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Implementation of Minsk Agreements on Ukraine 'Still Fragile' – Russian Foreign Ministry

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

The implementation of the Minsk agreements aimed at ending the conflict in east Ukraine is still fragile, Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Tuesday.

"It was stated that the process of implementation of the Minsk agreements is largely still fragile," the ministry said, after phone talks between Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Both also discussed "some aspects" of relations between Russia and the European Union. The West accuses Moscow of actively supporting pro-Russian rebels in east Ukraine, where over 6,200 people have been killed in fighting since last year. Russia denies that.

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