

Joint statement

on the need to prosecute Russia's international crimes in Ukraine

As Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees of our respective Parliaments, in response to the continued — unprovoked and unjust — war of aggression waged against Ukraine by the Russian Federation, we:

remind that the Russian Federation continues to grossly and blatantly violate international laws and obligations, including all principles of the UN Charter, through its aggressive war against Ukraine, its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity;

note that the planning, preparation, initiation or implementation of a war of aggression infringing international agreements, treaties, or guarantees constitute a crime against peace;

underline that the crimes committed so far by the armed forces of the Russian Federation in Ukraine demonstrate cynicism and impunity, and a disregard for war regulations and laws that limit the use of military force;

condemn the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and do not recognise the annexation of the captured territories;

strongly support the investigation launched by the International Criminal Court to identify and prosecute those who have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity on Ukrainian territory;

advocate the establishment of a dedicated international tribunal for bringing to justice the perpetrators of the international crime of aggression initiated by the Russian Federation on 24 February 2022 with a full-scale military invasion of the territory of sovereign Ukraine, by setting up an appropriate legal basis for this purpose, in addition to the International Criminal Court which cannot exercise jurisdiction over this aggression; and

express our solidarity with Ukraine and its people, encouraging all partners to demonstrate support in any possible way, including by visits to Ukraine.

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