R14 Solidarity with Ukraine for as long as necessary

Proposer: ?????? ?????? ??????? (Green Youth of Ukraine), Protests
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Motion text

The horrific Russian war of aggression that began on March 9, 2014, turned full-scale on 24 February 2022. The Russian army once again invaded Ukraine, violating sovereignty, international law, and human rights, committing acts of terrorism and genocide.

This is not only a war against Ukraine, it is an attack on all of us and our common European values. Russia challenges not only the independence of Ukraine, but also the system of security, peace, rule of law, and democracy in Europe. Since the start of the full-scale invasion, Russia has stepped up its intimidation and threats against democratic states around the world, especially neighbouring countries, as well as intensified its disinformation campaigns, interference in the political processes of independent states, and imposing approval of its aggressive policy, by weaponising food, energy, and migrants. Moreover, Russia is constantly building up its military potential and forging military cooperation with authoritarian states such as Iran, Belarus, China, and North Korea.

We continue to condemn in the strongest terms Russia's war and the Belarusian government’s involvement in it, the human rights violations and war crimes committed, acts of genocide and terrorism against Ukraine’s population, including targeted attacks on civilian infrastructure and houses, forced deportations and massacres in the occupied territories.

Over the last year, there has been a growing amount of evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Russia during the war in Ukraine.

Russian troops, using terrorist methods, deliberately attacked residential areas and civilian infrastructure. As a result, thousands of civilians were killed and injured, and the country's energy infrastructure was severely damaged, leaving tens of millions of Ukrainians without basic needs such as electricity, water, and heat.

Russian occupation of Ukrainian territories has brought suffering and turmoil upon millions of people. Russia’s policy of forcible Russification is aimed at

erasing the Ukrainian identity of local residents. Thousands of civilians under Russian occupation have already been killed, and many others have been subjected to repression and torture, infiltration, kidnapping, persecution, sexual violence, or forced deportation. Russia practices illegal deportation of children to Russian territory and temporarily occupied Crimea, and forced adoption into Russian families, placement in boarding schools, and re-education camps.

The Russian invaders deliberately resort to sexual violence against women, men, and even children, which they use as a weapon of war, causing severe physical and psychological trauma to the victims.

The Young European Greens stand strongly with Ukraine in its fight for the freedom, democracy, territorial independence, and human rights of the Ukrainian people.

We highly appreciate the support and assistance to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people provided by the international community. However, as long as Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine continues, there is still a need for consolidation of international efforts to put pressure on Russia to end attacks on Ukrainian territory and withdraw the invading troops, as well as to support Ukraine in protecting its independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

We call on the international community to:

- Accelerate the pace and volume of military aid to Ukraine to counter the Russian war of aggression. We believe that Ukraine has an inalienable right to self-defense against an aggressor, and successful Ukrainian military operations to de-occupy its own territories are steps towards establishing real peace in the country.

- Resolutely condemn any form of military aid to Russia and Russian war criminals, as well as contribute to the creation of conditions that will make it impossible to transport equipment or technologies that may have a military purpose from European countries to Russia and Belarus. Military aid to Russia only contributes to the continuation and escalation of the war, increasing the number of victims and suffering among the civilian population.

- Continue introducing sanctions against Russia and Belarus with the aim of reducing their military, political, and economic potential for waging the war, as well as increasing pressure on the citizens of the aggressor countries to form a broad demand for an end to the war and the withdrawal of the invading troops from the territory of Ukraine.

- Applying effective sanctions against countries that support Russia in its

aggression and invasion of Ukraine, especially by providing armed support, as well as holding them accountable for complicity in the war.

- Impose sanctions on all third countries and companies that help Russia and Belarus to circumvent embargoes and sanctions.

- Further strengthen the international isolation of the Russian Federation, including depriving the state of membership in international organisations such as the United Nations Security Council.

- Facilitate the creation of an international special tribunal to investigate Russian war crimes in Ukraine and bring Russian and Belarusian political and military leadership and other war criminals to justice.

- Increase support and aid for Ukraine, directly and through participation in humanitarian funding appeals initiated by multilateral organisations.

- Provide support and protection to ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples who have been affected by Russian imperialism and aggression, such as Crimean Tatars.

- Continue supporting Ukrainian war refugees, assisting their integration into the society of the host country, employment, and education.

- Avoid any steps that can be interpreted as equating the victim and the aggressor.

We, the Young European Greens, firmly maintain that a sustainable and fair peace in Ukraine can only be achieved on Ukraine’s terms, and not dictated by the aggressor state. We staunchly advocate for the uncompromising preservation of Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and call for the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukrainian territory, as well as the restoration of Ukraine's borders as defined in the Budapest Memorandum.

We also stand against the violation of human rights and international law and call for the prosecution of the aggressor country and all those supporting the Russian war, acts of terrorism, and genocide in Ukraine.