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## Starmer, Zelensky discuss Ukraine ahead U.S.-Russia Alaska Summit



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LONDON, Aug. 14— British Prime Minister Keir Starmer met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Thursday at Downing Street to discuss key developments ahead of the upcoming U.S.-Russia summit in Alaska.

The leaders reviewed Wednesday's virtual meetings hosted by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and exchanged views on the expected outcomes of Friday's Trump-Putin talks. According to an

official statement, Starmer and Zelensky agreed to remain in close contact in the coming days to coordinate their positions and share insights.

Zelensky highlighted the importance of exploring security guarantees for Ukraine that could support a lasting peace if a ceasefire is reached. The discussion also focused on strategies to strengthen international coordination and ensure that diplomatic efforts advance Ukraine's interests effectively.

The meeting underscored the close cooperation between the United Kingdom and Ukraine as both nations prepare for critical international negotiations. Leaders emphasized the need for continuous dialogue and strategic alignment to support peace and stability in the region.