

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

## STATEMENT ON THE OPENING OF HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS IN UKRAINE AND ENSURING OF THE PROTECTION OF THE CORRIDORS AND UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES

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

*having regard* to the request of the President of Ukraine of 28 February 2022 to declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine,

*welcoming* the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of 2 March 2022 on Aggression against Ukraine,

*emphasising* that the sanctions imposed against the Kremlin regime will harm rather than stop it, and therefore the West must be prepared to stand firm against Russia's aggression,

*welcoming* the tough sanctions introduced by the European Union (hereinafter: the 'EU') and other Western countries against the Russian Federation as a result of its military aggression against Ukraine, as well as the financial and military support provided to Ukraine,

expressing support for granting Ukraine EU candidate status,

**condemns** the military aggression, crimes against humanity and war crimes being perpetrated by the Russian Federation, with the complicity of the Republic of Belarus, against sovereign Ukraine and its people;

expresses its full solidarity with Ukraine and its people;

**calls on** the EU Member States and members of their parliaments to mobilise their full political support for Ukraine and to enable the EU institutions to take action granting Ukraine EU candidate status and commencing the negotiation process without delay;

**calls on** the parliaments of democratic states to push for the opening of humanitarian corridors on Ukraine's territory, in particular through the United Nations mechanism, to allow civilians' safe passage out of the zones of military actions and the territories unlawfully occupied and controlled by the Russian Federation, as well as for the declaration of a no-fly zone in the skies over the corridors and over Ukraine's nuclear power plants and nuclear waste storage facilities;

**notes** that the declaration of a no-fly zone would pave the way for the aforementioned countries to undertake active measures enabling United Nations peacekeepers to ensure the security of humanitarian corridors as well as Ukraine's nuclear power plants and nuclear waste storage facilities.