



## SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

### RESOLUTION ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

*having regard* to the fact that 17 September 2021 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of Lithuania, together with Estonia and Latvia, to the international community of sovereign states and became a member of the United Nations Organisation,

*recalling* that 22 September 2021 marks the centennial of the accession of Lithuania, together with Estonia and Latvia, to the League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations Organisation,

*noting* that the United Nations is the world's largest organisation for the preservation of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations between States,

*appreciating* Lithuania's contribution to the operational framework of the United Nations,

**emphasises** that Lithuania's admission to the United Nations Organisation largely culminated in the international recognition of the independent State of Lithuania, restored on 11 March 1990, which was initiated by Iceland by breaking the diplomatic silence on 11 February 1991 and reminding the world of the existence of historical justice, the right to self-determination, the will and morality of nations, in addition to direct interests;

**stresses** that Lithuania's unique experience in peacefully building the state and implementing democratic and innovative reforms over the past 30 years has given Lithuania even more determination and self-confidence and has gained global recognition;

**notes** that Lithuania's principled position on foreign policy, the tireless struggle for democratic values, human rights, the rule of law and continued support for people who fight for freedom, independence and territorial integrity in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood and around the world are not overlooked but are valued;

**welcomes** Lithuania's successful membership of the most influential body of the United Nations, the Security Council, in 2014-2015, and its participation in the taking of major decisions relating to global security, in particular in response to violations of international law, as well as the constant attention of the Security Council to the continuing Russia's aggression against Ukraine;

**points out** that today Lithuania significantly contributes to the United Nations' actions in the areas of peace and international security maintenance, international humanitarian law, arms control and disarmament, human security, sustainable economic and social development, safeguarding of human rights, and other areas;

**strongly supports** Lithuania's candidacy for two United Nations institutions, namely, the Human Rights Council in 2022-2024 and the UNESCO Executive Council in 2021-2025;

**reassures** that Lithuania has always supported and will support the United Nations' Pillar of Human Rights, therefore membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the implementation of Lithuania's membership priorities regarding the protection of human rights defenders, women's and children's rights and the protection of the freedom of expression, the fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism will undoubtedly help to ensure the universality and indivisibility of human rights and to build a better world for all;

**adds** that cooperation which is based on democratic values and respect for the norms of international law and which is carried out in multilateral formats such as the United Nations is the key to addressing many global challenges, including irregular migration.

Speaker of the Seimas

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