

# EU Says Will Drop Sanctions on Russia if Ukraine Peace Achieved in September

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BRUSSELS — The European Union could scrap sanctions on Russia if a review to be carried out by the end of September shows that a peace plan in Ukraine is being implemented, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy said Thursday.

Van Rompuy confirmed in a statement that the new EU sanctions on Russia will take effect on Friday.

EU ambassadors will carry out a comprehensive review of the implementation of the peace plan by the end of September: "In the light of the review and if the situation on the ground so warrants, the Commission and the EEAS [EU diplomatic service] are invited to put forward proposals to amend, suspend or repeal the set of sanctions in force, in all or in part," he said.

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