



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON THE ABDUCTION AND UNLAWFUL DEPORTATION OF UKRAINIANS BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

building on the provisions of Resolution No XIV-1070 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania 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, the Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 14 April 2022 on the Genocide committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine, the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of 2 March 2022 titled "Aggression against Ukraine" and resolution of 24 March 2022 titled "Humanitarian consequences of the aggression against Ukraine",

recalling the painful mass deportations of the Lithuanian population during the Soviet occupation, which affected the majority of Lithuanian families and aimed at destroying the Lithuanian people and their identity, and 131 340 people, including 50 000 women and more than 39 000 children, who became victims of the inhumane Soviet terror perpetrated in 1941-1952,

having regard to the fact that the Russian Federation and its armed forces are committing in Ukraine grave war crimes aiming at the extermination of the Ukrainian people and their identity through murder, forced deportation, abduction, rape and torture,

condemning the expulsion of more than one million Ukrainian civilians from their homes by the Russian Federation and their forced deportation to the Russian Federation or territories temporarily under its control, with the aim of destroying the Ukrainian identity and forcibly assimilating the civilians,

stressing that among these civilians, some 200 000 children have been forcibly deported, with Russia violating international law and the rights and freedoms of Ukrainian children guaranteed by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Hague and Geneva Conventions,

being concerned about the fact that the hostilities of the Russian Federation have affected 4.3 million children of Ukrainian nationality, some of whom have been internally displaced or

have been forced to flee to safe neighbouring countries, while others have been forcibly deported to Russia, 229 children have died and about 500 others have suffered injuries and abuse,

condemning the intentions of the Russian Federation to simplify, by law, procedures for the adoption of children of Ukrainian nationality and the disinformation being spread that the forcibly deported children are orphans,

recognises that the large-scale armed aggression and forced deportation carried out by the armed forces of the Russian Federation and its political and military leadership to the Russian Federation or the territories temporarily under its control must be regarded as the deportation of the Ukrainian people;

expresses its condolences on the deportations and deaths of Ukrainian civilians, including children, at the hands of the Russian Federation, its armed forces and political and military leadership;

advocates that the genocide and ongoing deportations of the Ukrainian people should be stopped by legal means, creating safe conditions for the deported persons to return to Ukraine or to leave for another safe state;

appeals to other states to invoke the principle of universal jurisdiction when investigating and prosecuting the persons who organise and contribute to deportations of the Ukrainian people or otherwise prepare their forced deportations or engage in them, commit crimes against humanity, genocide and other war crimes;

is convinced that justice will only be carried out once the leaders of the Russian Federation, other top-level organisers of crimes and direct perpetrators of hostilities and deportations of Ukrainian civilians are brought to justice;

calls on the United Nations, the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Permanent Council of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF, the states signatory to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, the International Red Cross, parliaments and governments of foreign states to recognise and seek accountability for deportations, genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation against the Ukrainian people.