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## *A New Metternich for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

(March 2025)

### The Actors

- A. **Pedro Sanchez**: the **Prime Minister of Spain**;
- B. **Kaja** <sup>2</sup> "**Break It Up**" **Kallas**: the **European Chief Diplomat**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission; formerly Prime Minister of **Estonia** <sup>3</sup>.

### The venue

Brussels, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Equinox Day)

### A heated argument

The Spanish Prime Minister, about the appointment of a special envoy to negotiate with Russia and Ukraine: "*We need a negotiating team and a representative that speaks for European citizens*".

Ms. Kallas took offense to Mr. Sanchez's position and was reportedly angered by his comments. Ms. Kallas argued that she was the right person to conduct talks with Russia and Ukraine.

It is reported that the two had a heated exchange behind closed doors. "*What am I here for?*" she said. Ms. Kallas insisted that representing the bloc was her job and that appointing a new official would not be useful.

### The best choice for diplomacy

The Diplomatic Skills of Ms. Kaja "**Break It Up**" Kallas are best exemplified by her stated position with regard to the country with which she envisions to open negotiations, no doubt from a position of strength, since it is indubitable that Estonia has inflicted a humiliating military defeat on the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation:

**Break It Up!** (May 2024)



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<sup>1</sup> Pronounced "*ka-ya*", Spanish for "*shut-up!*"

<sup>2</sup> Pronounced "*ka-ya*" in Estonian (Ms. Kallas' language)

<sup>3</sup> A tiny nation in northeastern Europe, with a population a little over one million, of which 200,000 are ethnic Russians