

Joint statement by the Speakers of the Parliaments of Albania, Canada¹, the Republic of Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, Ukraine and the European Parliament on the need of continued support of Ukraine in light the third anniversary of the full-scale invasion by the Russian Federation

We, Ms. Elisa Spiropali, Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic of Albania, Mr, Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons of the Parliament of Canada, Mr. Gordan Jandroković, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, Mr, Miloš Vystrčil, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Ms. Markéta Pekarová Adamová, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Lauri Hussar, President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia, Mr. Gérard Larcher, President of the Senate of the French Republic, Ms. Yaël Braun-Pivet, President of the National Assembly of the French Republic, Ms. Bärbel Bas, President of the German Bundestag, Ms. Anke Rehlinger, President of the German Bundesrat, Ms. Daiga Mieriņa, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Mr. Saulius Skvernelis, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Mr. Claude Wiseler, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr. Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Ms. Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska, Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Szymon Hołownia, Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Mr, José Pedro Aguiar-Branco, President of the Parliament of the Portuguese Republic, Ms. Urška Klakočar Zupančič, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Ruslan Stefanchuk Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and Ms. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, paying tribute to the Ukrainian people who are heroically resisting the illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, which began on 24 February 2022 and continued Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which began in 2014:

strongly condemn the criminal actions of the Russian Federation, which, disregarding the universally recognised principles and norms of international law, continues to commit the crime of aggression, mass war crimes and crimes against humanity, murder of civilians, torture and execution of prisoners of war;

emphasise that by committing an illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine, the Russian Federation has blatantly violated the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed on 1 August 1975 and the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 5 December 1994 (Budapest Memorandum);

reaffirm our full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, including its territorial waters, and stress Ukraine's inherent right to self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter and in this regard express our support for the Victory Plan of Ukraine;

¹ *It is recognized that due to their constitutional positions or other factors, certain Speakers cannot directly associate themselves with substantive political statements, and therefore should not be seen as indicating specific support for all sections. Nonetheless, on behalf of their Chambers, they recognize the importance of the issues raised and the intentions of their colleagues in proposing particular ways forward*

stress the need to continue initiatives to document the facts and evidence of crimes committed by the Russian Federation in connection with its ongoing armed aggression against Ukraine, in particular by recording and documenting cases of illegal deportation and forced displacement of Ukrainian children and the unlawful detention of civilians;

emphasise the particular importance of bringing to justice and punishing those responsible for planning, preparing, starting and carrying out armed aggression against Ukraine, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression;

welcome Ukraine's efforts to create conditions for achieving a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace and emphasise that the implementation of the Peace Formula remains the only effective way to achieve this;

note that despite the efforts of Ukraine and the international community to end the armed aggression of the Russian Federation and to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, the Russian Federation is not backing down from its criminal goals of occupying the entire territory of Ukraine, destroying the statehood and national identity of Ukrainians;

underline that it is more important than ever to maintain transatlantic unity and coherence of joint actions to defeat the aggressor and prevent the spread of chaos and war throughout the world;

call on the nations of the world, their parliaments and governments to work towards a further increase in military, political, economic, financial and humanitarian assistance and support, as well as to intensify joint efforts to strengthen primary and secondary sanctions against the Russian Federation, its military-industrial complex, energy sector, financial networks and digital infrastructure, the so-called 'shadow fleet' of the Russian Federation, and to impose sanctions on entities involved in the circumvention of these sanctions by the Russian Federation;

encourage further support and investment in the recovery and reconstruction, reforms and modernisation of Ukraine. This includes providing emergency assistance to meet urgent needs, implementing early recovery projects, creating an attractive business environment to facilitate private sector investment in Ukraine, as well as enabling local communities to participate fully in the recovery and civil society to be actively involved in the reconstruction process;

underline the need to support increased foreign investment in the Ukrainian defence industry, which will contribute to strengthening joint defence capabilities, to develop cooperation through joint projects and to urgently increase the localisation of production within Ukraine despite the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine;

express our readiness to facilitate the safe return of prisoners of war and illegally detained civilians, especially children and women, deported or forcibly displaced in connection with the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, in particular to consolidate efforts to find and designate a state - the patron of Ukraine in matters of return of prisoners of war, illegally detained and deported civilians;

appreciate that the Ukrainian fight against the aggressor contributes to the security of the European continent and ***therefore agree*** to continue to make joint efforts to support Ukraine's European integration and extend an invitation to Ukraine to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when Allies agree and conditions are met.