



# Viernes 24 de octubre: ¿Debería la OTAN intervenir en Crimea?

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*“In people’s hearts and minds,” Vladimir Putin told Russia’s Parliament, “Crimea has always been an inseparable part of Russia.” He annexed the peninsula with dazzling speed and efficiency, backed by a crushing majority in a referendum (97% of voters supported secession from Ukraine, Crimean officials reported). He calls it a victory for order and legitimacy and a blow against Western meddling. As Mr. Putin pointed out with glee, Crimea was taken “without a single shot”. Fighting against the will of people is difficult, if not impossible, he added. The Economist March 22<sup>nd</sup> páginas 9 y 19.*

*Act now or play later*

*For Mr. Obama, this is a defining moment: he must lead, not just co-operate. But Crimea should also matter to the rest of the world. Given what is at stake, the response has so far been weak and fragmented. [...] Mr. Putin kleptocratic friends would yelp if Britain made London unwelcome to Russian money linked to the regime. France should withhold its arms sales to Russia; and [...] Germany must be prepared to embargo Russian oil and gas. Planning should start right now to lessen Europe’s dependence on Russian energy and to strengthen NATO. The Economist March 22<sup>nd</sup> page 9.*