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## **MOSCOW SCOFFS AT PASHINIAN'S NEW CSTO CLAIM**

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinians claim that the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) poses an existential threat to Armenia is not only untrue but also illogical, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

The ministry spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova, argued that Pashinian is still careful not to formally pull his country out of the Russian-led military alliance.

It seems to me that they [the statements made by Pashinian] contradict common sense and reality, Zakharova told journalists in Saint Petersburg. Because if something threatens you, especially national security, then what is the point of saying that they [Armenia] are still there [in the CSTO?] If they are staying on, it means that they see some expediency in this.

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