



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON THE CONTINUITY OF FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

stressing the necessity to maintain consistency in the Republic of Lithuania's foreign and security policy direction and long-term priorities and the continuity of its actions as a vital interest of the State in the face of geopolitical and security challenges,

noting that Lithuania, as a member of the community of democracies, relies in pursuing its foreign and security policy on democratic values and the fundamental principles of international law, with a view to ensuring sustainable long-term peace and security in the region and the world,

witnessing the threats posed by authoritarian regimes to the world, to the European continent and to Lithuania, and the unification of such regimes against democratic communities,

recognising the strong public support for the achievement of the priority objectives of foreign and security policy, arising from Lithuania's membership of the European Union and NATO and other international organisations,

stressing the role of parliamentary diplomacy and the international relations of political parties in consolidating Lithuania's foreign and security policy interests,

categorically condemns Russia's unprovoked and unlawful military aggression against Ukraine, accompanied by a full-scale military invasion actively supported by Belarus, North Korea and actively assisted by China, Iran and other authoritarian regimes, further **condemns** Russia's unprecedented interference in democratic processes and internal affairs of other states, acts of sabotage in Lithuania and the territory of its allies, aimed at influencing the internal and foreign policy of those states;

remains committed to unconditional support for Ukraine in the defence of its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, as defined by its internationally recognised borders, and **pledges** to work actively with its allies to provide Ukraine with full political, military, humanitarian, legal, economic and financial support and to ensure uninterrupted funding for the reconstruction of Ukraine;

underlines that the only possible outcome of the war is Ukraine's victory and the full restoration of the country's territorial integrity and provision of security guarantees;

recalls that the Seimas, in its Resolution No XIV-2167 of 19 September 2023 on Inviting Ukraine to Join NATO, welcomed the invitation of Ukraine to join the Alliance as a country meeting the criteria of NATO membership, and therefore undertakes to pursue active parliamentary diplomacy in order to ensure that the whole Alliance adopts a decision as soon as possible to invite Ukraine to become a NATO member;

commits itself to annually allocate to Ukraine's defence and security sector at least 0.25% of Lithuania's GDP in accordance with the Lithuanian-Ukrainian Agreement on Security Cooperation signed in Brussels on 27 June 2024;

points out that the military threats emerging from cooperation between Russia, China, Iran and North Korea can only be countered by a NATO which is united and strong from a military perspective and that the Alliance's readiness to deter and to defend depends on the contribution and long-term financial commitment of all its members as well as on the ability of the EU to develop its defence industry within the shortest possible time frame;

commits itself to strengthening national, European and international sanctions against Russia and the countries, businesses or individuals supporting its aggression;

commits itself, in response to Russia's war in Ukraine and the geopolitical security situation in Europe, to consistently and ambitiously increase defence funding by allocating, for this purpose, at least 3.5% of Lithuania's GDP;

emphasises that the key priority of Lithuania's foreign and security policy is to ensure a credible NATO deterrence and defence posture in the Baltic region and the entire eastern part of the Alliance, by strengthening NATO's Forward Presence, hosting a permanent German brigade, achieving an uninterrupted presence of the U.S. troops in Lithuania, implementing the rotational air defence model, ensuring all necessary Host Nation support to Allied forces in Lithuania, and strengthening the continuous protection of critical infrastructure in the Baltic Sea in cooperation with NATO Allies;

notes that only principled, determined and effective action will strengthen the EU's leadership in a world affected by geopolitical shocks, conflicts and challenges, and that it is therefore necessary to strengthen the EU's collective contribution to security and defence, EU-NATO interaction, the EU's preparedness for enlargement, protection of critical infrastructure, competitiveness and economic security, to improve the decision-making process, and to work towards a larger EU multiannual budget adapted to today's challenges;

seeks broad political consensus on operational priorities and the smooth functioning of state institutions in the run-up to and during Lithuania's Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2027;

supports the EU enlargement process in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership countries in line with the accession criteria set out in the EU Treaties and notes that the pace of the EU enlargement process depends on the countries' reform efforts and their positions in respect of accession to the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy;

devotes particular attention to the European integration processes taking place in Ukraine and Moldova and to the ambition of these countries to join the EU by 2029;

stands in solidarity with the people of Georgia in their aspirations for membership of the Euro-Atlantic structures, as enshrined in the Constitution of Georgia, and is guided by the provisions set out in Resolution No XV-27 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 5 December 2024 on the Situation in Georgia and Georgia's European Future;

emphasises the long-standing historical ties between Lithuania and the United States, based on mutual trust and cooperation, and the importance and indispensability of the transatlantic relationship; **agrees** that the United States is Lithuania's key strategic partner and ally and that its military power is a key factor in ensuring Russia's deterrence in the Baltic Sea region; **commits** itself to fully strengthen Lithuania's strategic relations with the United States, to expand political and parliamentary dialogue and cooperation on foreign and security policy issues, and to strengthen mutually beneficial bilateral economic, energy and defence cooperation between the EU and the U.S.;

notes that the partnership between Lithuania and Germany in fostering bilateral relations and cooperating within the framework of the EU and NATO holds exceptional strategic importance; **emphasises** its commitment to enhancing parliamentary cooperation, with a particular focus on the deployment of the German brigade in Lithuania by the end of 2027, as well as the presentation and safeguarding of Lithuania's other political, security, economic, and cultural interests in Germany;

reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership with Poland, particularly in the areas of defence and security policy, by ensuring political cooperation in addressing bilateral and regional issues, with a special focus on cooperation within the framework of the Lublin Triangle;

notes that the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) format plays a vital role in addressing key regional security and defence challenges, fostering joint initiatives, and coordinating positions within the EU, NATO, and with other partners, and will therefore seek to pursue even closer cooperation in this regard;

emphasises the importance of the strategic dialogue between Lithuania and the United Kingdom, grounded in long-standing historical, political, economic, and cultural ties, and commits itself to contributing to the strengthening of EU-UK cooperation to achieve common security and defence objectives across the European continent, with particular attention to enhancing the United Kingdom-led Joint Expeditionary Force;

underlines the significance of the strategic partnership between Lithuania and France and the need to enhance bilateral security, defence, economic, and cultural ties; **supports** France's initiative to improve European security by increasing military support for Ukraine and fostering comprehensive cooperation in mobilising this support;

is of the opinion that China, as a key enabler of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, poses an increasing threat to Lithuania's foreign and security policy and, therefore, advocates strengthening the partnership with countries in the Indo-Pacific region both bilaterally and through the NATO+ format, while calling for a reassessment of the EU's policy towards China;

supports the continued development of economic, trade, and cultural ties with Taiwan;

advocates the further development of strategic political, economic, security, cultural ties with the State of Israel and the world Litvak community;

commits itself to making every effort to uphold democracy, the principles of freedom, the rule of law and human rights so that the crimes perpetrated by authoritarian regimes do not go unpunished, and therefore underlines the importance of a targeted policy of sanctions and their implementation and the inevitability of full accountability for war crimes and other serious international crimes, including the prosecution of autocratic heads of state, political and military leadership before an international court;

stresses the necessity to engage actively in multilateral formats to prevent aggression and counter threats to national security and to address key global policy issues, to preserve and strengthen the international order based on international law, rules and democratic values, to increase the international isolation of Russia, Belarus and the countries supporting them, rather than allowing aggressor countries to manipulate the principle of multilateralism, to pursue a more effective multilateral system aligned with Lithuania's interests, and to increase Lithuania's influence in international organisations;

affirms its ambition to consolidate, at EU level, a strong condemnation of all crimes perpetrated by totalitarian regimes; to combat disinformation and Russia's attempts to rewrite history; to strengthen Holocaust education and to raise awareness of the crimes perpetrated by communist, Nazi and other totalitarian regimes; and to combat anti-Semitism, xenophobia and hatred of all kinds at national and international levels;

fully supports the democratic opposition in Belarus in its efforts to bring about democratic change within the neighbouring country, to ensure that free and democratic elections are held in Belarus, that all political prisoners are released, and that the current authoritarian regime in Belarus, which is an ally of Russia's war against Ukraine, is brought to justice;

underlines the need to strengthen economic diplomacy, to promote the export of Lithuanian goods and services, to advance innovation, to boost inbound tourism, freight and passenger flows through Lithuania, to attract foreign investment, to support and protect Lithuania's business interests in key markets and to diversify trading partners and supply chains, to encourage the integration of Lithuanian businesses into value chains and enhanced cooperation in the area of research with the aim of securing the country's economic growth and competitiveness;

notes the importance of Lithuania's development cooperation instruments in achieving its ambitious objectives in its relations with the countries of Eastern Europe, in particular in the fields of European integration, security, resilience, connectivity and economic development, as well as in fostering multilateral cooperation and mutual understanding with third countries;

undertakes to ensure adequate funding of the diplomatic service of the Republic of Lithuania, to strengthen the existing diplomatic missions, to expand diplomatic representation in response to the emergence of new needs and in accordance with the criteria of depoliticisation and professionalism of the diplomatic service;

stresses the importance of cooperation between Lithuania's state and municipal institutions and the Lithuanian diaspora, with a view to increasing the involvement of the diaspora, especially the younger generation, in Lithuania's life, promoting Lithuania's well-being and security, mobilising support for Ukraine, stimulating the civic engagement of the diaspora, strengthening Lithuanian studies, fostering national identity, facilitating return to the Homeland;

believes that it is only by bringing together the Lithuanian nation dispersed around the world that a strong and united State of Lithuania can be created in a world of global challenges.

Speaker of the Seimas

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