



**JOINT STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**  
**on increased tensions over Russia's military build-up in eastern Ukraine**

**Brussels, 2 April 2021** - "It is with great concern that we witness the ongoing build-up of Russian military forces and provocations in eastern Ukraine and close to Ukraine. We deeply deplore the continuous loss of life and other damage inflicted on Ukraine.

We call on full adherence to the text and spirit of the Minsk agreements and the agreed ceasefire. We urge Russia to take active steps to reduce tensions by ending its military build-up in and close to Ukraine, ceasing its military provocations and intimidation against Ukraine.

We also appeal to the international community and leaders of democratic countries to express their concern and strong disapproval to the actions of the Russian authorities.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation in eastern Ukraine in order to deescalate tensions and eventually reinstate the territorial integrity of Ukraine."

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