



**Joint Declaration
by the Speakers of the Parliaments of
Estonia, Finland¹, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine
on further supporting Ukraine and on Russia's hybrid activities in Europe**

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We, the Speakers of the Parliaments of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine, have gathered in Tartu on the 105th anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty, signed between the Republic of Estonia and Soviet Russia on 2 February 1920. With this treaty, Soviet Russia recognised the independence of the Republic of Estonia and this document became a cornerstone of Estonia's statehood. However, the Tartu Peace Treaty did not produce lasting peace. The Soviet Union unilaterally broke this international agreement 20 years later, occupying Estonia and other countries as a result of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

This month marks 11 years since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and 3 years since the beginning of Russia's full-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Russia's ongoing brutal aggression against Ukraine represents a major attack on the rules-based international order in today's world and demonstrates that the imperialistic ambitions of Russia persist. Russia is currently the most significant, direct, and long-term threat to the security, peace, and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area.

We, the Speakers of the Parliaments of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine, reiterate our resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. We reaffirm our full solidarity with the people of Ukraine and commend their courage and determination to defend the freedom and sovereignty of Ukraine. We pay tribute to all those who have sacrificed their lives for the independence of Ukraine and express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims of Russia's ongoing aggression.

We confirm our united resolve to end the Russian Federation's illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine and to restore Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

Our countries are determined to continue providing political, economic, military, and humanitarian support to Ukraine. We call on international partners to stand with Ukraine in its fight against the Russian aggressor until victory, emphasizing the need for timely and unrestricted delivery of military assistance aligned with Ukraine's needs.

We support the Victory Plan presented by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and are confident that its implementation would establish the necessary conditions for the practical realization of the Peace Formula, which is the only viable framework for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine

¹ *The Speaker of Eduskunta, Parliament of Finland is supportive of the content of this declaration, but due to constitutional and legal constraints, his signing cannot be perceived as binding for the Finnish Parliament and/or State.*

in line with the international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Ukraine's victory is essential for the security of all and the preservation of rules-based international order.

We firmly believe that NATO membership will provide Ukraine with comprehensive security guarantees, ensures the lasting peace, and our countries are doing their utmost to build a consensus among the Allies to invite Ukraine into NATO.

We remain committed to supporting Ukraine on its path to full membership in the European Union by providing political, expert and other forms of assistance. During the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, we look forward to the successful screening process and quick opening of the negotiation clusters.

Together with our partners, we continue efforts to further limit Russia's ability to wage war. We emphasise the need to increase pressure through additional sanctions, ensure the full and effective implementation of existing sanctions, and prevent their circumvention. The preparation of the 16th sanctions package should be expedited, with a focus on cutting Russia's revenues, targeting energy exports – its main source of income – and restricting access to sensitive goods and technologies. We urge EU Member States to accelerate the phase-out of all remaining Russian energy imports, particularly liquefied natural gas (LNG). Our countries are determined to hold Russia's shadow fleet to account, including through sanctions-related measures.

Russia and its leadership must be held fully accountable for waging war of aggression against Ukraine, war crimes and crimes against humanity. We emphasize the need to establish a Special International Tribunal for the crime of aggression with the broadest cross-regional support and legitimacy.

We stress that the aggressor must pay for the damage caused to individuals, entities, and the state of Ukraine. We underline the need for progress on the use of frozen assets for Ukraine's reconstruction.

With President Donald Trump having taken office, we are looking forward to further developing our cooperation with the United States to defend fundamental freedoms, strengthen the transatlantic relationship, and support Ukraine. We will strive to intensify interactions with the Congress at all levels.

We are witnessing an intensification of malign activities carried out by Russia across the Euro-Atlantic area. We strongly condemn Russia's acts of sabotage, disruption of critical infrastructure, cyber and electronic interference, information manipulation, election interference, and other hybrid operations. Our countries will strengthen cooperation to deter, defend against, and counter Russian hybrid actions, ensuring the resilience and security of our societies and critical infrastructure. To that aim, we will make full use of all means available, considering for instance adopting measures to restrict the movement of Russian diplomats and tightening visa policy towards Russian citizens.

We are following with the great concern the situation in Georgia and call for the implementation of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations and standards, including possibility of new elections. We condemn the brutal violence against peaceful protesters and urge European Union to impose sanctions against those responsible for the violence and other human rights violations.

We are not recognising the sham elections in Belarus on 26 January. We express our support to the people of Belarus in its fight for a free, democratic, and dignified future, and call on continuing active international cooperation on all levels to support democracy, civil society, and free press in Belarus. We demand immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners.

We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the partnership between our countries and parliaments to address shared challenges and advance common goals. Together, we will continue working toward peace, security, and stability in the region while fostering cooperation that benefits our nations and the broader international community.

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