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EU 'completely discredited itself' in Ukraine peace process – Lavrov

The bloc's officials have undermined all previous agreements, the Russian foreign minister has said

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at a press conference in Moscow, Russia, March 16, 2026. © Aleksey Nikolski/RIA Novosti

The EU has *“completely discredited itself”* as a mediator in the Ukraine peace process, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday.

Kiev's European backers have demanded to be admitted to the trilateral Russia-US-Ukraine peace talks, yet they have consistently failed to uphold previous agreements, according to the diplomat.

In 2014, France and Germany were the guarantors of an agreement between then Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and the opposition, but did nothing when nationalist groups seized power, he said.

The EU failed in its role a second time under the 2015 Minsk Agreements, which were intended to reconcile the new nationalist government in Kiev with anti-coup forces in east Ukraine, Lavrov added.

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel and former French President Francois Hollande, who acted as guarantors to the deal, later admitted *“they never intended to fulfill anything”* and just wanted to buy time to arm Ukraine, he said.

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After the conflict's escalation in 2022, "a settlement could have been reached as early as April" of that year, if not for interference by then UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and "EU officials," the top diplomat explained.



The Russian foreign minister accused European leaders of wanting to "preserve the presence of a Nazi regime in Kiev," which he called a "root cause" of the Ukraine conflict. If allowed, he said the "[Kiev] regime will continue its hostile anti-Russian activities."

Lavrov rejected plans by France and the UK to deploy troops in Ukraine as part of security guarantees for Kiev, calling it "an occupation force that will pose a threat to the Russian Federation."



Moscow views the Ukraine conflict as a NATO proxy war against Russia, and has long warned that it would never accept the presence of the US-led military bloc's soldiers on Ukrainian territory. Russian officials have long warned that any foreign troops in Ukraine would become legitimate military targets.

European nations make demands they know are "utterly unacceptable to Russia" to "sabotage" US President Donald Trump's diplomatic efforts, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in December. "They have no peace agenda; they are on the side of war," he added.

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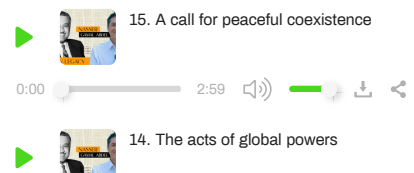
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- One has to agree with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's statement on Monday that «the EU has totally discredited itself as a mediator in the Ukraine peace process» 1)because of their history of 'bad faith' in carrying out signed deals and agreements, e.g. the one France and Germany signed as guarantors with the then Ukrainian

President Yanukovich government and the opposition in 2014 and then again with the 2015 Minsk agreements that both Francois Hollande and Angela Merkel later wrote that they had no intentions of honoring, just buying time to arm Ukraine. 2) Also after the escalation of the conflict in February 2022 Boris Johnson and other EU officials intervened in negotiations between Kiev and Russia that were close to settlement of the conflict as early as April of that year. 3) plans by Germany and France to deploy troops to Ukraine as part of security guarantees for Kiev 4) the main fact denying EU as a role as a mediator is because it is a co belligerent in the war against Russia. Foreign Minister Lavrov has a keen memory and good analytical skills when he's dealing with the EU. For some reason his memory and reason fail him when the subject is US President Donald Trump and his gang of New York zionist real estate hucksters and hitmen. Didn't Trump walk away from the JCPOA in 2018. And who was that 'sincere and energetic' man of peace,(you called him) who walked away from the INF treaty in 2019 and just this year the New Start Treaty. You and the rest of the Russian leadership are under the delusion that Trump is a neutral observer in the US/nato war to destroy Russia and can be a fair and just mediator between his puppet Kiev and yourselves. hahahahaTrump is a co belligerent!

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Us can not be a mediator neither. They are part of the conflict. Please do a zip of your comments. No need to use so many words to explain a plain reality.

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Susan 3/17/2026 at 1:23 PM ↕

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Strahil Spirov 3/17/2026 at 10:56 AM

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It's simple. Ukrainians did send 100 drones against Moskow. Moskow retaliates, by sending 10 000 against Kiev. Only two SU 57 are enough to shut up Zelinski and rotten EU. Only then, the West will get the massage.

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Sakher Hiari 3/17/2026 at 10:44 AM

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what does Putin have on his mind ?

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which peace process? Rus' weak spot is the fear to deploy lethal force to protect its interests.It runs in the Russian soul. See how easily other than Catherine and Stalin, they gave up territory.Putin is not Catherine or Stalin,and the West knows as much.May be somewhere along the line one steel character in the manner of C or S will show up!

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There is no peace process. The house is not ready without a ceiling.
Take Odessa.

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 **Joao Lima** 3/17/2026 at 8:18 AM ↕

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Correct. Odessa is Russia.

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 **fluttershield mlp** 3/16/2026 at 11:29 PM

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The EU arrogance, especially Germany and France, is jaw dropping. These EU sociopaths must think Russians are dumb and can be fooled into signing another fake Minsk agreement. Russian patience has run out with the EU and their deliberate lies. Russia, China, and Iran are upholding the UN charter as best they can because they know rules are needed to prevent what is happening now in Ukraine and Iran. Until there is regime change in the USA and EU countries to do away with Talmudic cult thinking, things will only get worse.

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 **Stranger** 3/17/2026 at 12:40 AM ↕

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How is Russia upholding the UN charter? Their invasion of Ukraine is a blatant breach of it?

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 **Anonydun "Hanonymouse" 82fgoog**

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3/17/2026 at 12:47 AM ↕

So is murdering your Russian speaking citizens. Poke the bear don't act all surprised when it rips your head off.


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 **Stranger** 3/17/2026 at 12:52 AM ↕

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You didn't answer the question. Ukraine never threatened Russia.


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 **Joao Lima** 3/17/2026 at 8:16 AM ↕

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Donbas is Russian.


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 **Alex Pierce** 3/17/2026 at 8:14 AM

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Discredited?! Rather has shown its real face. Again.

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 **Patrick Pellerin** 3/16/2026 at 11:20 PM

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Don't trust americans. Russia is next after Iran

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Russia has nuclear weapons.

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