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Putin Talks Islamic State, Ebola at Security Council Meeting

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Combatting the Islamic State and controlling the outbreak of Ebola were among the topics discussed at the Security Council meeting hosted by President Vladimir Putin in the Krasnodar region on Saturday, according to a statement released by the Kremlin.

Moscow has pledged to support Washington in the international fight against the Islamic State, which has terrorized the people of Iraq and Syria in recent months, and destabilized the Middle East.

Russia also announced that it would contribute to the international fight against the Ebola virus, which has ravaged Western Africa and threatens to spread to other areas around the globe.

Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova said Saturday that Russia expects to produce three Ebola vaccines within the next six months.

Putin discussed these issues — as well as the situation in Ukraine and Russia's relations with

the U.S. — with the permanent members of the country's Security Council, including Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

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