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## PUTIN, MOON JAE-IN POSITIVELY REGARD AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN PYONGYANG AND SEOUL

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South Korean President Moon Jae-in told Russian President Vladimir Putin about his meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in a telephone conversation. The parties positively regard the agreements reached during this meeting, the Kremlin press service reported on Sunday.

"A telephone conversation between President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in was held at the initiative of the South Korean side. The South Korean president detailed on the results of his meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Panmunjom," the report says.

"While exchanging their opinions, the two sides positively assessed the agreements reached at that meeting. Special attention was paid to the intention to secure the non-nuclear status of the Korean Peninsula enshrined in the Panmunjom Declaration through its total denuclearization. It was affirmed that coordinated measures to develop inter-Korean cooperation will also contribute to the regions advancement towards peace and stability," the Kremlin specified.

Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed Russias intention to further contribute to the development of cooperation between North and South Korea. "Russias intention to further contribute to the development of practical cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the DPRK, in particular through the implementation of large trilateral infrastructural and energy projects, was confirmed. Vladimir Putin highlighted the importance of continuing efforts by all parties concerned for a politico-diplomatic solution of the Korean Peninsula problems, including with regard to milestones contained in the Russia - China roadmap," the Kremlin press service said in the report.

"Current issues of bilateral relations were discussed, with special attention being paid to the extension of mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas. A schedule of high-level contacts was coordinated," the press service added.

On April 27, South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met in Panmunjom, the demilitarized zone that separates the two countries. These negotiations became the first high-level meeting between the North and South in more than 10 years. After the negotiations the two countries leaders signed the joint Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula.

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