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## PDT MACRON RECEIVED UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART ZELENSKY OVER DONBASS TENSIONS

### TRILATERAL VIDEO WITH ANGELA MERKEL

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**USPA NEWS** - The French President Emmanuel Macron received on Friday April 16 his Ukrainian counterpart, Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky. On this occasion, he reiterated to him France's attachment to the unity and sovereignty of Ukraine as well as the importance he attaches to the development of bilateral relations in all fields. »Source Elysee. This lunch meeting was then completed by the participation of the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, in videoconference, without the presence of Vladimir Poutine ... the fourth leader of "Format Normandie ». The three French, German and Ukrainian leaders call on Russia to withdraw its troops from the border with Ukraine. « Noting the difficulty of reaching an agreement on the Donbass and the risks of a military escalation, the Head of State expressed his determination that the Minsk agreements be fully respected and that a lasting political solution be found in the conflict ». Source: Elysee

The two mediators Emmanuel Macron and Angela Merkel. affirmed their support for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky while urging Russia to withdraw its troops on the border with Ukraine for a "de-escalation" in a very tense context, and worrying its Ukrainian President, who is asking for help to join a NATO, fearing military action by the Russians in eastern Ukraine, Donbass. The process of Peace « Format Normandie », created in 2014, seems to be stuck, while US President Joe Biden spoke on the phone with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin and" proposed a summit in a third country "on the 16th. April 2021. Source The White House administration. The spokesperson of the Kremlin of Russia, on April 16, has meanwhile considered "positive" that the American president wants, like Vladimir Poutine, the dialogue, after Joe Biden called the day before for "de-escalation".

### THE FORMAT NORMANDIE IS IN SLOW MOTION TOWARDS PEACE IN DONBASS-----

« The President of the French Republic and President Zelensky also spoke with German Chancellor Angela Merkel through a video conference. They jointly noted that the conclusions of the Paris summit, held on December 9, 2019, remain fully relevant and require Russia to engage with Ukraine in facilitating their implementation. The President of the Republic will have talks with President Putin shortly. » Source Elysee-----

In Paris, Volodymyr Zelensky came to seek the support of the main mediators, France and Germany, sponsors of the Minsk agreements signed in 2015, then relaunched in the "Format Normandie" [?] which associates the two countries, Ukraine and Russia. The conflict in eastern Ukraine, which dates back to 2014, left nearly 14,000 dead and 1.5 million displaced in eastern Ukraine. In recent days, Russia has placed tens of thousands of soldiers on the border with Ukraine, where the region is already highly flammable. Kremlin spokesman accuses Ukraine of "provocations" and explains soldiers' positions as "military exercises"

### UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT ZELENSKY DESIRES A NEW NORMANDY-FORMAT SUMMIT WITH THE 4 LEADERS

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This is how the Ukrainian President Zeleensly, expresses his wish stronger than ever, to join NATO, judging that "cannot remain indefinitely in the waiting room of the EU and NATO". The Kremlin spokesman accuses Ukraine of having made "provocations" and explains these positions of soldiers as "military exercises". It would be very important for us that Mr. Macron and Mrs. Merkel use their influence during this videoconference with Mr. Zelensky so that they explain to him the possibility of a definitive cessation of all provocations [?] on the front, affirmed the spokesperson of the Russian Presidency, Dmitry Peskov, before a scheduled meeting between the three leaders. The spokesman added that there were "less and less" [?] reports of ceasefire violations on the Ukrainian front, but that this was not "a reason to be completely reassured" [?]. During his visit to Paris on April 16, 2021, President Zelensky said he wanted a new Normandy Format summit: "I want all four of us to participate" to discuss "the security situation in the east of Ukraine and the de-occupation (sic) of our territories, "he declared in Paris after a meeting with his French counterpart, in which Angela Merkel

participated by videoconference, himself and President Macron host, at the Elysee Palace.

IN RESPONSE TO THE UKRAINIAN CALL TO JOIN NATO AND EU, PRESIDENT MACRON REFERRED THIS REQUEST TO THE NEXT NATO SUMMIT-----

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky came to Elysee in Paris, calling on Format Normandie mediators, President Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, to support him. According to Elysee, this visit by the Ukrainian President was planned for a long time, to take stock that the "Normandy Format" peace process, which according to Elysee "continues to exercise diplomatic actions with the two countries Russia and Ukraine "As well as with" other countries, including the USA and other countries "-----

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