GEORGE STEPANOPOULOS: We're tracking all the fast moving developments from Ukraine on this Tuesday morning. Threat of war. Russia moves one step closer to invasion. President Vladimir Putin orders troops into Ukraine's separatist regions. The White House and our allies imposing sanctions as President Biden faces pressure from both parties for tougher ones and fears grow of a full-scale invasion. This morning, the biggest economic impact that could be felt here at home. Our team live on the ground across Ukraine, in Moscow, and at the White House tracking it all.

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ROBIN ROBERTS: So, overnight, the United Nations held an emergency meeting and a White House official says the administration will impose significant sanctions on Russia today.

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MARTHA RADDATZ: But the move immediately met with a chorus of condemnation. The White House issuing initial sanctions promising to announce more significant ones today and the U.N. Security Council convening overnight for an emergency meeting. Allied countries blasting Putin's actions as a violation of international law.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. LINDA THOMAS GREENFIELD: We must meet the moment and we must not look away. History tells us that looking the other way in the face of such hostility will be a far more costly path.

RADDATZ: But with hopes for diplomacy dwindling, many fear this is just the beginning, a dark sign of what is to come.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; White House Preparing Response to Russia; Administration Promising “Significant” Sanctions Over Ukraine]
STEPHANOPOULOS: Senior White House correspondent Mary Bruce joins us now and Mary, as we mentioned, the White House will announce new, tougher sanctions today. Senators from both parties are calling for them.

MARY BRUCE: Yeah and, George, we are told they will hit Russia directly. Yesterday they imposed sanctions targeting these two separatist regions. Today's penalties will be the first to hit Moscow. Now, the President has said all along that if Russian forces cross the Ukrainian border, there will be swift and severe costs but Biden administration is already facing growing pressure from both parties here in Washington to act faster, to be more aggressive and it is unclear just how far the President will go today in imposing sanctions. We know that, on the table, heavy sanctions possibly on major Russian banks and company, restrictions on technology. They could target Putin's inner circle and even Vladimir Putin himself but, of course, in the past, we have seen sanctions have done little to deter the Russian president and Putin knows what's possibly coming his way and already, he's dismissing and brushing off the possibility of these sanctions. Now, as for that possible summit with President Biden, the White House isn't ruling it out just yet but have made clear if there is an invasion it will not happen, so, George, I would not hold out hope for this one.

STEPHANOPOULOS: No, we can't do that right now. Okay, Mary, thanks very much.

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STEPHANOPOULOS: The White House is promising significant sanctions on Russia after Vladimir Putin recognized the independence of two Russia-backed separatist territories in Ukraine, sending troops in.

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