

**Joint Declaration by the Speakers of the Parliaments of Poland and the Baltic States
regarding deepening of parliamentary cooperation
in response to geopolitical threats**

Warsaw, 16th of January 2023

1. The present geopolitical situation, further complicated by Russia's imperialist pursuits in the post-Soviet area, constitutes a major challenge to the European security system as well as a test of international solidarity and cooperation.
2. Our countries present a very similar stance on fundamental issues pertaining to the construction of security in Europe as well as on the measures to be taken towards Russia. We continuously call for a strong and consistent sanctions policy, for political, military, humanitarian and economic support of Ukraine and for strengthening international efforts to end the conflict.
3. We attach great importance to the development of parliamentary diplomacy, as a very valuable tool for implementing the foreign policy of our countries. Therefore:
 - we declare our readiness and willingness to deepen parliamentary cooperation between our countries at various levels: parliamentary bureaux, sectoral committees and parliamentary groups;
 - we recognise the great potential in developing a strong voice of our parliaments by further strengthening the parliamentary dimension of the Three Seas Initiative and the Crimean Platform;
 - we strive to collectively influence the international community in order to keep the need to further support Ukraine, whose stability provides a crucial guarantee of security for Europe on the agenda;
 - we will seek close cooperation in international parliamentary assemblies and organisations to ensure their effectiveness and respect for international law and international agreements.
4. By doing so, we aim to foster a permanent presence of parliaments in the international debate on strategic issues, to contribute to the measures taken by our governments and to strengthen cooperation between our countries.