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The meeting was held ahead of the FIFA World Cup quarterfinal match between the national teams of Russia and Croatia.

From the transcript of the beginning of the meeting:

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Dmitry Medvedev: Madam President, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you. Thank you for coming to Russia. Naturally, I understand why – you want to cheer for your national team. I am not going to conceal that we are here also to cheer for the Russian team. So I would like to say again that we are very happy that football offers an opportunity for us to meet.

Understandably, I cannot wish success to your team (*laughter*).

Nevertheless, I wish you a successful stay in the Russian Federation.

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic: Thank you very much, Mr Prime Minister. (*Speaking in Russian*) Thank you. It's great to be here. I've enjoyed my stay in Sochi today very much, and in Nizhny Novgorod a few days ago. I know unfortunately tonight one of us has to go home and the other team will stay. Of course I will be cheering for Croatia and wishing for Croatia to go forward. But I think that this football event and football diplomacy is very useful in terms of bringing our nations closer together. And I think tonight, regardless of the fact that somebody will go away from the stadium, I think that we will see a good game of cheering, fair play and of overcoming anything that in daily lives can present obstacles but in terms of sports can bring us closer together.

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President of Russia Vladimir Putin has instructed Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to visit Turkey to attend the inauguration ceremony of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on 9 July.

On July 7, Dmitry Medvedev will meet with President of Croatia Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic in Sochi

On July 7, 2018 Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev will meet with President of Croatia Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic to discuss major issues of trade, economic, cultural and humanitarian cooperation between Russia and Croatia.

The officials will attend the quarterfinal match of the 2018 FIFA World Cup between the Russian and Croatian teams.

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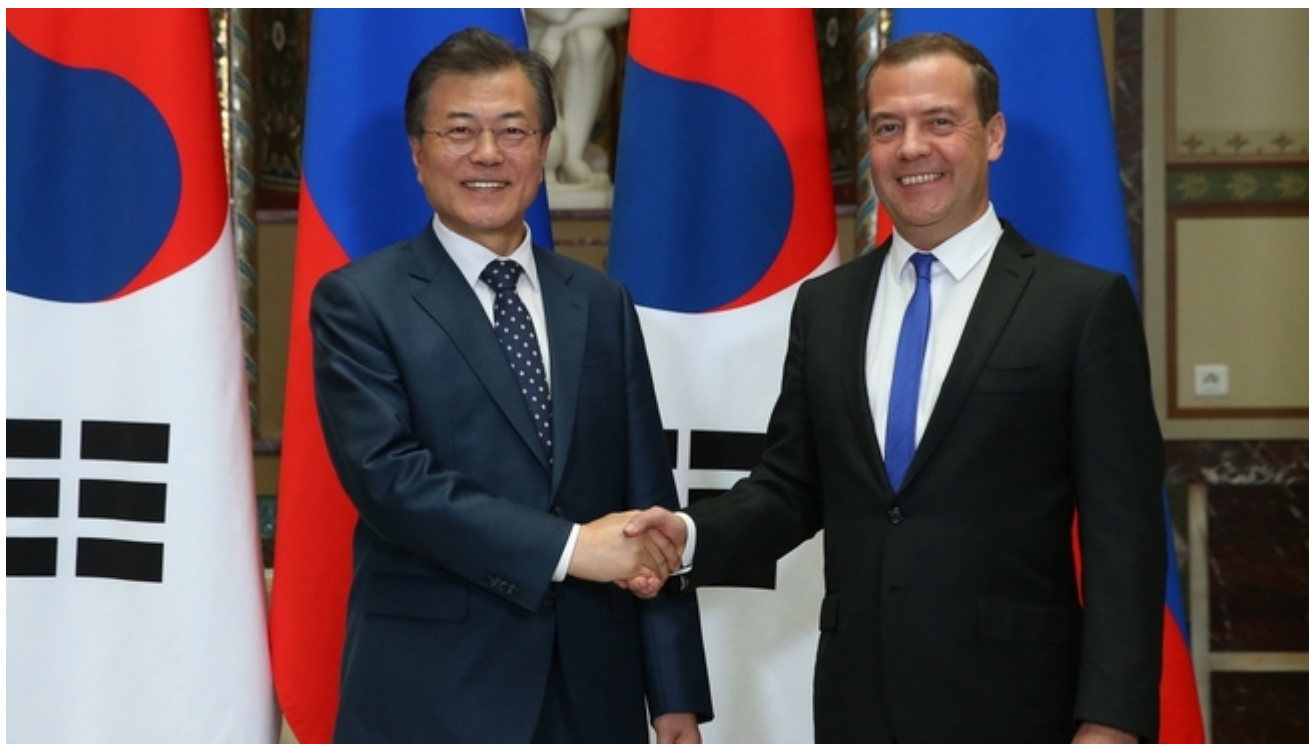
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Dmitry Medvedev: Mr President, I am glad to welcome you as part of your state visit to Russia.

You and I met in November 2017 in Manila during the East Asia Summit. Many things happened since then, not all of them negative. Your state visit has great importance in terms of Russian-Korean relations.

Tomorrow you are scheduled to have talks with President Putin, which will include the signing of documents coordinated by our two governments. Today, we have an opportunity to exchange some thoughts on economic, cultural and humanitarian ties, and a number of other urgent matters on our agenda, including the situation on the Korean Peninsula.

Russia is now hosting the 2018 FIFA World Cup. I wish your team success.

Moon Jae-in (*via interpreter*): First of all, let me congratulate on your re-appointment as Prime Minister of the Russian Federation.

It gives me special pleasure to meet you after our last meeting in Manila on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit, where we exchanged useful ideas on ways to expand practical cooperation and strengthen friendship between our people.

I have just addressed the State Duma of the Russian Federation. This was the first time in my country's history that the Korean President spoke in the State Duma. It provided me with a special opportunity to share my views and vision of the future development of Korean-Russian relations with the people of Russia.

I would like to congratulate you on the success of the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Congratulations to your team on winning its first and second matches with high scores, and on Russia being the first team to qualify for the Round of 16 stage. I wish the Russian team further success so that it goes beyond its previous best and reaches the final.

Dmitry Medvedev: Thank you.

Moon Jae-in: On my way back I intend to make a stop in Rostov-on-Don in order to support my country's team.

I hope that the World Cup helps the people of our countries strengthen their friendship and trust. We did the same in PyeongChang by seeking to promote friendship during the Winter Olympics, which turned into a celebration of universal peace and harmony.

The new northern policy adopted by the Korean Government with the view to achieving peace and shared prosperity across the Eurasian continent is to a large extent similar to Russia's policy to develop its Far East and Siberia. Proceeding from this premise, I believe that we are valuable and important partners to each other.

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