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## Questions and answers in open and sincere format

As is traditional, the press tour of Russian journalists in Belarus — focusing this time on the Grodno Region — ended with a press conference held by President Alexander Lukashenko. Around 90 journalists from over 70 different Russian media outlets attended the event. They represented the federal mass media, as well as those from the Russian Federation's subjects, the Union State and the Mir Interstate TV and Radio Company.

Between them, the printed publications reach around 3.5 million copies, with as many as 130 million television viewers and a more than 120 million radio audience.

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### The formula of co-operation may change

Against the backdrop of global integration processes, Ukraine, Belarus' neighbour, occupies a special place. On the one hand, it is moving closer to the European Union, whilst on the other, Kiev states that it is not in their interest to lose their close ties with former Soviet republics. If this is the case, then the subject of interaction with the countries of the Single Economic Space, and in the future with the Eurasian Economic Union, remains on the table, and it is necessary to define a reasonable level of co-operation, which would suit all parties. This was the main topic of the discussion between the President of Belarus and the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Nikolai Azarov. → 4

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