
TOP CHINESE, RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS DISCUSS NEXT WEEK'S VOTE ON RESOLUTION ON STRAIT OF HORMUZ IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, agreed in a phone call on Sunday to "uphold fairness on matters of principle and adopt an objective and balanced approach" as permanent members of the UN Security Council while discussing the impending vote on a draft resolution on the opening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Wang said Moscow and Beijing should also "strive to gain greater understanding and support from the international community," according to a statement from China's Foreign Ministry.

Earlier this week, Bahrain submitted a draft resolution to the UN Security Council over Iran's effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz to international navigation. The vote is expected next week. Wang on Thursday urged the council not to support "unauthorized" military operations in the Middle East, warning that continued conflict could lead to "endless trouble."

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