# France Pushes for a European Voice in Ukraine Peace Talks

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France is seeking to secure Europe's place in negotiations over Ukraine as G7 foreign ministers gather in Paris on 9–10 November, **ahead of US-mediated talks in Abu Dhabi**.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot said on Sunday that France and its European partners would be represented at the discussions scheduled for 10–11 November. **He did not identify France's representative or explain precisely how European participation would fit into the talks between Russia, Ukraine and the United States**.

The Paris meeting offers an opportunity to coordinate positions before those negotiations. France has placed **military, financial and energy support** for Ukraine on the agenda, alongside other international crises.

For Paris, the stakes extend beyond a ceasefire: **Europe wants a say** in the security arrangements that would follow it. Barrot argued that discussions affecting the continent's future could not disregard European interests.

The immediate test is whether that demand translates into meaningful influence over the negotiations. Representation alone would leave unanswered the harder questions about Ukraine's security and the commitments its partners are prepared to make.

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