

Clinton says Russia's signing of anti-bribery pact a milestone on its path for OECD membership

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has welcomed Russia's decision to sign a key international anti-bribery pact.

Clinton says Moscow's signing of the anti-bribery convention is 'a significant step in its own right and a milestone in Russia's own path toward full OECD membership.'

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development oversees the pact that requires signatories to criminalize bribery of foreign officials.

It is one of 22 requirements for full membership of the OECD, an economic research and standards-setting body based in Paris.

Clinton spoke Thursday at the close of OECD's 50th anniversary meeting, a day after Russia's signing of the convention.

Russia's parliament still must ratify it.

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