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U.S. Could Relax Russia Sanctions After Trump Victory, Says Top Economist

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Former Russian Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin. **Associated Press**

Sanctions on Russia could be relaxed by the end of 2016 following the victory of U.S.☒President-elect Donald Trump, one of Russia's top economists has☒claimed.

Speaking at an investment forum in New☒York, former Russian Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin claimed that U.S.-Russia ties had a “fifty-fifty” percent chance of improving after Trump's shock win, the Interfax☒news agency reported.

"We all know that President Putin☒and Donald Trump have exchanged a few words and expressed desire to☒improve relations. This suggests a good chance that there will be☒some positive changes on the way for U.S.-Russia ties,” said☒Kudrin. “It's a chance which can be used.”

Kudrin warned that sanctions against☒Russia would not disappear overnight, but said that the measures☒could soon start to be gradually withdrawn.

"These first steps will be more symbolic, but they will be a deescalation," the economist said. "There are many different parties - Russia, the United States, Europe – who want to reduce international tensions. That will lead us to find a common language," he said.

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