

## **Intervention by Ambassador of Mexico in Poland Juan Sandoval Mendiola**

Virtual Emergency Governing Council Meeting

Community of Democracies

March 2, 2022

---

Mexico would like to thank the Secretary General, Mr. Thomas E. Garrett, for calling this emergency session to discuss the current situation in Ukraine.

Within the framework of the sessions of the Security Council, where Mexico is a current member, and of the UN General Assembly, Mexico has clearly set its position condemning the aggressions carried out by Russia against Ukraine, which constitute clear violations of the fundamental principles of international law, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, namely, the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations, respect for the territorial integrity and political independence of States, and non-intervention in the internal affairs of the states.

At the same time, in light of the information provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, we learned about the impact of the intervention on human rights and on international humanitarian law.

Mexico will remain attentive to the development of the situation and will continue to urge all parties in the conflict to give priority to the protection of civilians in their actions, and to fully respect the human rights of the entire population, particularly of those groups that face situations of vulnerability.

For Mexico, the only path to resolve this situation is through the peaceful settlement of disputes. Therefore, we will continue to call for diplomatic channels and the direct dialogue that has already begun between Ukraine and Russia to be maintained.