

Republic of Belarus



DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF BELARUS

BELARUS MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 173 STATES OF THE WORLD



DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF BELARUS IN THE WORLD:

- 52 embassies
- 2 embassies/permanent missions to international organizations
- 13 divisions of embassies
- 2 permanent missions to international organizations
- 8 consulates general
- 1 consulate

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF IN BELARUS:



- 43 embassies
- 3 divisions of embassies
- 1 trade mission
- 28 consular offices
- 17 missions of international organizations
- 85 foreign diplomatic missions accredited pluralistically

- The Republic of Belarus maintains diplomatic relations with 168 states of the world, in 50 of which 48 embassies, 2 embassies/permanent missions to international organizations, 2 permanent missions to international organizations, 7 consulates general and 1 consulate are open. 13 divisions of Belarusian embassies also function abroad.
- Foreign states are represented in Belarus by 44 embassies, 3 divisions of embassies, 1 trade mission, 25 consular offices (including honorary consuls); international organizations — 17 missions. 81 foreign diplomatic missions are accredited in the country pluralistically.
- The Republic of Belarus implements about 3.500 international treaties, including over 1.900 – bilateral and about 1.500 – multilateral treaties.

Russia and CIS countries

- The strategic ally and the major trading partner of Belarus is, of course, the Russian Federation. The relations between the two countries are based on historical kinship of the nations, mutual political interests, complementarity of the economies and close cooperation ties between enterprises.
- **Alexander Lukashenko and Vladimir Putin in Sochi. Photo Andrei Stasevich (BelTA)**
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- Over the past 5 years the commodity turnover between Belarus and Russia increased by 1,5 times and reached USD 39,4 billion in 2011.
- In 2011, Russia's share in the total volume of foreign trade of Belarus amounted to 45,2%, and in the volume of Belarusian export — 35%.
- The development of bilateral relations with the CIS countries is also one of the main foreign political and economic priorities of the Republic of Belarus.
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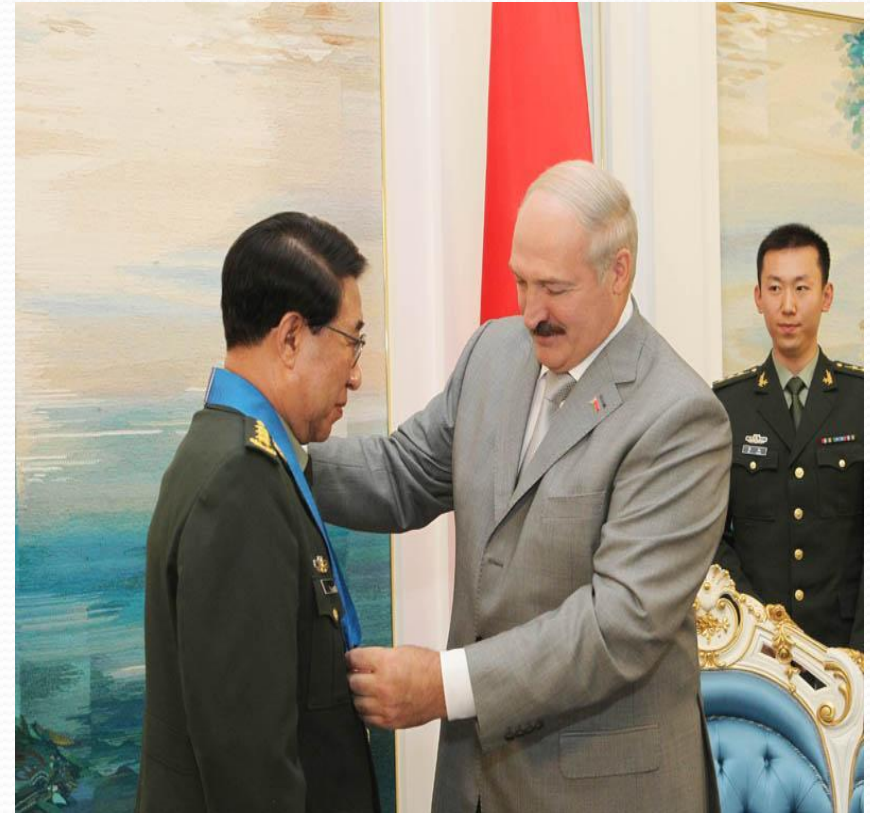
European Union

- The Republic of Belarus is establishing equitable, respectful and pragmatic relations with the European Union, taking into account the mutual interest in creating more favorable conditions for trade and investment interaction.
- **Minsk Forum Belarus and Eastern Partnership: Prospects for development in the fields of politics, economy and society, BelTA**
- The progressive development of constructive relations with the EU promotes the consolidation of cross-border ties, joint illegal migration, human trafficking and organized crime combating, the development of strategic transit.



Countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East

- In recent years the relationships with partners, forming support arches of the Belarusian foreign policy in countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East became much stronger. Effective contacts at the highest and supreme levels with China, Iran, Vietnam, Syria, Qatar, Egypt, UAE, Oman and RSA, which secured the agreement on the implementation of specific projects, are continued.



Latin America

- In order to diversify the strategic aspects of foreign policy, Belarus is actively developing cooperation with the countries of Latin America. For Belarus this region is one of the most important areas of integration into world trade and economic ties. Latin American countries are of interest for the Belarusian enterprises as a capacious and rapidly growing market. In 2011 the total commodity turnover between Belarus and the countries of Latin America reached USD 3,5 billion and had a balanced character (the export of Belarusian goods exceeded USD 1,74 billion, import amounted to about USD 1,76 billion). The strategic cooperation between Belarus and Cuba is also steadily growing. The interstate dialogue with Cuba is given a powerful political impetus, bilateral cooperation on the international arena within the framework of the UN, the Non-Aligned Movement and other international organizations has been activated. Active work is being carried out to consolidate the mutually beneficial partnership in the economic sphere



USA

- Full-fledged cooperation with the United States of America in all spheres corresponds to the national interests of Belarus. The Belarusian party stands for the development of bilateral interaction with the USA based on the principles of mutual respect and equitable partnership.
- The United States remain among the leading investors of Belarus and rank 6th in the number of created joint and foreign ventures: 282 enterprises registered as of January 1, 2012.

