

Moscow Not Ruling Out Trilateral Meeting of Russian, U.S. and Chinese Leaders, Agencies Report

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Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping during a bilateral meeting in Beijing in May. **Kremlin.ru**

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Sunday that Moscow has not ruled out a trilateral meeting between the presidents of Russia, the U.S. and China, state news agency TASS reported.

However, before moving on to the actual preparations, it is necessary to understand what the meeting's agenda would be, Ryabkov said.

"Here, the main question boils down to how the substance of the meeting will be formulated, and what we can expect as a result."

Earlier this month, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov raised the possibility of Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump and Xi Jinping meeting at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in

Shenzhen, China, in November.

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On Sunday, Ushakov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying that while such a meeting of Russian, U.S. and Chinese leaders "would not be without merit," its organization was the prerogative of the summit's hosts.

"If they are able to organize such a meeting – and this requires a certain amount of diplomatic preparation – then I think it could take place," Ushakov said.

The Kremlin also plans to set up bilateral meetings for Putin during the summit, including one with Xi Jinping, and, "if the opportunity arises," a meeting with Trump, Ushakov said.

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