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**MOSCOW WARNS OF ARMENIA'S POSSIBLE OUSTER FROM RUSSIA-LED ECONOMIC BLOC**

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Russia again questioned Armenias continued membership in the Eurasian Economic Union on Tuesday, citing the Armenian governments desire to join the European Union.

Echoing President Vladimir Putins recent statement, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk said Yerevan must already choose between remaining part of the Russian-led trade bloc and sticking to its European integration drive.

The Armenian people are close to us, and we care about their lives and the future state of the Armenian economy, Overchuk told the official TASS news agency. On the contrary, we do everything we can to ensure that the economy flourishes there. But if the choice is in favor of the EU, then, of course, we have a question. Why should we support that at our own expense? If Armenia joins countries unfriendly to Russia, why should we support it?

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