

DECLARATION OF UKRAINE

OF THE VI TERRITORIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE SPANISH FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT

On its sixth working session held on October 28th and 29th in Seville at the Three Cultures Foundation and the Andalusian Parliament, the Territorial Advisory Council of the Spanish Federal Council of the European Movement,

1. Reiterates, in line with the previous declarations of this same Advisory Council (Mallorca, February 25) and of the Executive Committee of the CFEME (Madrid, March 23), our most absolute condemnation of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against the Republic of Ukraine, which eight months after its beginning continues to violate flagrantly and in a very serious manner the most elementary principles and norms of International Law, as well as the values that inspire coexistence in Europe and for which the European Movement works throughout the continent.
2. Condemns the escalation of Russian attacks in recent weeks and the illegal annexation by Russia of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporihia and Kherson, which neither the European Union nor the rest of the International Community have recognized since it deliberately violates the Charter of the United Nations and lacks any legal legitimacy. Ukraine is fully entitled to the restoration of its territorial integrity.
3. Fully supports all the political, social, humanitarian and economic-financial decisions as well as the successive packages of sanctions of all kinds adopted to date by the European Council and the Council of the Union, including the provision of military equipment through the European Peace Facility and the EU Military Assistance Mission which has just been approved and which will contribute to reinforcing the training on European soil of members of the Ukrainian armed forces.
4. Urges the EU institutions and the governments of the Member States to maintain and increase as far as possible this unconditional support on all fronts (humanitarian, financial, political, diplomatic and military) to the authorities and the people of Ukraine in their resistance effort. And to lead the necessary preparations—which have just begun at the expert conference held in Berlin on October 25—so that this same support can be put at the service of the reconstruction of the country as soon as circumstances permit, taking advantage specially of the framework provided by the Association Agreement in force and the status of candidate for accession. And in the sense of the conclusions



of the European Council of October 20 and 21, 2022 to renew efforts for Ukraine's accession to the Internal Market and to facilitate the process leading to such accession.

5. Condemns the serious violations of International Humanitarian Law that have been and continue to be committed in the conduct of hostilities and urges that all necessary measures be taken so that, when the time comes, individual criminal responsibility for the commission of such international crimes can be brought to bear.
6. It also draws attention to the need to continue to combat disinformation regarding the worsening of the economic and energy crises resulting of the conflict, a situation that has nothing to do with the application of restrictive measures by the EU but is exclusively caused by the Russian aggression against Ukraine.
7. Urges each and every citizen, personally and as organized civil society, to be sensitized and aware of the moment in which we are living, and to act in accordance with the solidarity characteristic of European values. We also emphasize that because of the events experienced in recent years (Brexit, Covid-19, Next Generation and the Russian aggression against Ukraine), the unanimity of the decision of the 27 Member States has given fundamental results, legitimizing their action in the eyes of the citizens.
8. Recalls, in any case, that the most urgent objective must be the achievement as soon as possible of a cease-fire, the subsequent definitive cessation of hostilities and the complete withdrawal of Russian troops, so that Ukraine can regain control of its entire territory while maintaining its status as a sovereign state and its right to exist under stable and secure borders, without any threat or coercion from its neighboring states. The EU should spare no effort to keep open all channels of dialogue and negotiation that allow progress in this direction.
9. Expresses once again our closeness to and solidarity with the Ukrainian people and its institutions and authorities, who must continue to feel at this dramatic time the strongest possible material and political support from the European Union. In this sense, and in view of the arrival of winter, the special reception regime through the Temporary Protection mechanism—from which several million people from Ukraine have already been able to benefit in recent months—will continue to be of capital importance as a concrete expression of this solidarity.

In Seville, 29 October 2022