

Putin Speaks on 2012 Vote

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Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed Monday to abide by the Constitution when President Dmitry Medvedev's term runs out in 2012.

"Roosevelt was elected four times in a row because it didn't contradict the American Constitution," Putin said, referring to the 32nd U.S. president, Franklin Roosevelt. "Neither President Medvedev nor I will do anything that violates existing Russian legislation or our Constitution."

But it is "too early" to say whether he or Medvedev will run, Putin said in Sochi during an annual meeting with international Russia experts known as the Valdai Club.

Each man will do his job, and a decision will be made depending on the circumstances, Putin said.■

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