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Western Sanctions Will Remain Until Ukraine's Sovereignty Restored – Merkel

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Tuesday that Western sanctions against Russia would not be lifted unless Ukraine's sovereignty was restored.

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Merkel said she and visiting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy had discussed the Minsk peace agreement, adding: "As long as there is no progress on this front, the sanctions cannot be lifted and the sanctions related to Crimea can only be lifted if Crimea returns to Ukraine."

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