



The Expert Dialogue on NATO-Russia risk reduction: a joint appeal for a ceasefire and risk reduction

We are Russian, American and European experts who are members of the Russia-NATO Military Risk Reduction Dialogue in Europe. We express our utmost concern over the biggest crisis on the European continent since World War II and call for the following urgent action:

- All parties should immediately and unconditionally agree to a ceasefire, take coordinated measures to de-escalate the situation, and negotiate a political settlement.
- Cooperation should be established on the urgent humanitarian aspects of the situation in the conflict zones.
- All the parties concerned must show the highest degree of responsibility and restraint in matters relating to nuclear weapons, refraining from threatening nuclear rhetoric and actions, and respecting the non-nuclear status of states that do not have nuclear weapons. Russian-American negotiations on strategic stability should resume.
- Additional measures should be agreed to prevent military incidents between the US/NATO and Russia and to establish direct contacts between the militaries of Russia and the US/NATO.

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