

# Foreign Ministry: Russia Has No Illusions About Trump

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Moscow has no illusions about friendship with the United States under a Donald Trump presidency, according to Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova.

"Of course, after the arrival of the new [Trump] team there won't be any celebration of 'friendship, brotherhood, and justice.'" Zakharova [wrote](#) on her Facebook page. "Nobody has any illusions."

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Zakharov cautioned her readers to distinguish between "a politically-motivated anti-Russian campaign" and the United States "defending its own national interests."

She also criticized Russian citizens who had supported Hillary Clinton, suggesting that they wanted life "to be worse for Russia."

Earlier on Thursday, Russian media [reported](#) that the Foreign Ministry planned to meet with

Trump associate Carter Page, but Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov denied the report.

"As far as this morning, there are no plans to have any meetings at the Foreign Ministry," Ryabkov told reporters.

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