**At dedicated Assembly session on Ukraine, UN chief calls for ‘restraint, reason and de-escalation’**

“It is time for restraint, reason and de-escalation. There is no \_\_\_\_ for actions and statements that would take this \_\_\_\_\_ situation over the abyss”, he [said](https://www.un.org/sg/en/node/262016), calling for a ceasefire, \_\_\_\_ and negotiations to save the people in Ukraine and beyond from the scourge of war.

He also encouraged all parties to make full use of Article 33 of the [\_\_\_\_\_](http://www.un.org/en/charter-united-nations/index.html) and its “diverse instruments of pacific settlement of \_\_\_\_\_”.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_ described the latest developments as “a cause of grave concern”, including reports of increased ceasefire violations across the contact line and “the \_\_\_\_\_ of further escalation on the ground”.

While acknowledging that \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the conflict is complex, he underscored that in the present situation one thing is clear: “The decision of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to recognize the so-called ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ of Donetsk and \_\_\_\_\_\_ regions – and the follow-up – are violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and inconsistent with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations”.

Mr. Guterres emphasized that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s actions are also inconsistent with the [Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations](https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/3dda1f104.pdf) – a landmark resolution adopted by the Assembly more than half a \_\_\_\_\_ ago.

The so-called Friendly Relations Declaration sets out several vital principles that are “highly relevant” to today’s session, he reminded the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_ chief highlighted the principle of sovereign equality of States, affirming that their territorial integrity and political independence are inviolable.

“Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resolutions are also fully behind the sovereignty, political independence, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Ukraine, within its internationally recognized borders”, he said.

The UN chief continued by describing the [Minsk Agreements](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/02/1112202) – the fragile peace process regulating the conflict in eastern \_\_\_\_\_\_ – as surviving “in an intensive care unit thanks to a number of life support \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“But now those devices have been disconnected”, he stated.

Mr. Guterres also flagged the need to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the integrity of peacekeeping, which he spelled out only takes place “with the consent of the host \_\_\_\_\_\_”.