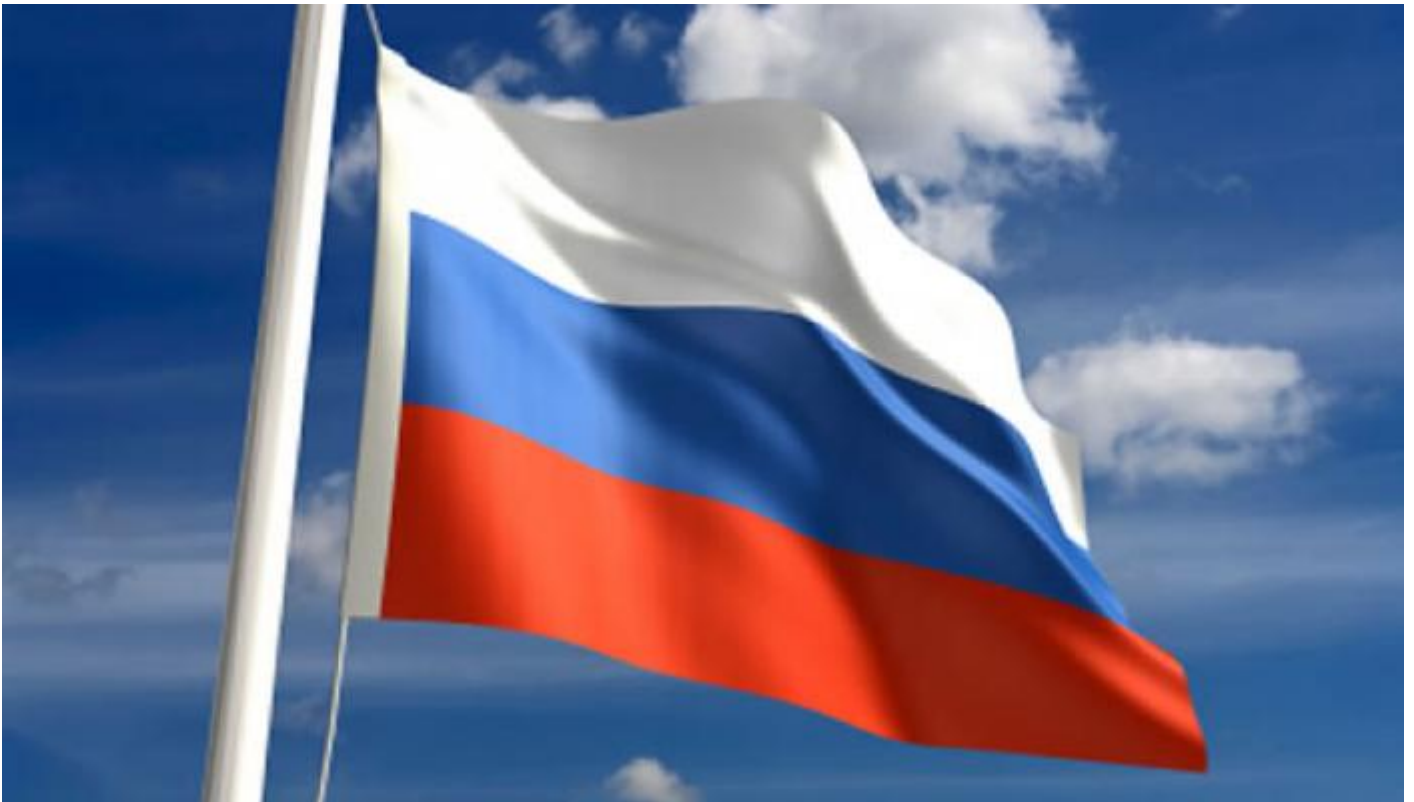


Russia, U.S. Determined to Cooperate on Syria Despite Ukrainian crisis - Envoy



GENEVA, Apr 11 (NNN-Xinhua), -- The crisis in Ukraine has not affected Moscow's and Washington's determination to cooperate on Syrian settlement, Russia's permanent representative at the UN office and other international organisations in Geneva, Aleksei Borodavkin, told Russia's Itar-Tass news agency on Thursday.

He said that both sides had a discussion and agreed that the process of negotiations over Syria should be resumed, Itar-Tass reported.

"Just recently I had a meeting with the newly-appointed US special envoy for Syria, David Rubinstein," said Borodavkin.

"We shall keep working along these lines," Borodavkin said. "I have no impression that the Ukrainian crisis has affected the United States' determination to cooperate with Russia on the Syrian settlement. We have the same determination."

Rubinstein, a career diplomat, was appointed by the Secretary of State, John Kerry, as the United States' special envoy for Syria on Mar 17. He succeeded ambassador Robert Ford.

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