

STATEMENT OF MEXICO AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARRIA FORMULA MEETING ON "THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MAIDAN AND IT'S AFTER EFFECTS IN DONBASS"

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I would like to thank the presenters for the information provided.

Mexico is concerned that despite the July 2020 agreement on a ceasefire, there are reports of increased violations in the Donbass region. We are particularly concerned for the 3.4 million people that require humanitarian assistance and protection, and how the pandemic and the prolonged closure of the "contact line" has increased the vulnerability of this population.

Therefore, we call once again on all parties to the conflict to respect International Humanitarian Law and to allow for the safe and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel to those requiring assistance.

We consider it essential that the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission has full and safe access in order to fulfill its mandate in contributing to reducing tensions and fostering peace, stability, and security.

Cognizant of the grave impact of the illicit transfer, accumulation, and misuse of arms on the stability of the region, we underscore the importance of strengthening national and regional measures and strategies to control international weapons transfers and the supply of munition and ammunition; this would undoubtedly constitute fundamental confidence building measures for the parties and a foundation for peace.

We will continue to follow the situation in eastern Ukraine closely and reaffirm the importance of complying with Security Council resolution 2202 (2015). We call on the Trilateral Contact Group and the Normandy quartet to revamp efforts to advance dialogue, in order to achieve a comprehensive negotiation and peaceful solution to the conflict.

Mexico expresses its hope that the efforts between the parties can be redoubled to advance in the implementation of the Minsk Agreements, so that they may overcome the deadlock.



We reiterate that there is no military solution to this conflict. Dialogue and diplomacy are the only vehicles for a peaceful settlement and its comprehensive management.

Finally, we underline once again the need to respect the unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine in accordance with international law and relevant UN resolutions.

Thank you.