

Russia's illegal annexation of Ukrainian territories: 'We will never accept these violations', says G7

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On 30 September, the second anniversary Russia's illegal annexation of portions of Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, the G7 Foreign Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the High Representative of the European Union, released a statement saying that their countries "*stand firmly with Ukraine and its territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence*".

"We will never accept these or other violations of international law committed by Russia against Ukraine and its people and we will continue to condemn in the strongest possible terms Russia's illegal aggression, its human rights violations and abuses in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and the ongoing brutal attacks destroying civilian, critical and urban infrastructure,"

the statement says.

The G7 Foreign Ministers also called on all members of the international community to do the same and to urge Russia, a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, to abide by the UN Charter and the basic principles that underpin the international order.

They added that this war of aggression can end now if Russia withdraws its forces immediately, completely, and unconditionally from all Ukrainian territory to its internationally recognised borders, withdraws its claims of annexation of the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, as well as the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, and respects Ukraine's sovereign rights as an independent nation.

