

Ukraine Raises Putin's Donbass Comments at UN Security Council

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The United Nations headquarters in New York.

Ukraine on Wednesday initiated a discussion at the United Nations Security Council about a recent statement made by President Vladimir Putin on eastern Ukraine's Donbass region, the country's Foreign Ministry said in a press release.

The press release didn't specify which of the president's statements was put on the Security Council's agenda.

Putin's most recent comment on the region was at the All-Russia People's Front forum in the southern Russian city of Stavropol on Jan. 25, when he called the transfer of Donbass to Ukraine during the Soviet era "nonsense," according to the RBC website.

Ukraine's Ambassador to the UN Volodymyr Yelchenko said it was unacceptable that the Russian authorities were trying to "rewrite history, publicly questioning the territorial

integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Ukraine,” according to a statement published Wednesday.

Ukraine also demanded that Russia “stop the hostile rhetoric and aggressive actions against the Ukrainian people” and called all signatory countries of the Budapest Memorandum, including Russia, to urgently hold consultations on claims questioning the internationally recognized borders of Ukraine, the statement said.

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