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Condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine and of the subsequent annexation of territories, in defence of the territorial integrity of all States

Resolution adopted by consensus by the 145th IPU Assembly (Kigali, 14 October 2022)*

The 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

Recalling that the invasion of the sovereign State of Ukraine has resulted in the death and maiming of thousands of civilians and military personnel, the destruction of cities and infrastructure, and the displacement of millions of people as refugees of war,

Considering that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) works for peace and cooperation among peoples, and for the promotion and defence of human rights, which are universal in nature and whose unrestricted respect is an essential factor for democracy and the development of all nations,

Noting the adoption on 23 March 2022 by the 144th IPU Assembly in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, of a resolution in favour of a *Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity*,

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations states that “[a]ll Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state”,

Having regard to United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-11/2 on the humanitarian consequences of the aggression against Ukraine, which calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities, in particular of any attacks against civilians and civilian objects,

Noting United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution 49/1 of 4 March 2022 on the situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression, as well as United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution S-34/1 of 12 May 2022 calling for investigations into war crimes committed on Ukrainian territory,

Attentive to the content of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, especially the Fourth Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, and their Additional Protocols,

Aware that the military aggression against Ukraine has continued for eight months now, despite multiple calls from the international community to put an end to the conflict and the resultant suffering of the civilian population,

Alarmed by the profound consequences of the invasion of Ukrainian territory by the Russian Federation, which point to a humanitarian, migration and refugee crisis affecting the entire world and, in particular: the sharp deterioration of the global economy, giving rise to major concerns; the situation in the Horn of Africa, with Somalia alone receiving 92% of its wheat imports from the Russian Federation and Ukraine; the upward spiral of food and fuel prices resulting from the war threatening to plunge the African population into a food crisis of potentially catastrophic proportions; and Europe meanwhile facing a cold winter with reduced gas supplies, with some 41% of this vital energy source coming from the Russian Federation,

1. *Reiterates* its call for an immediate end to the Russian military occupation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, restoring its territorial integrity back to its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters, and consequently the rule of international law;
2. *Condemns in the strongest terms* the serious violations of human dignity and the flagrant violations of human rights perpetrated in the regions of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv and others;
3. *Also condemns* the use of extrajudicial executions, sexual and gender-based violence, and inhuman or degrading treatment as a weapon of war, in open violation of the Geneva Conventions relating to the treatment of prisoners of war, the care and assistance of the wounded and sick, and the due protection of the civilian population;
4. *Reaffirms* the importance of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States, in connection with Russia's territorial annexation;
5. *Supports* the resolutions of various international bodies to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of possible war crimes committed in Ukraine, particularly the massacre in Mariupol, the evidence found of clandestine mass graves in Izium, the tragic events in Bucha, the hundreds of attacks on the country's health infrastructure, the use of unguided bombs and cluster munitions against the civilian population in Chernihiv and Okhtyrka, among others;
6. *Also supports* the creation of courts with specific jurisdiction to investigate possible crimes perpetrated in wars of aggression and to hear cases of war crimes and human rights violations committed on Ukrainian territory.
7. *Urgently appeals* to the international community to support the actions of UNICEF and other specialized aid agencies to alleviate the general deprivation suffered by 3 million children inside Ukrainian territory and another 2 million refugee children, who require rapid and life-saving assistance;
8. *Calls on* the parliaments of the world to:
 - raise awareness, as appropriate, among the competent national authorities of their States and civil society of the need to contribute, insofar as they are able, to a solution to the humanitarian crisis involving the migration of 6 million Ukrainian citizens as refugees;
 - encourage the support and cooperation of the international community in the process of reconstructing Ukraine, in solidarity with its people and respecting the principles, values and norms of international humanitarian law;
 - continue their commitment to climate change reduction targets, recognizing that the war of aggression is impacting energy supply;
9. *Calls on* the competent bodies of the United Nations system, the governments and parliaments of the world, and multilateral financial institutions to adopt and support effective and targeted social policies to address decisively global food insecurity resulting from the effects of the war, namely the rising prices of food, fuel and fertilizers, the supply of which has been severely disrupted or discontinued;

10. *Expresses* solidarity with all the victims of the armed conflict in Ukraine and *condemns* all war crimes, crimes against humanity and any other human rights violations;
11. *Urges* all States to address the humanitarian dimension of the conflict, to work together to reduce tensions and to exhaust all peaceful means available through mechanisms of peaceful settlement;
12. *Reaffirms* support for the ongoing work of the IPU Task Force on the peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine; *encourages* the Task Force to continue its efforts to bring the parties concerned to the table of political dialogue for the peaceful resolution of the war, in keeping with the Charter of the United Nations, territorial integrity and international law; and *encourages* both Parliaments to facilitate the Task Force's engagement to achieve its mission.

* After the adoption of the Resolution, the following delegations took the floor to abstain from supporting the resolution:

- India, Mozambique, South Africa, South Sudan and Yemen.