



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S VICTORY, ACCELERATED ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ENSURING OF SAFE NAVIGATION IN THE BLACK SEA

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the provisions of Resolution No XIV-278 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 27 April 2021 on Russia's Provocative Actions at the Ukrainian Border and Provision of Political and Practical Support to Ukraine, Resolution No XIV-505 of 31 July 2021 on Countering Hybrid Aggression, Resolution No XIV-930 of 24 February 2022 on the Aggression of Russia and Belarus against Ukraine, Resolution No XIV-931 of 10 March 2022 on the Granting of EU Candidate Status to Ukraine and Ukraine's Full Membership of the European Union, Resolution No XIV-964 of 22 March 2022 on the Membership of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Resolution No XIV-1010 of 12 April 2022 on Condemning the Russian Federation's Aggression and War Crimes against Ukraine, Resolution No XIV-1070 of 10 May 2022 on the Recognition of the Actions of the Russian Federation as Genocide in Ukraine and the Establishment of a Special International Criminal Tribunal to Investigate the Crime of Russian Aggression,

welcoming the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of 2 March 2022 titled "Aggression against Ukraine", resolution of 24 March 2022 titled "Humanitarian consequences of the aggression against Ukraine", resolution of 7 April 2022 titled "Suspension of the rights of membership of the Russian Federation in the Human Rights Council", and resolution of 23 May 2022 titled "State of global food insecurity",

recalling that the principles of international law governing navigation on the seas and oceans, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, which guarantees freedom of the high seas in neutral waters,

strongly condemning the large-scale military invasion of Ukraine, genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes being perpetrated against sovereign Ukraine and its people by

the Russian Federation, with the complicity of the Republic of Belarus, which constitute a gross violation of the norms of international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as of bilateral and multilateral agreements and which threaten to the security and stability of Europe and the world,

expressing full support for Ukraine fighting for its freedom, sovereignty and territorial integrity and support for Ukraine's defenders and citizens in their struggle against the Russian Federation, which has launched the unprovoked and illegal war,

being convinced that the only way to ensure sustainable peace in Europe is through the unconditional victory of Ukraine in this war launched by Russia and that this victory will also open up possibilities for democratic change in Russia itself,

stressing the necessity to ensure accountability, legal responsibility of the regimes of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus and reparations for the ongoing crimes of aggression and war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and violations of human rights, destruction and plunder of Ukraine's economy, infrastructure, cultural values, natural and other resources,

welcoming the severe sanctions imposed on the Russian Federation by the EU Member States, NATO member countries and partners and other democratic countries for its war against Ukraine and war crimes and on the Republic of Belarus for its complicity in the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, for the numerous and endless violations of human rights and hybrid acts of aggression against the EU Member States,

noting that the actions of the Russian Federation in blocking the movement of vessels in parts of the Black Sea, including the Kerch Strait, violate the norms and principles of international law,

stressing the responsibility of the Russian Federation for the global food crisis and the threat of famine in developing countries, which it deliberately caused by launching the war against Ukraine and blocking the seaports of Ukraine, one of the world's main food suppliers, plundering grain and food stocks, destroying Ukraine's agricultural sector, attacking peaceful merchant ships carrying grain, blocking shipping in parts of the Black Sea off the coast of Ukraine, thus making the poorest populations of developing countries, especially the African continent, hostages and collateral victims of the war waged by the Russian Federation,

welcoming Ukraine's readiness to resume exports of grain and other foodstuffs to developing countries, which are particularly threatened by food shortages and rise in food prices caused by hostilities of the Russian Federation,

declaring the duty of the states of the free world to help the populations of developing countries avoid the threat of famine which they have been forced into by the war waged by the criminal regime of the Russian Federation and, to this end, to create mechanisms ensuring the freedom of the high seas in the Black Sea,

having regard to Ukraine's formal application for EU membership, which was submitted to the European Commission by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky on 28 February 2022 in accordance with Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union,

noting Ukraine's long-standing ambition to become an EU Member State, its commitment to foster European values, and the significant progress Ukraine has made over the last eight years in implementing the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union,

reaffirming Lithuania's readiness to provide Ukraine with all possible assistance in seeking membership of the European Union,

pledges to support Ukraine until victory and full restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity;

invites to follow the principle that the war can only be brought to an end in the manner and under the conditions acceptable to Ukraine and defined by the legitimate government of the country expressing the will of the people of Ukraine;

strongly urges not to consider the lifting of the economic and political sanctions imposed on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus until the immediate causes of the imposition of the sanctions have been removed, i.e. until the unconditional cessation of hostilities of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the withdrawal of occupying troops and the full restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity, the cessation of violations of human rights, the carrying out of 'deputinisation' and democratic reforms, the bringing to justice of those responsible for organising aggression, war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, violations of human rights and hybrid aggression against the EU Member States, also agreeing upon reparations for the state of Ukraine, which has suffered enormous war losses;

addresses the United Nations Organization, parliaments and governments of democratic countries to restore without delay the supply of grain and other foodstuffs from Ukraine to developing countries and, to that end, to take all measures to ensure safe maritime communications with Ukraine's Black Sea ports, in particular the port of Odessa, supplying to Ukrainian troops the weapons necessary for coastal defence, providing Ukraine with protection and security guarantees against attack from sea, creating safe transport corridors and thus ensuring freedom and safety of navigation in the Black Sea by engaging naval vessels of willing and able states;

calls on the EU Member States to open up for Ukraine a real prospect of EU membership by granting it candidate status at the European Council of 22-23 June 2022 and by opening negotiations on EU membership without delay, without seeking to accelerate or facilitate the accession procedure but at the same time ensuring that full membership is granted as soon as Ukraine meets the membership criteria;

invites the President of the Republic, members of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Members of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, and officials of all Lithuanian

state institutions, at all levels appropriate to them at international institutions, organisations and forums, to assist Ukraine in attaining the above goals.

Speaker of the Seimas

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