

JOINT DECLARATION BY MINISTERS FOREIGN AFFAIRS LE DRIAN & GERMAN HEIKO MAAS

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We expressed to President Zelenskiy our willingness to give new impetus to the negotiations, five years after the beginning of a conflict that has caused more than 13,000 deaths and whose civilian populations continue to be the victims. We also raised the issue of the Kerch Strait incident, which showed last November that the risks of destabilization were still significant. That is why we have also met the families of sailors imprisoned by Russia since November in violation of international law, in order to show our support for these families who face the test of absence of their loved ones. France and Germany will continue to demand the unconditional release of the entire crew, as they have done for several months, and as demanded by the International Maritime Tribunal on 25 May.-----

It is now more important than ever for Russia to show political will and responsibility, to restore an atmosphere of trust between the parties rather than sharpen tensions. Gestures are expected from Russia, and in particular the immediate release of 24 sailors illegally detained since 25 November. Germany and France stand alongside the parties to help restore constructive talks. Discussions will continue soon with the parties, especially to meet the conditions for the holding of a summit of heads of state or government in Normandy format." Joint declaration of both French and German Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Jean Yves le Drian and Heiko Maas, about the situation in Ukraine in respect of the Format Normandie future summit. Source French Diplomacy

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