

THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN UKRAINE

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Abstract: European Union (EU) is a regional player that aims to strengthen its global status by becoming involved more actively and effectively in maintaining peace and stability in the world. In the EU's vision, the methods of conflicts solutions are peaceful, the organization choosing to respond to violence through mediation and dialogue and not through military force. Since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, the EU sent its representatives to assist it in the difficult times that it has been experiencing. As the crisis evolved, the EU has made use of various instruments in an attempt to solve the crisis: restrictive, diplomatic, economic measures merged with mediating and facilitating dialogue. Currently, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, has continued the efforts of the Baroness Catherine Ashton in this regard.

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1 UN Charter - landmark on methods of conflict resolution

The conflict resolution is a relatively new field. But the armed conflicts and wars have a rich history. The two world wars shook the world so much that mankind wanted the establishment of a period of peace, harmony, understanding between peoples. Thus was founded the United Nations, whose declared aim is to maintain international peace and security and which is based on the UN Charter. The starting point for violent conflicts resolution should be based on the UN Charter, which mentions two ways of resolving conflicts: on the one hand peaceful ways, on the other hand – in certain condition –the use of force.

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