

**THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT CONDEMNS THE INVASION OF UKRAINE AND
CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND SECURITY**

The European Movement strongly **condemns Vladimir Putin's** decision to invade Ukraine according to the **perverse logic** of **ethnic** and **linguistic** identity of "*greater Russia*"; a devastating logic that violates all principles of United Nations law, international cooperation, independence, and territorial integrity, and of international conventions on the self-determination of peoples.

Vladimir Putin's statement on the "*denazification*" of Ukraine is grotesque and false, as well as specious. The perverse logic of ethnic identity was at the very heart of the **Third Reich** which led the planet to **World War II**. The very same logic now used by Russia, risks throwing the world into **chaos** and **anarchy**.

The European Movement supports the **unitary position of the European Union** for the application of **immediate and targeted sanctions** against the **Russian government** and the **Duma** and for the **isolation of Russia** from an economic, financial and technological point of view.

The **Assembly of the Council of Europe must suspend the right to vote**, and the participation of parliamentarians designated by the Duma who voted in favor of the decisions of Vladimir Putin, as it did from 2014 to 2019.

What is happening in Ukraine could happen tomorrow in Member States with Russian ethnic, linguistic, and cultural presence. The **security and defense of the European Union are even more urgent and necessary within the** framework of its strategic autonomy, one of the main priorities of the French presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The European Movement requests that, on the basis of the unitary position of the European Union and in accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, the **High Representative for Foreign**

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Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, be invited to express the position of the 27 before the Security Council of the United Nations.

The European Movement believes that the path of peace, *de-escalation*, and the suspension of any military action must still be attempted. An **International Conference on security and peace** in Europe under the aegis of **OSCE** and the **United Nations** must be promoted by the European Union. The conference should start from the **Helsinki agreements** with the aim of signing an **international treaty between all the actors involved on the European continent.**

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