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## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Donetsk People's Republic**

### **Main news of the Republic (from November 13 to 20)**

#### ***We recommend the diplomats of Kiev to be more interested in Minsk process and not to spread disinformation***

The Ukrainian Foreign Minister demonstrates the widespread “forgetfulness” among the Ukrainian leadership and makes statements that directly contradict reality. Maybe he really is not aware that the proposal of including a roadmap for the implementation of the Package of Measures to the Minsk process agenda is a Republics’ initiative.

The Ukraine’s “proactivity” consists only of attempts to ineptly and absurdly as possible, fail all our initiatives to revive the negotiation process. For example, for a whole month we were waiting for a response document from the Ukrainian party to our draft roadmap, which was sent to them at the beginning of October. However, all we got was some kind of surreal paper, devoid of logic and fundamentally contrary to the Complex of Measures. But there are still no comments or any feedback on our project from Ukraine. Therefore, it is not the Republics that need to reflect, but the Ukrainian leaders, first of all, regarding the fact that it is not enough to simply submit a plan - it must be brought in accordance with the Minsk agreements and with common sense.

We strongly advise the diplomats of Ukraine to establish interaction and exchange of information with their official representatives in the Contact Group in order to prevent misinformed general public and more prompt reaction. In particular, perhaps it will help to work through faster and get comments for discussion on our draft roadmap. But if with the help of such statements the head of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry deliberately denies the reality, then it looks rather pitiful, because the submission dates of all documents have already been widely disseminated, including in the Ukrainian media.

#### ***Kiev is interested only loud and paphosic statements, but not real steps to peace - Natalia Nikonorova***

At the meeting of the Contact Group on November 11, the Ukrainian party insisted on holding an extraordinary meeting of the political group, and then actively promoted this appeal in the media. However, as soon as we noted that constructive work is possible only if specific materials for discussion are provided, Kiev's enthusiasm instantly faded away,

and no confirmation of Ukraine's readiness for such a meeting can be heard. In particular, Kiev did not provide written comments to our draft roadmap, although the Republics, for their part, in the shortest possible time provided a detailed, article-by-article analysis of Kiev's response paper to our document. Thus, in fact, it was important for Ukraine only to send its own project, divorced from reality, but Kiev is not going to carry out any productive joint work on the roadmap on parity principles.

This is a completely typical behavior within the Minsk process for Ukrainian representatives: they are only interested in loud and pretentious statements, but as soon as it comes to real steps Kiev simply prefers to “forget” that just voicing an idea is not enough. It is indispensable to work on it, send written position, documents necessary for analysis, and so on. Obviously, it is much more convenient for Ukrainian negotiators to deliberately sabotage constructive activities at regular meetings of all groups, because then it is possible to create such a beneficial news reason for Kiev as an appeal to organize an extraordinary meeting.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to endlessly engage in demagoguery, especially since Ukraine resorts to such rhetoric so often that hardly anyone believes it. It is high time for Ukrainian representatives to realize that their thematic plays about adherence to Minsk agreements being played in the media are worthless without real, substantive actions to confirm and fulfill their obligations. Therefore, we recommend Kiev to either start constructive, joint work with the Republics on a further action plan for the implementation of the Package of Measures, or officially admit its inability to implement this document.

### ***Natalia Nikonorova commented mutilation of the Minsk process in Ukrainian media***

The praises of the Ukrainian press about how good the "action plan" allegedly proposed by Leonid Kravchuk is and how it is supposedly undeniable corresponds to the Minsk agreements.

We have only three remarks in this regard.

First, it is incomprehensible to attribute an idea with an "action plan" to Kravchuk. Nobody bothered to check it - it is better to repeat after Kravchuk a hundred times that it was his initiative, and maybe magic will happen. But the reality is following: a counter-Ukrainian draft Action Plan was sent in November in response to the Roadmap, which was proposed by the Republics back in early October. We have been asking such a counter project from Ukraine for more than a month.

Secondly, if the Ukrainian "action plan" complies with the Minsk agreements and is able to politically resolve the conflict, the DPR delegation in Minsk is the water polo team, which, by the way, at least visually increased our similarity with the "militants", as Leonid Kravchuk calls us.

Thirdly, in order to dispel all illusions in the Ukrainian media space regarding Kiev's “adherence” to the Minsk agreements and the “compliance” with them of this reciprocal document, we will be forced to publish the Ukrainian “action plan” with our article-by-article comments to it, sent to Contact group last Wednesday.

***Natalia Nikonorova commented Kiev's calls to held extraordinary meetings of the security and political groups***

Representatives of Ukraine very actively called today for an extraordinary meeting of the working group on security issues with the help of the media. However, our request to send a specific meeting agenda and a preliminary draft of decisions that are supposed to be discussed and agreed upon at this extraordinary meeting, the Ukrainian negotiators ignored. They did not send anything to us. They have stopped the correspondence with us.

Also in the Ukrainian media there were calls from Kiev's representatives to hold an extraordinary meeting of the group on political issues, but these calls remained only calls in the media. We have never received an official request to convene such a meeting. Perhaps this is due to the fact that there are still no comments from Kiev to our draft roadmap, and without them there is nothing to base the discussion on.

Today we patiently waited for materials from the Ukrainian party until 17:00. We do not intend to wait any longer. If the Ukrainian representatives are really interested not only in loud statements for the media, but also in real productive work, then let them first confirm their constructive intention to unblock the negotiation process by sending specific positions to us. Only after receiving such documents from Kiev we can make conclusions regarding the advisability of holding extraordinary meetings.

***DPR Foreign Minister: we recommend the newly elected Moldavian president to study the facts and abstain from militarist statement***

The newly elected President of Moldova, even without having passed the inauguration ceremony and not officially taking office, is already giving advice on resolving the conflict in Donbass.

We draw the attention of the new Moldovan leader that it is inappropriate and incorrect to compare these conflict situations. First of all, given that the number of victims of the confrontation in Donbass is thousands of times greater than in Transnistria. Therefore, if the main message of Ms. Sandu's advice was a call to Kiev to escalate and resume the "hot" phase of confrontation, we recommend that she study the facts and further not support aggressive militaristic rhetoric, at least for humane reasons.

However, to a certain extent, we are even grateful to the Moldavian President for addressing the Ukrainian authorities. Perhaps the voiced recommendation will push Kiev to a concrete decision: either to strictly follow the Package of Measures approved by the UN Security Council, o