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Vladimir Putin raises his voice. The Russian president asks the Ukrainian army to drive out the power in place, by overthrowing President Volodymyr Zelensky and his entourage. A little earlier, Vladimir Putin seemed open to dialogue, saying he is ready to send a delegation for negotiations to Minsk, in Belarus.

In Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky considers that the European sanctions are too weak. The sanctions consist in drastically limiting Russia's access to European capital markets. The President asks Europe to do everything possible to stop the Russian invasion. He also calls on civilians to get involved on the ground, as the war continues in Kiev.

He spoke for an hour with Emmanuel Macron at the Elysée. François Hollande spoke, at the end of the morning, with the Head of State, about the Russian invasion in Ukraine. The former President then called for tougher sanctions against Russia. Emmanuel Macron also received Nicolas Sarkozy, who called for a de-escalation and diplomacy.

In this context, Emmanuel Macron's visit to the agricultural trade fair is disrupted. For the first day of the Porte de Versailles event, tomorrow, it is Jean Castex who will replace the Head of State. However, Emmanuel Macron will inaugurate the event and meet with the agricultural unions.

This Ukrainian crisis has consequences in the world of sports: The final of the Football Champions League will be played at the Stade de France instead of Saint Petersburg. The change of stadiums was directly negotiated by the UEFA President Aleksander Čeferin who phoned Emmanuel Macron. The final is scheduled for May 28. And note that in Formula 1 the Russian Grand Prix scheduled for September in Sochi has been cancelled.