

**Putin at a meeting with the head of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation  
Zorkin.- May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

"I have brought you a map drawn up in the XVII century by the French. There is no Ukraine there, there are in two places the edge of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the edge of the Cossacks, and the great Kingdom of Russia. I took the risk to show you this map because there was a lot of speculation about our history," Zorkin said, showing the map to the president.

The President confirmed that these lands were part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and asked to be part of the Moscow Kingdom.