



# Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

## 11 April - 17 April 2016

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.  
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**"We firmly support Crimean  
Tatars and all Ukrainian people  
who are facing serious  
challenges today.**

**We take a consistent position  
that sanctions against Russia  
cannot be lifted until the Minsk  
agreements are fully  
implemented and the illegal  
occupation of Crimea  
continues"**

President D.Grybauskaitė

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The President meets with Crimean Tatar leaders Mustafa Dzhemilev and Refat Chubarov. Official photos by Robertas Dačkus

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### Key messages:

- NATO allies unity, their consistent and firm attitude should be a response to attempts to shatter the unity of the Alliance
- Lithuania blacklisted 46 citizens of Russia and Ukraine for their role in the detention and sentencing of the Ukrainian pilot Nadezhda Savchenko and two other Ukrainians
- Lithuania trusts that Ukraine will do its best to implement necessary reforms as soon as possible
- In the context of the nuclear safety, the continuous attention of the EU and the international community for the Ostrovets NPP is crucial for the entire region

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### Top lines, statements

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### Bilateral relations, regional cooperation:

- Prime Minister's greetings to new Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groisman (15 April, 2016)  
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- Lithuania's Foreign Minister calls on EU to take joint action on increasing constraints on rights of Crimean Tatars (15 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
  - Lithuanian foreign minister meets with Japanese and Moldovan counterparts in Bratislava (16 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
  - Foreign Minister welcomes participants of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars (12 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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## Security and defence:

- NATO should remain consistent and strong in responding to external threats (16 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
  - Lithuania and the Baltic States are defensible, Minister of National Defence Juozas Olekas says (15 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
  - Minister Linkevičius discusses security of the Ostrovets nuclear power plant at a meeting with EU Energy Commissioner (16 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
  - Minister Linkevičius' meetings in Bratislava: major focus on security issues (17 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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