

Ukraine Calls Russian Presidential Candidate's Request to Legally Enter Crimea 'Schizophrenia'

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Ukraine has said that Russian presidential candidate Ksenia Sobchak's request to legally travel to the annexed Crimean peninsula was "positive" but amounted to political "schizophrenia."

Sobchak, who has [maintained](#) that Russian-held Crimea belongs to Ukraine according to international law, [said](#) Tuesday that she had asked Kiev authorities for permission to legally visit the annexed peninsula through Ukrainian territory.

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"Adhering to Ukrainian law to enter occupied Crimea is, of course, a positive [step],"

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin [tweeted](#) on Wednesday.

"But legal entry to conduct an illegitimate campaign in illegitimate elections on occupied territory — that's definitely schizophrenia. Of course, politically," Klimkin wrote.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Moscow has [said](#) that it has not yet received Sobchak's entry request, the UNIAN news agency reported Tuesday.

State-run polling indicates Sobchak is [expected](#) to receive 1 percent of votes in the March 18 presidential elections.

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