

Statement of the Riigikogu
In Support of the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine
in Connection with the Aggression in the Kerch Strait

The Riigikogu condemns the attack on Ukrainian ships and the wounding and detention of Ukrainian seamen perpetrated by the Russian Federation in the Kerch Strait.

The Riigikogu emphasises that Russia must immediately release the Ukrainian ships and seamen, and allow them unhindered passage to Ukrainian ports.

The Riigikogu calls for the restoration of unimpeded maritime traffic in the Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov.

The Riigikogu urges all nations to support Ukraine in defending its territorial integrity, and to heed the call of the Riigikogu to condemn Russia's aggression against sovereign Ukraine, and to not recognise the unlawful annexation of Crimea.

The Riigikogu supports the calls by the European Union and NATO to de-escalate the situation and ease the tensions.

The Riigikogu maintains that, under the current situation, sanctions against Russia must be upheld and expanded.

The Riigikogu firmly believes that the only way to achieve lasting peace is to put an end to Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

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