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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the Russian aggression against Ukraine

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

.... on behalf of the EPP Group

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European Parliament resolution on the Russian aggression against Ukraine

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Russia and Ukraine, in particular of 16 December 2021 on the situation at the Ukrainian border and in Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine,
 - having regard to the statements on Ukraine by the European Parliament’s leaders of 16 and 24 February 2022,
 - having regard to the declaration of the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the invasion of Ukraine by armed forces of the Russian Federation of 24 February 2022,
 - having regard to the statements of the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission on Russia's unprecedented and unprovoked military aggression of Ukraine of 24 February 2022,
 - having regard to the Conclusions of the European Council of 24 February 2022,
 - having regard to the United Nations Charter,
 - having regard to the Helsinki Final Act of 1 August 1975 and its subsequent documents,
 - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure.
- A. whereas, in line with the UN Charter and the principles of international law, all states shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state;
- B. whereas the Russian Federation has launched an unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022;
- C. whereas the actions of the Russian Federation constitute an unprecedented pre-meditated military aggression in blatant violation of international law, the UN Charter and the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, and seriously undermine European and global security and stability;
- D. whereas the Russian Federation has deliberately disavowed diplomatic efforts at finding a solution to the current crisis in order to gain tactical time needed to prepare for a full-scale military aggression and invasion of Ukraine;
- E. whereas the Council of the European Union has adopted first sets of sanctions against Russia, including targeted individual sanctions, economic sanctions and trade restrictions, and continues preparation of further sanctions in close coordination with transatlantic allies and other like-minded international partners;

- F. whereas hundreds of Ukrainian civilians have already lost their lives during the first days of this conflict waged by the government of the Russian Federation against the population of Ukraine, hundreds were wounded and several hundred thousands have left their homes or fled to neighbouring countries; while more than 14.000 people, military personnel and civilians, lost their lives in eight years of a conflict fomented by the Russian Federation in eastern Ukraine and the livelihood of the population of the Russian-controlled and annexed territories in Ukraine and of surrounding regions continues to be severely affected;
1. Demands that the Russian Federation immediately terminates all military activities in Ukraine, unconditionally withdraws all forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine and fully respects Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence within its internationally recognised borders;
 2. Underlines that this military aggression constitutes a serious violation of international law and the UN Charter and calls on the Russian Federation to return towards fulfilling the responsibility of a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for maintaining peace and security and respecting its commitments under the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter for a New Europe, the Budapest Memorandum and the NATO-Russia Founding Act;
 3. Urges to continue diplomatic efforts to stop the Russian aggression against Ukraine and find a peaceful solution based on respect of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and the principles of international law;
 4. Denounces the recognition by the Russian Federation of the independence of the occupied areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine and urges all countries to refrain from joining this recognition; reiterates that the EU does not recognise and continues to condemn the illegal annexation of Crimea as a violation of international law and remains committed to fully implementing its non-recognition policy, including through restrictive measures and cooperation in international fora;
 5. Strongly condemns Russian rhetoric hinting at the possible resort to weapons of mass destruction, in the context of an already deteriorated and eroded global non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control architecture; reminds the Russian Federation of its international obligations and warns against the danger of a nuclear escalation of the conflict;

Humanitarian assistance

6. Expresses its inconsolable grief about the tragic loss of life and human suffering caused by the Russian aggression and reminds that attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure as well as indiscriminate attacks are prohibited under international humanitarian law and might constitute war crimes;
7. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Ukraine in cooperation with UN humanitarian agencies; urges the Russian Federation and all other actors to grant safe and unimpeded access by UN humanitarian agencies, including in the temporarily non-government-controlled areas of eastern

Ukraine;

8. Calls on the Commission and the Council to utilize the Temporary Protection Directive in order to provide immediate access to protection to all Ukrainian refugees; urges the Council to equally share the responsibility for the reception of refugees that arrive at the EU's external borders; calls on the Commission to establish a solidarity mechanism for the relocation of Ukrainian refugees from Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia to other Member States;
9. Calls on Ukraine's neighbouring countries to maintain their borders open and provide shelter, emergency assistance and asylum to Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war in their country;

Sanctions

10. Welcomes the swift adoption of sanctions by the Council with the aim of persuading the Russian Federation to cease its attacks against Ukraine; insists however, in light of the latest attacks against residential areas and civilian infrastructure, on the need to adopt additional severe sanctions, including Russia's exclusion from the SWIFT system, a ban of Aeroflot flights into EU territory and prohibition of raising funds from secondary capital markets; calls in particular to broaden the scope of sanctions and aim at strategically weakening the Russian economy and industrial base and the ability of the Russian Federation to threaten international security in the future, as well as to extend the sanctions to Belarus;
11. Urges to maintain a coherent approach towards sanctions without any exemptions induced by sectoral or national interests; emphasizes the need for Member States to acknowledge and accept that severe sanctions against the Russian Federation will unavoidably entail negative effects on their economic situation and calls on the Commission to identify and facilitate ways to compensate Member States unduly hit by the economic and social consequences of the sanctions to ensure that the burden to each Member State is proportionate;
12. Insists that all future sanctions must continue to be closely coordinated with transatlantic allies and like-minded international partners in order to maximize their effectiveness;
13. Reiterates its previous calls to reduce energy dependence, in particular on Russian gas, inter alia by diversifying energy sources and supply routes and increasing energy efficiency and by definitively abandoning the Nordstream 2 pipeline; calls on Member States, the Commission and the European Central Bank to carefully monitor the impact of the Russian attack on financial stability and the stability of prices, especially related to energy products, and to consider the appropriate measures to mitigate any negative economic and social impact;
14. Calls for the adoption of an EU global sanction regime dedicated to corruption and for the swift adoption of targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for high-level corruption in Russia; calls on Member States with residence-by-investment schemes to review all beneficiaries of such residence status and revoke those attributed to Russian high-net worth individuals and their families, in particular those linked to sanctioned individuals and companies;

Defence support

15. Reminds that NATO is the foundation of collective defence for the Member States who are NATO Allies; welcomes the unity between the EU, NATO and other like-minded democratic partners in facing the Russian aggression but underlines the need to increase the collective deterrence posture, preparedness and resilience; encourages the strengthening of NATO enhanced Forward Presence in the EU Member States geographically closest to the Russian aggressor and to the conflict; reminds of the EU mutual assistance and solidarity clauses and calls on launching common exercises;
16. Firmly condemns the threats made by the Russian Federation against Member States who are not NATO Allies and invites the latter to deliberate their options for increasing their security;
17. Calls to increase contributions towards strengthening Ukraine's defence capacities; in particular, calls to immediately and fully implement the assistance measures to Ukraine of 2 December 2021 under the European Peace Facility, which involve the financing of military medical units, including field hospitals, engineering, mobility and logistics units, and support on cyber-security; calls on the EEAS to identify additional ways to support Ukraine under the European Peace Facility;
18. Calls on Member States to continue the provision of defensive weapons to Ukraine, in line with Article 51 of the UN Charter that allows individual and collective self-defence, and to increase intelligence cooperation with Ukraine regarding the ongoing war;
19. Calls for an urgent re-assessment of the mandate of the EU's civilian CSDP mission (EU Advisory Mission) in Ukraine with a view to guaranteeing personal safety of its personnel and local staff and updating its mission with a military training component;
20. Insists on the need for the EU, NATO and like-minded international partners to step up their cybersecurity assistance to Ukraine; welcomes the initial deployment of the PESCO-funded Cyber Rapid Response Team (CRRT) experts and calls on making full use of the EU cyber sanctions regime against individuals, entities and bodies responsible or involved in the various cyber-attacks targeting Ukraine; calls for the urgent review of Ukraine's application to the NATO Cooperation Cyber Defence Center of Excellence and for all CCDCOE Members to support the application;
21. Underscores that Russia uses information warfare to create division and plausible deniability for its atrocities; therefore, calls on all Member States to immediately suspend broadcast licensing to all Russian state media channels;

Financial and economic support

22. Calls on the EU and its Member States to continue providing the strongest possible economic and financial support to Ukraine as well as macro-financial and technical assistance wherever needed, including in defence and security-related areas, and to develop a long-term strategy to support Ukraine's efforts in strengthening the resilience of its democratic institutions and economy.

Impact on wider Europe, Eastern Partnership countries

23. Reiterates its unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all

Eastern Partnership countries and calls on the Commission and the Member States to support them, in particular Moldova, in providing temporary shelter to Ukrainian refugees and improving their resilience against possible Russian attacks in the areas of defence, cyber-security and strategic communication;

24. Notes with grave concern the persistent efforts of the Russian Federation at destabilising the Western Balkans countries and interfering with their democratic processes; denounces the support expressed to the Russian Federation following its aggression on Ukraine and commends the support shown by those Western Balkan countries that are Euro-Atlantic allies; strongly regrets Serbia's non-alignment with EU sanctions against Russia and reiterates its expectation for EU accession candidates to align not only with EU acquis but also with the common foreign and security policy of the Union;
25. Notes the decision of the Council of Europe to suspend the rights of representation of the Russian Federation and calls on other international organisations, in particular in the area of culture and sports, to equally consider suspending Russian participation;
26. Expresses appreciation and support for the Russian citizens who took to the streets in the past days, risking their own safety, to condemn the war launched in the name of the Russian Federation, and underlines that the EU and its Member States will ensure that the perpetrators of war crimes and human rights violations will be held accountable;
27. Urges to convene a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to debate the Russian aggression against Ukraine and emphasize the international community's firm condemnation of the actions perpetrated in the name of the Russian Federation against Ukraine;
28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission/ High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the President, Government and Parliament of Ukraine and to the President, Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation.