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Lavrov Expects End to 'All Artificial Barriers' Between Russia and EU

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Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks to Latvia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Edgars Rinkevics (not pictured) during their meeting in Moscow, on Jan. 12, 2015.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday that Moscow believed "all artificial barriers" between Russia and the European Union would be lifted and there was every possibility for the two sides to have an equal partnership, RIA news agency reported.

Lavrov did not say when he expected such barriers to be removed. The EU has imposed sanctions on Russia over its role in the crisis in Ukraine.

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