

Ukrainian Lawmaker to Propose Cutting Diplomatic Ties with Russia **Ukraine**

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Russian officials and pro-Kremlin politicians lashed out swiftly following reports that Vinnyk had proposed cutting off ties. Photo: Ukrainian lawmaker Ivan Vinnyk (file photo)

By [RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service](#), Nov 8, 2017 KYIV -- A lawmaker from Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's party has told RFE/RL he plans to propose legislation that would sever diplomatic relations with Russia. Ivan Vinnyk spoke to RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service on November 8, after reports that he had already submitted the proposal prompted criticism from Moscow. The proposal comes as the Verkhovna Rada considers a bill governing what lawmakers hope will be the "reintegration" of parts of eastern Ukraine held by Russia-backed separatists whose war against Kyiv has killed more than 10,000 people since April 2014. [⋮] <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukriane-vinnyk...omatic-ties/28842771.html>