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SUBJECT: NATO and Russia sign the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) (U)

- On April 21, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Lavrov and NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer signed the PfP SOFA at the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Vilnius.
 - The SOFA should facilitate practical mil-mil cooperation, potentially improving interoperability between NATO and Russian Forces.
 - The Allies have been urging Russia for more than ten years to sign the PfP SOFA.
- The PfP SOFA will enable U.S. personnel to participate in future US-Russia bilateral exercises on Russian territory without a SOFA waiver.
- A DOD/State team will reinitiate discussions with the Russians on an arrangement to allow the transshipment of DoD material, supplies and equipment across Russia.
 - Many of the problems (liability, port fees, etc.) we identified in the French and German transshipment agreements with Russia are eliminated with a PFP SOFA.



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