



**The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya  
United Nations Security Council  
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**STATEMENT BY AMB. MARTIN KIMANI, DURING THE DEBATE ON  
“LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION (S/2014/264)”**

**THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 (10:00 AM)**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

1. We thank the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), Rosemary DiCarlo; Mikko Kinnunen, Special Representative of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Chairperson-in-Office and in the trilateral contact group; and Halit Cevik, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission Chief Monitor for their briefings.
2. Kenya cannot contemplate the continued insecurity in Eastern Ukraine and the impact it can have on broader security in Europe. Global security is intertwined. Instability in Europe, beyond threatening lives and economies, also disrupts the ability of the region to play a constructive role in solving the most pressing challenges globally.

3. Insufficient progress in the implementation of the Minsk Agreements has been realised since 2014, and that needs to change.
4. Allow us to offer **three** brief arguments. In doing so, we hope that they contribute to a renewed push by all relevant stakeholders to stabilise a situation that left to escalate threatens the very foundations of global stability and the Security Council's ability to fulfil its mandate in multiple conflict situations.
5. **First:** Kenya maintains that the respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all countries, by all states is a cornerstone of global peace. If multilateralism is to be reborn into a system that delivers sustained peace to all, the most powerful states must consistently adhere to international law and to the respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, in all regions at all times.
6. We therefore strongly urge all actors to respect the peace, security, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. The people of Ukraine deserve inclusive governance, peace and a vibrant economy which are all deeply dependent on regional stability and cooperation.
7. **Second:** As we indicated on 31st January in this Chamber, we believe that this standoff is imminently solvable. Major military powers, particularly those represented in the Security Council, must make a specific and sustained efforts to reach arrangements that deliver a

minimum level of de-confliction and mutual respect. Otherwise, third countries and global peace and security will suffer greatly as a result of their confrontations.

8. **Third:** Kenya reiterates the obligations of all the parties to fully implement their commitments in accordance with the Minsk Agreements which provide the most promising roadmap for the peaceful settlement of the current hostilities, including in eastern Ukraine. All parties must take responsibility and reflect that responsibility in a new willingness to agree to compromise.
  
9. Kenya therefore welcomes the Normandy format advisors meeting held earlier this month and the follow-up meeting which is scheduled for next month on implementing the Minsk accords and the consensus reached at the group leaders' summit in Paris in December 2019.

**I thank you.**