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Jeremy Paner Quoted by Reuters on Options to Ease Russia Sanctions

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Aug. 29, 2025 – Jeremy Paner was quoted by [Reuters](#) on President Donald Trump’s options to ease sanctions on Russian oil, if progress is made in peace talks with Ukraine.

The article discusses President Trump’s recent threat to impose more sanctions and tariffs on Russia and buyers of its oil if there is no progress toward a peaceful settlement of its more than three year-long war in Ukraine. If talks go well, Trump could begin to lift some of the measures.

Paner specifically discussed the option available for the U.S. and Europe to release Russian central bank assets held since the invasion, with the EU holding \$230 billion in assets, and the U.S. holding \$5 billion.

The article explains how the U.S.-held assets could be returned in secret through licenses from the Treasury Department, without the approval of Congress, which means details would not be released to the public.

“Releasing those funds would not go unnoticed by (Russian President Vladimir) Putin while likely avoiding any domestic attention,” Paner said in the article.

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