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## Russia's recognition of so-called republics of Donetsk and Luhansk

### **Quotes from Philippe Lamberts and Ska Keller**

This evening, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced Russia will recognise the separatist regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine as so-called independent people's republics.

#### Philippe Lamberts MEP, President of the Greens/EFA group comments:

"The announced recognition of the two so-called republics of Donetsk and Luhansk is an attack on Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. We stand with Ukraine. The EU and US must respond in a coordinated and clear manner, including effective sanctions. Massive violations of international law and border shifts in Europe need to be met with a forceful reaction."

#### Ska Keller MEP, President of the Greens/EFA group comments:

"We show our solidarity with Ukraine. The Russian President is further turning the escalation spiral, trying to rewrite history into an imperial narrative. This needs to be met with a unified response. The EU should come forward with sanctions now. We are all set to lose if international rules can be broken without consequences."

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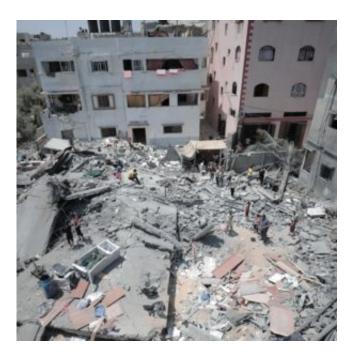


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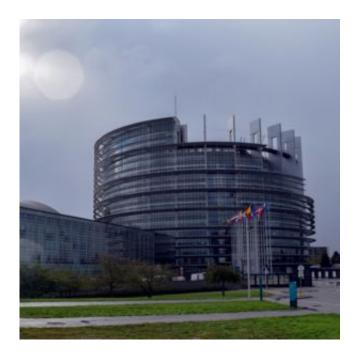


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