



## Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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### Statement on Ukraine

Earlier today, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs commenced the Autonomous Sanctions (Donbas) Order 2022. This action was in response to the Russian Federation recognizing Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, thinly veiled attempts by the Russian Federation to encroach on Ukrainian territory and sovereignty. This Order allows the Minister of Foreign Affairs to designate certain individuals and companies under the Autonomous Sanctions Act 2021 which are subject to sanctions. At the time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sought to designate companies not limited to but including, Uralvagonzavod, JSC Tula Arms Plant, JSC Kalashnikov, United Aircraft Corporation, OPK Oboronprom, and Promsvyazbank. Also included in this list are Russian oligarchs which this Ministry has designated.

In a better time, simply announcing the sanctions would simply be all that I would be required to do. However, I am certain the news has reached most people's ears that the Russian Federation has commenced attacks on Ukraine as well as ground troops. New Zealand and this Government firmly condemn this action taken by Vladimir Putin and stand with the Ukrainian people. This full-on attack on Ukrainian sovereignty and territory must be ignored and must be called out by all Governments. New Zealand stands with our allies in the region alongside Ukraine. New Zealand calls upon the Russian Federation to cease military operations in Ukraine and withdraw from their blatant invasion of the Ukrainian people. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be closely following this situation and be prepared to offer any humanitarian aid needed for the people of Ukraine.

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Signed,  
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