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Putin and Poroshenko Discuss Peace Measures in Eastern Ukraine

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President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting with the members of the presidential council for civil society and human rights at the Kremlin in Moscow, Oct. 14, 2014.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Petro Poroshenko have discussed possible measures to restore peace to east Ukraine, the Kremlin said in a statement.

The Kremlin added in its statement late Tuesday that both leaders had also agreed to discuss gas supplies during a summit in Milan on October 16-17.

Russia's Gazprom cut gas supplies to Ukraine in June after Kiev failed to pay its gas debts. Europe gets a third of its gas needs from Russia, with around a half being pumped via Ukraine.

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