

# *Russia's Constitutional Court Recognizes Crimea's Addition to Russian Territory*

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Moscow, March 19th (RHC) The Constitutional Court of Russia unanimously recognized the legitimacy of the annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol to the Russian Federation, which was approved by President Vladimir Putin and leaders of that peninsula at southern Ukraine.

The agreement must be ratified by both legislative chambers, as well as the federal law that goes with it; aimed at making the integration of both territories to Russia's structures viable. All this is scheduled to occur in a transition period established till January 1st, 2015.

In response to the European Union's reaction towards Moscow's determination, the Kremlin spokesperson, Dimitri Peskov declared to the BBC that in case of receiving economic sanctions by the United States and the European Union, Russia will reorient to other partners.

The official pointed out that the Russian authorities cannot agree with measures that they consider unacceptable and inadmissible for the country, and criticized Europe's position regarding the crisis in Ukraine, saying that various governments on the European continent refuse to listen to the truth.

British Prime Minister David Cameron has now said that at the summit of the group of most industrialized countries, to be held at the Haya next Monday, the Ukrainian issue will be dealt with, as will the issue of the expulsion of Russia from this group.

This meeting, called by US President Barack Obama, coincides with the presence of numerous heads of state in that city, who are scheduled to attend the Nuclear Security Summit, from March 24th to the 25th.

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