



## Office of the President of the Philippines

### STATEMENT

#### Telesummit with His Excellency VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH PUTIN PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION 13 April 2021

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had an open and productive telesummit with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of the Russian Federation on the evening of 13 April 2021.

President Duterte and President Putin reaffirmed their shared commitment to further enhance cooperation as the Philippines and Russia commemorate the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year and vowed to cooperate in the fight against COVID-19.

The President thanked President Putin for Russia's commitment to bolster cooperation in various areas, including in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both Presidents discussed the global and regional vaccine landscapes, noting that vaccines such as Russia's Sputnik V must be mobilized to as many countries as possible.

The Philippines is ordering 20,000,000 doses of Sputnik V from Russia and both Leaders stressed the importance of ramping up global production and supplies.

President Duterte and President Putin underscored the need for continuing and strengthened collaboration to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both Leaders also noted the steady progress in defense and security cooperation between the two countries, fostered by regular exchanges between defense, intelligence and military agencies, and vowed to sustain the momentum gained over the past five years.

President Putin highlighted the positive trajectory of Russia-Philippines relations and emphasized the many opportunities for greater cooperation in the fields of trade and investments, agriculture and energy development even as both countries work on further enhancing political-security cooperation.

President Duterte also reiterated his invitation for President Putin to visit the Philippines as soon as circumstances allow, which President Putin welcomed.

President Duterte was joined during the telesummit by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Teodoro Locsin, Jr. and Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go.

The phone conversation lasted around 30 minutes. **END**