

Prospect will be registered in road map

Belarus and Venezuela will develop a road map of bilateral co-operation

By Vladimir Khromov

The agreement on the carrying out of detailed analysis of realisation of all joint projects and development of the programme entitled *Road Map for Mid-term and Long-term Bilateral Co-operation Between the Republic of Belarus and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela* has already been reached, noted the Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Tozik, as he spoke at a formal event in Minsk devoted to Venezuela's Independence Day. According to Anatoly Tozik, Belarus treats the people of Venezuela with a special sympathy and respectfully follows the progressive growth of authority of the Latin American country and

on international arena as a whole. The policy of Venezuela, directed on the construction of a strong independent state, the achievement of social equality, ensuring growth of the well-being of the people and country prosperity, deserves respect.

The Deputy Prime Minister also noted that the development of a strategic partnership with Venezuela is one of priority directions of Belarusian foreign policy. For a rather short historical period there was created a reliable legal, political and economic base of bilateral interaction with over 30 agreements being concluded and realised and inter-state, top-level dialogue is actively developed.

Anatoly Tozik considers that the annual carrying out of joint commission sessions at a high level on trade and economic co-operation is an effective tool for the deepening of interaction in all spheres. The countries have similar positions concerning international issues, closely co-operate in the UN and other international organisations and support the development of a multi-polar world.

The Deputy Prime Minister also emphasised the importance that the trade and economic co-operation between Belarus and Venezuela along with the simple exchange of goods is supplemented with an establishment of co-operation ties and the creation of joint ventures.

In turn, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Republic of Belarus, H.E. Mr. Américo Díaz Núñez, noted that 'both countries are connected by 8 years of intensive mutual exchange in economic, political, cultural, scientific and technological spheres'. As he said, now the accent in bilateral co-operation is put on the construction of habitation by Belarusian experts for less-well-off sections of people in Venezuela. Américo Díaz Núñez also said that Belarusian builders, oil industry workers, mountain engineers and technical experts are working in practically all territories of Venezuela. According to the diplomat, the integration



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processes in Latin America promote the expansion of co-operation in the region. In particular, Belarus has started to develop contacts with Ecuador, Bolivia, Nicaragua and other countries, besides its already traditional contacts with Venezuela, Cuba, Brazil and Argentina.

There would be no 'postponement' of joint projects in officials' offices

By Vasily Khvorostov

Minsk hosted the 7th International defence technology exhibition *MILEX-2014*, one of the largest exhibitions of this type in the Eastern-European region. According to the Prime Minister, Mikhail Myasnikov, who took part in its opening, it will further promote the development of military-technical co-operation based on close co-operation in international industrial interaction.

The Prime Minister expressed his hope that the business programme of exhibition would become useful and substantial, and that the numerous meetings and section sessions, round tables and conferences would help participants and visitors to develop interesting ideas on the realisation of joint projects in the production of armament, its service and modernisation. Mikhail Myasnikov considers that Belarus and Russia need to create a joint venture in a military-industrial complex. After all, such joint companies will not require any more any permissions at the high or co-ordinating levels and would mean



There were many negotiations at the MILEX-2014 exhibition

that there would not be any 'postponement' in the officials' offices.

"We are closely considering a couple of enterprises, starting with intellectual systems, radar and optical-mechanical things and finishing with questions concerning, for example, helicopters, armour etc. We still have much work here. Today it turns out, that not all our enterprises can work in co-operation with the manufacture of corresponding prod-

ucts of military-industrial complex of the Russian Federation, but we have some progress here," Mikhail Myasnikov specified. He reminded that recently he had discussed this theme with the Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Dmitry Rogozin.

The *MILEX* exhibition was held in Minsk for the seventh time. The present exposition was divided into four basic areas: combat geo information systems, including multipur-

pose unmanned aerial systems, fire systems, combat systems for special operations forces and ground forces, and systems to counter precision-guided munitions. Armament, military equipment and other products could be seen both in the open-air areas and indoors. The exhibition became a considerable contributor to the creation of a system of collective security, according to CSTO Secretary General, Nikolay Bordyuzha.

Parliaments prepare for synchronised ratification

By Vladimir Khromov

Treaty on creation of Eurasian Economic Union to be ratified by Customs Union member states' parliaments during autumn session

Leonid Slutsky, Chairman of the Commission for CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration, and Relations with Compatriots of the Russian State Duma, has told journalists that the treaty will be ratified synchronously, on the same day, during the autumn session. As the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia, he notes, "I think the day is not far off when we'll be able to proudly declare that we live in the Eurasian Economic Union."



Regarding restrictions and exemptions, he comments that the combination of developed economies within such a powerful regional economic block 'entails certain development diseases and problems, with exemptions and restrictions unlikely to be resolved immediately'.

The Eurasian Economic Union will acquire a parliamentary dimension and a full-value Eurasian parliament, later gaining a security dimension in the form of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation. A universal information space is planned, including a 24/7 news channel, called Eurasia-24, as suggested by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev. "Everything will happen in the near future," stresses Mr. Slutsky.

The presidents of Belarus, Russia and Kazakhstan signed the Treaty to establish the Eurasian Economic Union in Astana, on May 29th, 2014.

Never more!

By Inessa Pleskachevskaya

In the centre of Berlin, the *Land of Courage and Glory* exhibition of photos and documents dedicated to the 70th anniversary of Belarus' liberation from the Nazis was held

According to the words of Vladimir Adamushko, Director of the Department on Archives and Record Management of the Ministry of Justice, and one of the organisers of the exhibition, a lot of the photos and documents are unique. He is ready to talk about every stand for a long time and in minute detail, to tell how difficult it was to find the commendation lists of the Heroes of

the Soviet Union submitted to the high nomination for 'Bagration' operation on Belarus' liberation, to talk about the fact that they decided to dedicate one stand to women in the war — explaining how they fought side by side with the men, how they lived during the war and how they have survived the unimaginable horrors that fell upon them.

The Germans remember the war, though these memoirs are obviously painful for them. At the opening of the exhibition, I met Colonel Konrad Freytag, the former Press Secretary of the Major NATO Command. He had been retired for a long time, and now the search for graves of Germans fallen during the Second World War is one of the



At the Berlin exhibition

main actions of his life. He has been to Belarus several times, and talks about Belarusians with enthusiasm and about his mission with sorrow.

There is co-operation, but the main thought which he expresses, looking at the exponents of the Berlin's exhibition is 'Never more!' And we agree.