

SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION

ON HISTORICAL REVISIONISM PERPETRATED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

7 April 2020

Vilnius

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

noting that in 2020 the world marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the most brutal conflict in the history of humanity, which claimed tens of millions of lives;

being respectful of the memory of those who fought against Nazism during the Second World War;

noting that the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and its secret protocols of 1939 between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, whereby the Nazi and Soviet totalitarian regimes divided Central Europe, were one of the major causes for the outbreak of the Second World War and became one of the main preconditions for the Holocaust tragedy;

noting that the end of the Second World War failed to bring freedom to Lithuania and other Central and Eastern European countries; on the contrary, it led to the second Soviet occupation, which lasted for five decades and was compounded by brutal crimes against humanity and totalitarian oppression;

strongly supporting Poland, Lithuania's strategic partner, and other allied countries that the Russian Federation seeks to blame for having contributed to the outbreak of the Second World War;

condemns the historical revisionism and disinformation that the Russian Federation has employed to deny the role of the Soviet Union, as one of the key instigators of the Second World War, in an effort to shift the blame on the victims of the aggression and justify the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and its secret protocols in 1939, the part of which in subjecting Central and Eastern Europe to decades of occupation and oppression is attested to by historical sources;

calls on the European Parliament, the parliaments of Central and Eastern European countries, international organisations and the international community to refrain from condoning, and jointly oppose, the historical revisionism and disinformation perpetrated by the Russian Federation;

stresses that the historical revisionism and disinformation employed by the Russian Federation are also intended to justify the current aggressive policies and aggression of this country against its neighbouring countries, foster distrust in the Western community, and divide the European Union and NATO;

invites the academic community of Lithuania, the region and the world, and civil society, to continue investigating the crimes against humanity committed by totalitarian regimes, examine historical facts and spread the truth to prevent such tragedies from happening ever again.

Viktoras Pranckietis

Speaker of the Seimas