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Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Called for Russia's Expulsion from the OAS

The Organization of American States (OAS) on Friday adopted a resolution on Ukraine that calls for the cessation "of acts that may constitute war crimes," but the Ukrainian ambassador in Washington asked it to go one step further and suspend Russia as a permanent observer.

Oksana Markarova, the Ukrainian ambassador to the United States, thanked the OAS several times for the resolution but asked it to consider "withdrawing permanent observer status from Russia" because it is "unacceptable for someone who does not respect the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and who thinks it is okay to kill children and kill innocent people on the territory of another state to sit at the table with people who respect them."

"It is not only our country that is being attacked, but the very basis of the world, the rules-based order, security and architecture and international law," the ambassador said, comparing it to 1939 "when Hitler's country attacked innocent independent countries in Europe."

The representative of Russia's permanent observation mission, Alexander Kim, "categorically rejected provocative and unfounded accusations" and said he found it

Of the 34 active members of the OAS, 28 voted Friday in favor of the resolution led by the ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Ronald Sanders. No country voted against and five abstained: Brazil, Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Nicaragua was absent from this Permanent Council, the executive body of the OAS, where on Wednesday its ambassador Arturo McFields denounced his country, led by Daniel Ortega, calling it a "dictatorship." The government later claimed that it "does not represent him" and dismissed him.

The resolution on the crisis in Ukraine "demands respect for human rights and the immediate cessation of acts that may constitute war crimes" and calls on Russia "to immediately withdraw all its military forces and equipment (...) and return to a path of dialogue and diplomacy."

The text describes as "deeply worrying and totally unacceptable" the deterioration of the humanitarian situation.

The OAS, of which Ukraine and Russia are permanent observers, called on "all parties to strictly respect" international humanitarian law and to protect the civilian population.

The countries pledged to "review, as necessary, the fulfillment of the Russian Federation's commitments to the OAS as a permanent observer."