
European Union Avoids Addressing Sanctions Against Russia

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Moscow, Oct 21 (Prensa Latina) In its final document, the European Union (EU) summit has refrained from mentioning possible sanctions against Russia for its position on the Syrian conflict, according to Russian television.

The Bloomberg agency stated that several major members of the EU had expressed this possibility, but apparently there was no consensus in the union to make an agreement.

The statement, however, condemns the attack against civilians allegedly by Russian aviation and Syrian troops, although Damascus accuses Western powers, including some from the EU, of financing and supplying armed groups such as the Islamic State.

The document also calls for an end to the fighting and a vote of confidence for the UN to lead a political process in Syria.

The EU statement also called for punishment for those responsible for the violation of international humanitarian law and human rights in Syria.

Following the agreement reached in Geneva, the United States bombed Syrian troops instead of terrorists, while Moscow reported on Wednesday that Belgian F-16 jet fighters killed six civilians in the outskirts of Aleppo.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has said that his country is concerned about the situation in Syria, and supports the document in favor of ending the fighting and initiate a political process, but, as he said, it does not make sense to mention sanctions.

The German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, stated she saw no content to address the issue of restrictions on Russia and considered it more important to create the conditions for humanitarian aid to be distributed Syria, especially in the city of Aleppo.

The Russian President Vladimir Putin warned recently that sanctions against his country for its position on the events in Ukraine or Syria will not solve any particular problem, and are only aimed at a political and development containment of Russia.
