



**SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**STATEMENT  
ON A JOINT RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S DEMANDS**

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Vilnius

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

*in view* of the fact, that the geopolitical and security situation in the region remains tense,

*noting* that Lithuania consistently supports the right of people in every country to freely and democratically decide on the future of their state and do it independently without any foreign intervention,

*having regard* to the fact that in December 2021 Russia put forward a list of demands to NATO and the United States of America (US) with an aim of preventing any further NATO's eastward expansion,

*taking the view* that international relations must be underpinned by the right of every state to freely pursue its foreign policy in conformity with international obligations,

*expressing its conviction* that in order to encourage Russia to comply with the principles of international law and to deter its interference with the domestic affairs of Ukraine and other countries, a unified and joint stance of the Euro-Atlantic partners is needed,

**argues against** any attempts to decide the fate of countries without their participation;

**strongly condemns** Russia's attempts to restrict by force or threat of force the right of other states to freely decide on their membership in collective security or other organisations;

**emphasises** that with its threats of further military intervention in Ukraine, Russia grossly violates both the principle of respect for territorial integrity of states and the principle of non-use of force or threat of force in international relations;

**welcomes** the intention of the US President's Administration to coordinate its response to Russia with all NATO allies;

**calls on** all Euro-Atlantic partners to give their unanimous and firm support for Ukraine's and Georgia's territorial integrity and for the freedom of states to pursue their foreign policies and reject Russia's *de facto* ultimatum-like demands as unfounded and unacceptable;

**calls on** all NATO member states to support NATO's enlargement to the countries that have expressed their firm aspirations to become members of the Alliance;

**supports** the proposal of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenski on a strong deterrent sanctions policy against Russia's attempts to unlawfully impose its influence on the neighbourhood;

**urges** Russia to abide by its international commitments, immediately put an end to the unjustifiable and provoking military buildup at the Ukrainian border, and deescalate the situation.

Chair of the Committee

Žygimantas Pavilionis