

Statement of the Riigikogu in Support of the Ukrainian People

The Riigikogu condemns the ongoing military aggression of the Russian Federation and expresses respect for the heroic people of Ukraine who are engaged in a valiant fight.

The Riigikogu expresses deep sympathy to the Ukrainian people whose loved ones have fallen in battles with the overpowering aggressor or who have suffered in the genocide committed against the peaceful population.

The bravery of the Ukrainian people compels the countries who respect democratic values to seek unity and continued cooperation in the name of victory for Ukraine. The Riigikogu calls on the international community to support Ukraine by military, political, and economic means in a more decisive manner to achieve this goal more quickly.

The Riigikogu supports the 10-point peace plan proposed by the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, which will help to restore peace in Europe and prevent a recurrence of aggression. In order to implement the peace plan, the international community must help Ukraine restore its territorial integrity, bring the leaders of state and senior military officials of the Russian Federation to justice for acts of aggression and war crimes, and ensure the compensation of war damages caused to Ukraine.

The Riigikogu calls on countries around the world to strengthen the sanctions against the Russian Federation and underlines that the sanctions must remain in full force until the peace plan is fully implemented.

The Riigikogu supports the establishment of a centre for investigating Russia's crime of aggression by the European Union in The Hague and calls on the countries of the world to contribute in every way to the activities of the centre, and to continue with efforts to set up an International Special Tribunal.

The Riigikogu condemns the attempts to admit athletes representing the Russian and Belarusian regimes to international competitions and the Olympic Games in violation of the principles of the Olympic Charter. Neither the International Olympic Committee nor anyone else can remain neutral in regard to the war launched and the genocidal crimes committed by Russia's terrorist regime – covering up these crimes with the Olympic flag is immoral and unacceptable.

The Riigikogu calls on European Union Member States to support Ukraine in carrying out the reforms needed for acceding to the Union as soon as possible. Estonia supports Ukraine's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the first opportunity.

Peace and security in Europe are possible only after Ukraine's victory over the aggressor. Estonia will continue to assist the state and the people of Ukraine by all means available with resolute and steadfast commitment until this victory is achieved.

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