

Embassy in Pyongyang Points to North Korean Atlas Showing Crimea as Russia

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Russian Embassy in North Korea / Facebook

The Russian Embassy in North Korea [said](#) in a Facebook post that Pyongyang's new political atlas designates the Crimean peninsula as Russian territory.

The Thursday post [states](#) that the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) "respects the results of the referendum which took place in Crimea regarding the incorporation of the peninsula into the Russian Federation."

North Korea considers the referendum "legitimate and completely meeting international legal standards," said the embassy.

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In a resolution at the UN General Assembly in March 2014 to recognize the sovereignty of Ukraine, 100 countries [voted](#) in favor, 58 abstained, and 11 opposed.

The DPRK, along with Russia, Armenia, Belarus and other Russian allies voted against the resolution.

Konstantin Asmolov, an analyst at the Center for Korean Studies at the Institute for the Far East, [said](#) that the announcement “was simply not news” as “our Crimea was always supported in the North,” the RBC business newspaper reported Thursday.

“It would be news if they suddenly changed their positions, but they didn't,” he said.

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