

# WTO Compliance Urged

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Russia has to meet all its World Trade Organization obligations, WTO Director General Pascal Lamy said Thursday at the Gaidar Forum in Moscow, Interfax reported.

The comments come after a statement by Russia's top trade negotiator, Maxim Medvedkov, in which he said Russia would not have to assume some WTO obligations because it is a recently acceded member.

Lamy said Russia has been a member of the trade body for five months already, so the question is a thing of the past.

The country can no longer choose whether or not to meet its obligations. It has to do so, Lamy said.

However, he said, a different question could arise as to whether other WTO members believe that Russia is not fully meeting its obligations.

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