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Russia Opposes UN Resolution for Tribunal for MH17 Crash

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Investigators work at the site of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 plane crash (flight MH17) near the village of in Snizhne in Donetsk region, Ukraine, June 19.

UNITED NATIONS — Russia says it is opposed to a UN resolution that would establish an international tribunal to prosecute those responsible for shooting down a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine last year.

Controversy continues over who downed Flight MH17 killing all 298 people on board.

Ukraine and the West suspect it was destroyed by a Russian surface-to-air missile fired by Russian soldiers or Russia-backed separatists fighting in eastern Ukraine. Moscow denies that and Russian officials and state media have alleged the plane was shot down by a Ukrainian missile or a warplane.

Russia's deputy UN Ambassador Petr Iliichev told reporters Thursday that Russia is opposed to the resolution.

It was drafted by the five countries investigating the crash and is under a chapter of the UN Charter, which can be enforced militarily.

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