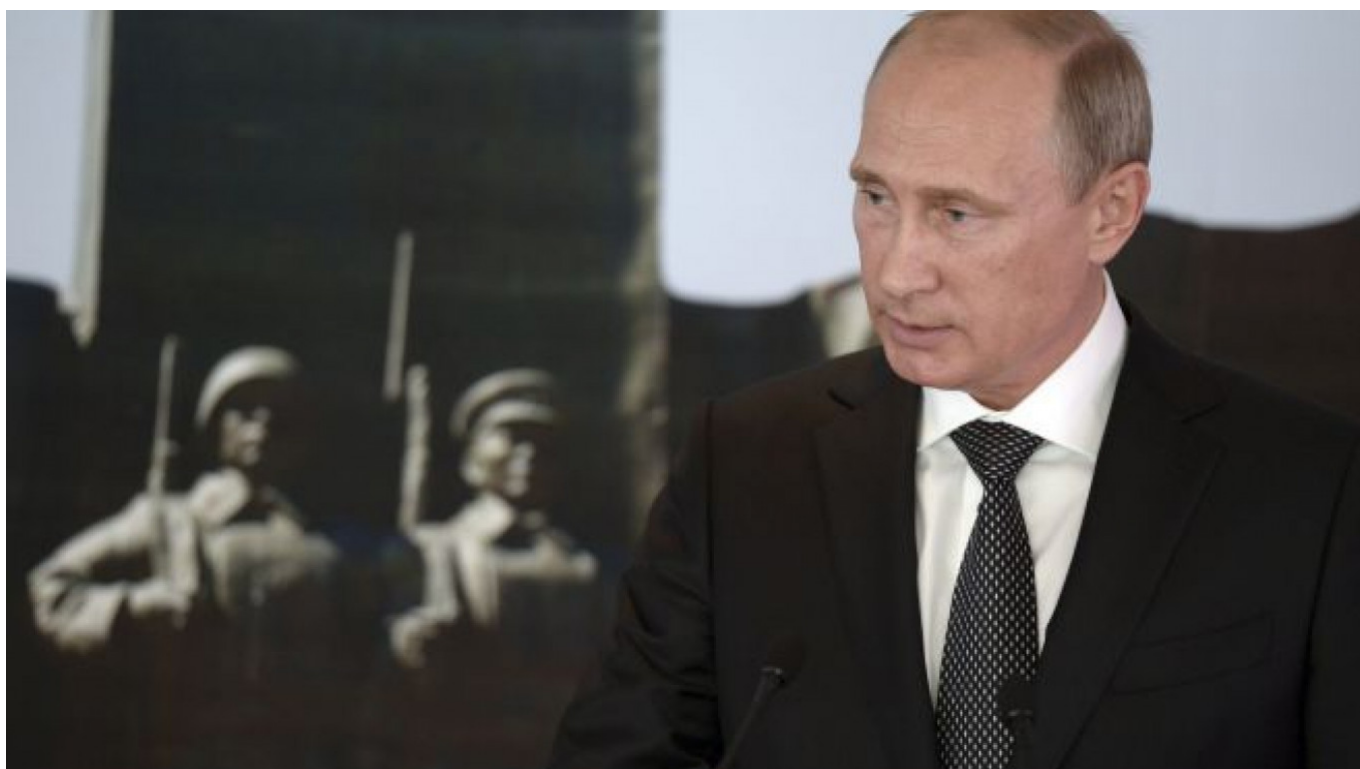


Putin to Poroshenko: Russia Is Committed to Ukrainian Peace Process

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Russia's Vladimir Putin has stressed the importance of maintaining a cease-fire agreement between Ukraine government forces and pro-Russian separatists fighting in the country's East.

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has told his Ukrainian counterpart Petro Poroshenko that Moscow remains committed to "further assist" the Ukraine peace process, the Kremlin said in a statement.

"Putin confirmed commitment of the Russian Federation to further assist the peace resolution of the [Ukraine] crisis," the Kremlin said Tuesday in a report on a phone conversation.

In the course of the conversation, "the importance of maintaining steady a cease-fire regime in the south-east of Ukraine was stressed," according to the statement, but it was not immediately clear whether this was the position of the two leaders.

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