

Dmitry Medvedev meets with principal officers of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)

The Prime Minister met with ISO President John Walter and ISO Secretary-General Sergio Mujica.

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Dmitry Medvedev: Mr Walter, Mr Mujica, welcome. I am pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you and to discuss interaction between our country and the International Organisation for Standardisation.

I just attended a meeting devoted to industrial development in our country, which speaks volumes about the role of standards. We discussed the need to introduce modern standards (I am talking about some of our country's industries), and the need to create international standards that would be applicable in our relations with our partners, including the Eurasian Economic Union. I hope that your current visit to our country will be successful, improve mutual understanding, and enhance our country's participation in the major work that you do.

John Walter (*via interpreter*): Thank you very much, Mr Medvedev. We are honoured to have this opportunity to meet with you. We do not often meet with prime ministers. Our presence here and the fact that we, the Secretary-General and I, have come here, says that we are striving to build up our ties and at the same time shows that Russia has close ties with the ISO. After

all, Russia was one of the founding countries of the International Organisation for Standardisation and is a prestigious and authoritative member of our organisation.

Separately, I would like to note that one of the goals of our visit is to emphasise the importance of Russia's participation in the ISO, as well as the importance of what we can do to help Russia derive all the possible benefits of using international standards.

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