



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON THE ATTEMPT BY THE STATE DUMA OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO REWRITE HISTORY AND TO CHALLENGE THE FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN CIVILISATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the fact that on 11 June 2020, the Committee on International Affairs of the State Duma of the Russian Federation requested other committees to submit proposals for a draft law initiated by Aleksei Zhuravlev, Member of the State Duma, which would declare ‘invalid on the territory of the Russian Federation’ the Resolution of the Congress of People’s Deputies of 24 December 1989 on the Political and Legal Assessment of the 1939 Soviet-German Non-Aggression Treaty, whereby the Soviet Union condemned the secret protocols to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and pronounced them null and void, as well as recognised that it committed aggression against third countries, including the Baltic States, by admitting to violations of its obligations under the peace and non-attack treaties as a result of the implementation of the secret protocols to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (final adoption by the parliament of the Russian Federation is scheduled for July 2020),

recalling that:

- the conclusion of the secret protocols to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact was tantamount to planning an aggressive war against third countries, including Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Finland, and the nullity of these protocols is a universally recognised fact, whereas the annexation of the Baltic States by the USSR was condemned and refused to recognise by the international community,
- the international community condemns and refuses to recognise the annexation of the part of the Ukrainian territory (Crimean Peninsula) by the Russian Federation and also denounces the

occupation of parts of the territories of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine by the Russian Federation and considers it to be illegal,

– pursuant to irrevocable Article 1 of the Treaty of 29 July 1991 on the Foundations of Inter-State Relations, whereby the Russian Federation recognised the state status of the Republic of Lithuania, as enshrined in the legal acts of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 11 March 1990,

noting that the fundamental principles of international law, including prohibition of aggression, respect for state sovereignty, peaceful settlement of international disputes, are enshrined, inter alia, in the 1928 General Treaty on Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy and in the 1945 Charter of the United Nations,

notes that the moves by the State Duma of the Russian Federation towards revoking the above-mentioned Resolution of the Congress of People's Deputies of the USSR would rehabilitate both the Soviet and Nazi totalitarian regimes by denying their international crimes committed in connection with the conclusion and implementation of the secret protocols to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact;

strongly condemns the moves by the State Duma of the Russian Federation and considers them as an attempt on the foundations of modern civilisation and international law, inter alia, the rule of law in international relations, prohibition of the use of force and threat thereof, sovereign equality of states, and respect for human rights;

stresses that the systematic moves towards historical revisionism by the State Duma of the Russian Federation are intended to justify the current aggressive policy towards, and aggression against, its neighbours by the Russian Federation, to call into question the statehood of neighbouring countries on the basis of the concepts of 'the near abroad', 'the Russian world' and 'protection of compatriots', to promote distrust among the Western community, to divide the European Union and NATO, and to engage in confrontation with the West for the coming decades;

obliges the Speaker of the Seimas, in his capacity as a member of the State Defence Council, to propose that the above-mentioned moves by the State Duma of the Russian Federation be considered at a meeting of the State Defence Council;

calls on the international community to condemn and prevent violations of international law and attempts to challenge the foundations of modern civilisation and international law by the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

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