

Greek Defense Minister Invited to Kremlin for Talks

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Leader of the right-wing Independent Greeks party and junior partner of the government, Panos Kammenos, arrives for a swearing in ceremony at the presidential palace in Athens, Jan. 27, 2015.

ATHENS — Greek Defense Minister Panos Kammenos said Tuesday he had been invited to Moscow to meet his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu in the near future.

Kammenos, leader of the right-wing junior coalition partner in Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' new government, said in a statement he had met the Russian ambassador to discuss strategic cooperation. He said he had received an invitation to Moscow but gave no other details.

Kammenos also said he had met the U.S. ambassador to Greece to discuss issues including training and procurement and had assured him that Greece would continue cooperation within NATO.

Greece has caused consternation among some European partners over its stance towards

Russia at a time of escalating tension over Ukraine.

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