

Putin Asks Obama to Maintain Open Dialogue in New Year

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President Vladimir Putin sent U.S. President Barack Obama his best wishes for the New Year on Tuesday, confirming Russia's readiness to engage in dialogue to enhance bilateral cooperation with the United States.

"The events of the past year clearly demonstrated how, acting in the spirit of partnership and on the basis of respecting one another, Russia and the United States are capable of making a real input into supporting global stability, resolving some of the most difficult international problems," Putin said in a Kremlin statement.

Putin also confirmed his desire to maintain a constructive dialogue and continue joint work to enhance mutual trust and to expand economic, scientific and cultural cooperation.

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