

## **Statement of the Riigikogu on the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine**

The Riigikogu (Parliament of Estonia) strongly condemns the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine as Russia sends troops into Ukraine and illegally recognizes the occupied regions.

The Riigikogu condemns the violation of the fundamental principles of the United Nations by the Russian Federation. Using threat of force the Russian Federation is brutally violating the sovereignty of Ukraine, and by using force, undermining its territorial integrity.

The Riigikogu condemns the activities of the Russian Federation that are in breach of all the principles of international relations established by the Helsinki Final Act of 1975.

The Riigikogu underlines that, according to the Nuremberg Principles, the planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war of aggression, or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances are crimes against peace. The judgment of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg states that to initiate a war of aggression is not only an international crime; it is the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole.

The Riigikogu condemns the provocations in Eastern Ukraine and the spreading of lies in the global media space by the Russian Federation.

The Riigikogu considers it important for all countries in the world to support the Ukrainian economy and decisively increase military assistance, as Ukraine is a victim of unprovoked aggression by the Russian Federation.

The Riigikogu calls on the member states to grant Ukraine the status of a candidate country of the European Union and a roadmap for achieving NATO membership.

The Riigikogu calls on the governments and parliaments of all countries to explicitly condemn the aggression by the Russian Federation and to support an immediate implementation of extensive sanctions against the aggressor state.

The Riigikogu calls on the relevant institutions of the European Union to develop measures that would make it impossible to broadcast the Russian Federation media channels that spread war propaganda and national hatred on the territory of the Union.

The Riigikogu calls on international organisations to initiate identification, investigation and prosecution of the war crimes and the perpetrators of the war crimes committed by the Russian Federation in its aggression against Ukraine since 2014.

The Riigikogu expresses firm support to the Ukrainian people, as well as for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Ukrainian state.

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