

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2017*

**Statement on the Death of Russia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vitaly Ivanovich Churkin**

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President Donald J. Trump was saddened to learn of the unexpected death of Russia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Vitaly Churkin. An accomplished diplomat, Ambassador Churkin worked alongside his U.S. counterparts in New York for more than a decade. While American officials sometimes disagreed with their Russian counterparts, Ambassador Churkin played a crucial role in working with the United States on a number of key issues to advance global security. The President offers the condolences of the American people to the Russian people and Government.

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