

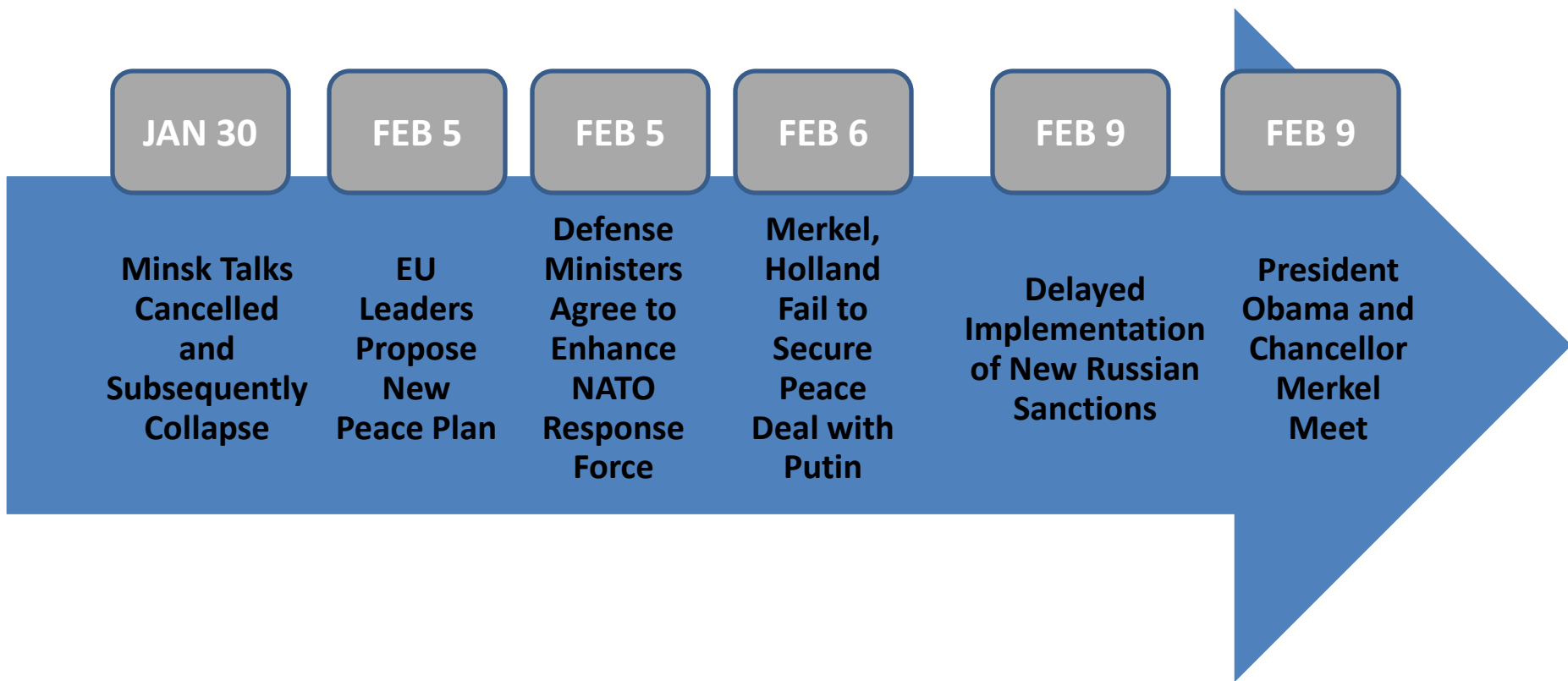
National Defense Industrial Association, International Division – Recent NATO Developments

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CONTEXT: UKRAINE CRISIS TIMELINE



NATO Defense Ministers Agreed to Enhance the NATO Response Force: Three Developments

- New Spearhead (high readiness) Force will consist of a land brigade of around 5,000 troops, supported by air, sea and special forces; lead element able to deploy within 48 hours.**
- Six Allies declared they are ready to act as framework Nations; France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom will provide the main elements of the force, and help bring together other Allies.**
- Will immediately establish first six multinational command and control units in Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania to facilitate rapid deployment, support collective defense planning, and coordinate training and exercises.**

Signs of a Changing Calculus vis-à-vis Russia in Ukraine

- In early February, a spokesperson for the National Security Council confirmed the openness to a policy shift on Ukraine, stating that “we are always evaluating other options that will help create space for a negotiated solution to the crisis.”
- Dr. Carter at his Senate confirmation hearing ,when asked if he favors providing defensive arms to the Ukrainian military fighting Russian-backed separatists: “I very much incline in that direction.”
- At a press conference with President Obama, Chancellor Merkel also left open the possibility that further steps against Russia would be taken if negotiations fail: “But if, at a certain point in time, one has to say that a [diplomatic] success is not possible...then the United States and Europe have to sit together and try and explore further possibilities.”

CEASE Fire Development

As of 12 Feb

- **A new cease-fire is set to begin Sunday in eastern Ukraine, in a deal after 16 hours of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine.**
- **Brokered by France and Germany.**
- **IMF assisting with \$40B aid package.**