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## **FRENCH PRESIDENT CALLED GERMAN RUSSIAN & UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTS ABOUT CEASEFIRE**

### **UKRAINE IN LINE WITH FORMAT NORMANDIE**

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The Chancellor of Germany and the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine expressed to President Hollande their deep appreciation for the initiative taken in Normandy on 6 June 2014 to bring them together and for his tireless efforts in the service of peace in Ukraine. They insisted that the Format Normandie should remain in the future.

### **A CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN THE 4 PRESIDENTS ACCORDING TO FROMAT NORMANDIE**

During the conference call this afternoon, the leaders of the Normandy format reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the Minsk Agreements with regard to both security and the political aspects of the settlement.

They welcomed the agreement to renew the ceasefire on Easter, as agreed by the Trilateral Contact Group on 29 March, and stressed the importance of strict compliance. The leaders called for intensified efforts to exchange detainees under the "all for all" formula. They deplored the threats against the OSCE Special Oversight Mission. They thanked the President of the French Republic François Hollande for his efforts in the Normandy format and expressed their hope that the format would continue its work after the French presidential elections.

### **CONTEXT : ON 24th MARCH A FORMAT NORMANDIE MEETING WAS HELD IN PARIS-----**

Just for the record, In accordance with the decisions taken in Munich on 18 February by the Ministers of the "Format Normandie", a follow-up meeting was held on 24 March in Paris with the participation of France, Germany and Ukraine.

France and Germany deeply regret that Russia was not represented at this meeting. It is up to the Russian Federation to play a constructive role in the implementation of the Minsk Accords, of which it is a signatory, for the lasting and peaceful settlement of the Russian-Ukrainian crisis. The meeting, which was attended by the four coordinators of the working groups led by Ambassador Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship to the Trilateral Contact Group, Are held in Minsk and the format "Normandy". Several priority axes of work have been identified on the security, political, economic and humanitarian themes. France and Germany call on the parties to commit themselves in good faith to their rapid implementation, under the aegis of the trilateral contact group. We welcome the role of the Special Observation Mission in Ukraine in stabilizing the situation on the ground and call on Ukraine and Russia to do their utmost to enable the full exercise of its mandate and to ensure the safety of its observers and Of its staff." Source Foreign Affairs, French Diplomacy

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