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## PDT BIDEN TALKS WITH PDT PUTIN & PROPOSES HIM A SUMMIT OVER UKRAIN CONFLICT

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**USPA NEWS** - US Pdt Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin talked on the phone Tuesday, 13 April 2021. US Pdt Joe Biden proposed a summit in "a third country" in the "next few months" to his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, citing the question of Ukraine and the high tensions between Moscow and Kiev, and discussed the increased Russian troop (80, 000) deployment on the border with Ukraine and a potential summit in a third country. Russia says the troops are there to conduct military drills. US President Joe Biden on Tuesday proposed a summit in "a third country" in the "next few months" to his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, citing the question of Ukraine and the high tensions between Moscow and Kiev. The two heads of state agreed during a telephone conversation to "continue the dialogue" for the benefit of "world security". The White House statement of the US Pdt Joe Biden, added that the US would "act firmly in defense of its national interests in response to Russia's actions, such as cyber intrusions and election interference." On the French side, President Macron, one of the heads of state of the Format Normandie, Friday April 16, at the Elysee Palace. Source: White House, Elysee

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On the French side, President Macron, one of the heads of state of the Format Normandie, (France, Germany, Russia, Ukraine), will receive President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, during a lunch, Friday April 16, at the Elysee Palace, in Paris. Indeed, President Emmanuel Macron is, along with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, mediator in the Ukrainian conflict within the framework of the quadripartite dialogue with Russia and Ukraine (called the "Format Normandie" [?]). The four heads of state met in Paris in December 2019, for the first meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky after the latter's election in early 2019. We publish the Readout of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Call with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Source: The White House, 13 April 2021.

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« President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. spoke today with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. They discussed a number of regional and global issues, including the intent of the United States and Russia to pursue a strategic stability dialogue on a range of arms control and emerging security issues, building on the extension of the New START Treaty. President Biden also made clear that the United States will act firmly in defense of its national interests in response to Russia's actions, such as cyber intrusions and election

interference. President Biden emphasized the United States' unwavering commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The President voiced our concerns over the sudden Russian military build-up in occupied Crimea and on Ukraine's borders, and called on Russia to de-escalate tensions. President Biden reaffirmed his goal of building a stable and predictable relationship with Russia consistent with U.S. interests, and proposed a summit meeting in a third country in the coming months to discuss the full range of issues facing the United States and Russia. » Source: The White House, 13 April 2021.

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