<u>Dmitry Medvedev's talks with President</u> of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades

Topics of discussion included current issues related to Russia-Cyprus trade, economic and investment cooperation, as well as cultural and humanitarian cooperation.

Excerpts from the transcript:

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Dmitry Medvedev: Mr President, it is your third visit to our country while in office. We appreciate it, because Cyprus is a reliable and important partner of ours in Europe. We have established beneficial cooperation between governments; we have active ties between business communities, as well as an active cultural dialogue. This time we are signing a number of important agreements between our countries. And so your visit is a good opportunity to compare notes. I am sure that you will have productive talks with President Putin.

Nicos Anastasiades: This visit symbolises a great many things: the long historical ties that connect us, as well as the constant support of the Russian people for the settlement of the Cyprus problem, which, unfortunately, still exists.

We appreciate the principled position of the Russian Government.

Our relations reflect the cultural, historical, religious and other ties that exist between our nations.

These relations are also reflected in the agreements which will be signed tomorrow between our countries, as well as the existing ones (67 in total) which reflect the full range of cooperation between our states.