for global monitoring of emergence of such diseases

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more effective and another important area which requires the entire world

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community to coordinate efforts

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it has to do with the preservation of climate and nature of our planet

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it's nothing new here only together we can achieve progress uh in addressing such

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serious problems as the global warming depletion of forest loss of biodiversity increasing

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waste volumes and marine plastic pollution so on so forth find an optimal balance between the

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interest of economic development and preservation of the environment for the current and future generations

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dear foreign participants dear friends we all know that

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competition rivalry between the countries has never in the world's history stopped and they

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will not stop and differences clusters of interests are

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all natural for such a complex organism as the today's of human

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civilization in general however however at critical times

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it was never an obstacle but rather it prompted a concerted effort in dealing

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with the most vital and truly life-changing situations and i believe that now

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is exactly such a period it is crucial to give an honest assessment of the

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situation to focus on uh real global problems rather than perceived ones on remitting

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the imbalances of imbalances which are critical for the entire world community and then i'm sure we will be able to

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achieve success to give a solid response for the challenges of the third decade of the 21st century

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i'd like to stop here and i'd like to thank for your patience and for your attention

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mr president many of the issues raised certainly are part

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also of our discussions here during the davos week we complement the

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speeches also by task forces which address some of the issues you mentioned like

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not leaving the developing world behind taking care of let's say creating the skills for

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tomorrow and so on so mr president i have we we prepare for

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the discussion afterwards but i have one very short question um how do you see and i

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it's a question which we discussed when i visited you in saint petersburg

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14 months ago how do you see the future of european russian relations

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just a short answer

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fundamental issues we have common culture

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most important political figures in europe in the recent past mentioned

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the need to keep developing the relations between europe and russia

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stressing the fact that russia is part of europe geographically and what is most

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important from the cultural point of view

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it's just one civilization in reality french leaders mentioned the need to uh

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create a common space from lisbon to urals and i mentioned

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just the same why adjust to your to your euros we shall extend it to vladivostok

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me personally i had the position of the former distinguished political uh figure

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uh chancellor helmut kaul who uh used to say that if uh the european culture

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would like to preserve itself and to maintain its role as one of the cultural

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centers in the world again taking into account all the problems and tendencies of the

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world civilization development so where western europe and russia should

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be together and we cannot but agree with this we share the same position and the same opinion today's

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situation is no doubt far from being normal

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we have to come back to the positive agenda

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this is the common interest of russia and european countries no doubt about that

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well deep pandemic has played its negative role our trade to know

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has been affected although uh your european union is one of our main trade partners so we have to come back

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to positive tendencies and we have to

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increase our interaction russia and europe from economic point of view are the

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natural partners and from the point of view of first

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science development technological development uh development from the space point of

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view uh russia is sharing european culture

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but the territory of russia is a little bit bigger than the entire

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europe we have a huge human resources um and

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i will not enumerate all we have but it could be

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used beneficially for russia and europe what is important here is the following we should we should

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approach an honest manner to our dialogue we should get rid of our

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past phobias we shall not use in our internal political processes

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problems which we inherited from the previous centuries

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we shall look into the future to the to the future and if we are able to get rid of this

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phobias and old problems then

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we will create a positive stage of our uh relations we are ready for this we

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would like to get this and we will do our best to get to achieve this but it should not be a uniral approach

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it should be a common approach

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