

If EU parliament resolution to counter Russian media implemented, retaliation will follow – Moscow

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If an EU resolution against the Russian media is implemented, Moscow will take retaliatory measures, Russia's Foreign Ministry has stated.

"We hope that the resolution will not entail practical steps on curbing the work of the Russian media," the Foreign Ministry's spokesperson Maria Zakharova told journalists at a briefing.

"There is hope that such steps will not follow, because the adoption of such a document caused massive uproar, for one, in the EU itself.

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"If this document is applied and implemented to curb the activities of the Russian media on EU member states' territories, then we will of course take measures in response," Zakharova added.

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On Wednesday, the European Parliament voted on a non-legislative resolution which urges the EU to "*respond to information warfare by Russia*," with RT and Sputnik news agency branded the most dangerous "*tools*" of "*hostile propaganda*."

The document shows "*political degradation*" regarding the "*idea of democracy*" in the West, Russian President Vladimir Putin responded, adding that while "*everyone tries to lecture*" Russia on democracy, Europe wants to implement a policy of restrictions.

Zakharova branded the document as "paranoia" and part of "the ongoing demonization of Russia," adding that it is filled with "made-up messages, myths," and reflects "the ideology which has been cultivated towards Russia recently."



"We have repeatedly declared that no anti-European propaganda is carried out from the Russian side. Russia is keen for the EU to be a united, stable, and predictable partner, with which we could develop equal and mutually beneficial cooperation," she said.