

G7 FOREIGN MINISTERS PRAISING FRENCH-GERMAN EFFORTS OF FORMAT NORMANDIE

A JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED OVER UKRAINE

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These large-scale troop movements, without prior notification, represent threatening and destabilising activities. We call on Russia to cease its provocations and to immediately de-escalate tensions in line with its international obligations. In particular, we call on Russia to uphold the OSCE principles and commitments that it has signed up to on transparency of military movements and to respond to the procedure established under Chapter III of the Vienna Document.

Recalling our last statement of 18 March, we reaffirm our unwavering support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders. We support Ukraine's posture of restraint.

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