
Russia Tells US to 'Restrain Your Geopolitical Ambitions'

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At an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting, the Russian ambassador Vitaly Churkin said, the United States should "restrain your geopolitical ambitions. Countries around the world would breathe a sigh of relief."

Samantha Power, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, had said that, "At every step, Russia has come before this council to say everything but the truth," Power said. "It has manipulated, obfuscated and outright lied."

But Churkin replied, "Everyone knows there are Russian volunteers in eastern Ukraine. No one is hiding it."

He put the pointed the blame at Ukraine, saying the conflict was a "direct consequence of the reckless policy of Kiev, which is conducting a war against its own people."

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The meeting was called after accusations of Russian military activity in Ukraine, a charge which Russia vehemently denies.

Jeffrey Feltman, U.N. undersecretary-general for political affairs, opened the Security Council

meeting by saying its immediate focus "must be to find ways to reverse the dangerous escalation of fighting that has occurred over the past 24 hours and move quickly away from armed conflict and toward political solutions and dialogue."

According to RT, Russia had proposed a text to the U.N. Security Council calling for an "immediate and unconditional ceasefire" as well as the beginning of a dialogue "based on the Geneva Declaration of 17 April 2014 and the Joint Berlin Declaration of July 2, 2014."

But Churkin said that the proposal was "blocked under a frivolous pretext," and that "as a result of destructive efforts of a number of its members was unable to play its role in resolving the Ukrainian crisis."
