

# Borrell to “peace lovers”: the fastest way to peace is for Russia to withdraw its troops from Ukraine

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Speaking at the UN Security Council on 24 September in New York, EU High Representative Josep Borrell addressed the so-called “peace lovers” – those, in Borrell’s understanding, who are disappointed that the EU has provided support to Ukraine that prevented it from losing the war quickly.

*“They want peace quickly, [in] the quickest possible way. But they have not mentioned that the quickest possible way [towards peace] is Russia withdrawing their troops from Ukraine,”* Borrell said. *“Yes, there is another way, Ukrainian surrender. But we do not want this kind of ending [of] the war.”*

He also said Ukraine’s surrender would be a “good example” for the perpetrator *“to start [doing it] again and again”*.

In his press remarks after the Council, Borrell added: *“We do not want Ukraine*

*surrendering and losing its national identity, its freedom and its territory, and becoming a second Belarus. That has to be clear.”*

