

## Putin, Trump envoy discuss potential direct talks with Ukraine, Kremlin says



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Moscow, April 25 – Russian President Vladimir Putin recently held discussions with a special envoy from former U.S. President Donald Trump regarding the possibility of initiating direct talks with Ukraine, according to a statement from the Kremlin.

The meeting, which took place in Moscow, was described by Kremlin officials as a productive

exchange focused on diplomatic efforts surrounding the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The talks are seen as an attempt to explore potential pathways for de-escalation and direct dialogue between Kyiv and Moscow, amidst growing concerns over the prolonged military confrontation.

Putin, accompanied by his foreign policy aides, reportedly welcomed the idea of engaging Ukraine in direct negotiations, though no specifics were revealed on the terms of such talks. The Russian leader emphasized the need for pragmatic solutions and reaffirmed Russia's commitment to safeguarding its interests in the region.

Trump's envoy, a controversial figure in diplomatic circles, is said to have proposed a framework for discussions that could bridge the stark differences between the two sides. The envoy stressed that such talks would require significant concessions from both sides, particularly concerning territorial integrity and security arrangements.

While details of the conversation remain limited, the Kremlin's acknowledgment of the meeting suggests a shift in approach to resolving the Ukraine conflict. The involvement of international intermediaries, particularly from the U.S., could pave the way for future diplomatic efforts.

The U.S. State Department has yet to comment on the discussions, but the talks are expected to draw significant attention from global leaders monitoring the tense situation in