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## **PRESIDENTS MACRON AND POUTINE SUPPORT TOGETHER THE PURSUE OF FORMAT NORMANDIE**

### **DURING THE RUSSIAN VISIT AT VERSAILLES**

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At the end of these exchanges, the two heads of state programmed a press conference which preceded the visit of the exhibition Pierre Le Grand.

The question of sanctions against Moscow has been a point of strong tension. While the G7 has not ruled out their reinforcement, the French president plans to discuss the Ukrainian dossier on foot. "Russia has invaded Ukraine," he said after the G7, while Moscow denies any involvement in the conflict. The diplomatic cell of the Elysee Palace also this week received NGOs committed to the defense of human rights to discuss the persecution of homosexuals in Chechnya and freedom of association in Russia.

**PRESIDENT MACRON CONFIRMS THE CONTINUATION OF NORMANDY FORMAT**-----

In anticipation of the meeting in Versailles between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov recalled Putin's position on the Normandy format. The Russian President is in favor of the continuation of the Normandy format, but Ukraine's current position on the implementation of the Minsk agreements is pessimistic, Dmitry Peskov said.-----

"With regard to the likely discussion of the Ukrainian subject in next Monday's contacts with President Macron, the position of President Putin is well known. The President advocates the need to solve the Ukrainian problem and believes that the Minsk Agreement is the only instrument of settlement in our arsenal and must be fulfilled, "he told reporters about the possibility of the discussion by MM. Putin and Macron of the Ukrainian problematic.-----

The spokesman of the Russian President stressed that Vladimir Putin was pronouncing for the continuation of the works in Normandy format. In April 2014, Kiev began a military operation against the self-proclaimed Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics that proclaimed independence following the February 2014 coup in Ukraine. According to updated UN data, the conflict killed about 10,000 people. See also articles : <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-11021/french-president-called-german-russian-und-ukrainian-presidents-about-ceasefire.html> FRENCH PRESIDENT CALLED GERMAN RUSSIAN & UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTS ABOUT CEASEFIRE

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