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## YEREVAN'S PARTICIPATION IN ROME STATUTE STRAINS ARMENIA-RUSSIA RELATIONS - ZAKHAROVA

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Yerevans decision to participate in the Rome Statute against the background of quasi-orders issued by The Hague for the arrest of several Russian officials is causing tangible harm to Russian-Armenian relations, both symbolically and practically, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said.

Our attitude toward the ICC is well known, as is our view on Armenias decision to join this so-called body. This is no secret to our Armenian colleagues, Zakharova stated during a press briefing on Wednesday. Her remarks were in response to Yerevans recent declaration of readiness to cooperate with the ICC to strengthen international legal norms.

Zakharova expressed skepticism about Armenias collaboration with the ICC, suggesting that while the goal of strengthening international legal norms might seem understandable, the practice of two decades of this pseudo-courts work suggests otherwise.

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