

New Ukraine President Hopes EU Sanctions on Russia Remain

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Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Friday he hopes that European Union sanctions on Russia will remain in place until Ukrainian territories are returned, according to a statement released on the presidential website.

The West imposed sanctions on Russia following Moscow's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and support for separatist fighters in eastern Ukraine.

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"Thank you for supporting the sanctions policy against Russia and I hope for its continuation until Ukrainian territories are completely returned," Zelenskiy said to visiting Polish and

Swedish foreign ministers.

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