

SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S AGGRESSION AND WAR CRIMES IN UKRAINE

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Vilnius

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the provisions of Resolution XIV-930 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 24 February 2022 on the Aggression of Russia and Belarus against Ukraine, Resolution No XIV-931 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 10 March 2022 on the Granting of EU Candidate Status to Ukraine and Ukraine's Full Membership of the European Union, and Resolution No XIV-941 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 17 March 2022 on Active Measures to Ensure the Security of the Civilian Population and Critical Infrastructure in Ukraine;

recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 2 March 2022 on the Russian Aggression against Ukraine and Resolution of 24 March 2022 on Humanitarian Consequences of the Aggression against Ukraine;

welcoming the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 7 April 2022 on Suspension of the Rights of Membership of the Russian Federation in the Human Rights Council;

considering the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the large-scale and unprovoked war in Europe as an attempt to destroy the European security architecture based on the rules and values of international law, and as a brutal attack on freedom, democracy and Western civilisation based on respect for the rights of every human being and citizen;

shocked by the testimonies coming from Bucha, Irpin, Borodyanka, Mariupol, Kramatorsk and other parts of Ukraine about the crimes committed by the troops of the Russian Federation against the Ukrainian civilian population, including women and children;

stressing that the killing of civilians, the abduction of people from the occupied territories of Ukraine and their forcible transfer to the Russian Federation, as well as the targeted attacks on civilian infrastructure and the brutal behaviour of the Russian troops, which reaches beyond the norms of the civilised world, constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity under international law, for which legal accountability will be sought;

considering that the sanctions imposed on Russia so far are insufficient and fail to deliver the expected results of ending the war and restoring the integrity and sovereignty of the entire territory of Ukraine;

emphasising that the Russian Federation bears liability for the outbreak and consequences of the war, including the payment of reparations,

strongly condemns the continued military aggression, war crimes against sovereign Ukraine and its people as well as crimes against humanity committed and being committed by the Russian Federation, with the complicity of the Republic of Belarus;

calls on Ukraine and the international community to urgently and thoroughly document the crimes committed by the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine and to set up an international criminal tribunal with a view to bringing all perpetrators to justice;

proposes that, after due consideration of the legal consequences, the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation be qualified as genocide of the Ukrainian people;

invites the international community to continue to provide Ukraine with a wide range of weapons to enable Ukraine to defend its freedom and sovereignty, to restore the integrity of its territory and to prevent further mass killings of civilians;

condemns the Russian Federation's claims that the Russian Federation may decide to use weapons of mass destruction and stresses that any use of such weapons is unacceptable and that the response of the international community, NATO and the European Union to such a move must be the strongest possible;

demands that the Russian Federation immediately withdraw its troops from the occupied regions of Moldova and Georgia and from the Republic of Belarus;

encourages the further substantial strengthening of sanctions against the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus until the Russian Federation withdraws its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, and **stresses** the need to ensure that the implementation of the sanctions already imposed is comprehensive and effective, both at national, European Union and international level;

welcomes the decision of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to completely abandon gas imports from the Russian Federation and **urges** the EU Member States and NATO member countries and their allies to introduce a full embargo on imports of oil, coal, nuclear fuel and gas from the Russian Federation;

advocates the confiscation of all assets of Russian Federation officials or oligarchs linked to Vladimir Putin's regime, their confidants and those who provide cover for and empower them,

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and the revocation of their Schengen or national visas, with a view to the total and immediate banning of 'golden' passports, visas and residence permits in the European Union;

appeals to all states of the world which recognise and respect the principles of international law urging them not to assist, enable or allow the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to circumvent and avoid the sanctions imposed on them for the military aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by them;

welcomes the actions of the Republic of Lithuania and other EU Member States and NATO member countries and their allies in expelling Russian security officers to prevent on their territories Russia's intelligence activities aimed at destroying the values on which our freedom and prosperity and those of our allies are based;

invites the EU Member States and NATO member countries to lower the level of diplomatic representation of the Russian Federation;

calls on the EU Member States and NATO member countries as well as on all democratic states to counter the activities of the media channels and media outlets of the Russian Federation that spread disinformation, incite violence and justify war crimes and crimes against humanity;

expresses its support for all Russians and Belarusians who oppose the criminal war against Ukraine perpetrated by the Kremlin and Minsk regimes;

supports efforts to establish the Ukraine Solidarity Trust Fund to rebuild Ukraine after the war, to initiate a large-scale investment programme and to restore the country's growth potential;

reiterates its call for Ukraine to be granted EU candidate status as soon as possible;

looks forward to a positive opinion of the European Commission regarding Ukraine's membership of the European Union and appreciates the fact that in the context of the implementation of the Association Agreement, including the establishment of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, Ukraine has already made significant and substantial progress in its reform efforts, including the transposition of a large part of the EU *acquis*;

calls on the European Union, its Member States, the allies and international organisations to provide financial support to countries that have hosted the country's citizens forced to flee the war in Ukraine, helping them to address the challenges of ensuring a dignified life, continuing education and integration into the labour market for those who have fled the war;

advocates further coordination of actions within the European Union and with NATO allies;

reiterates its full solidarity with Ukraine and its people.