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Ukraine

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine began on February 20, 2014, with the invasion and illegal annexation of Crimea and the occupation of parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Ever since, Ukraine has been engaged in a defensive struggle against the Russian aggressors for the restoration of its territorial integrity. The Russian escalation with the invasion on February 24, 2022 is only the last piece of the puzzle that makes the regime's intentions brutally clear. It is about the destruction of Ukrainian society and the destruction of a model of society based on freedom and democracy.

The Ukrainian army managed to repel Russia's initial offensive towards Kyiv and in recent months has been able to retake many parts of the country and strategically important cities. The personal courage and will to free Ukraine from the invaders have made these successes possible.

The Putin Regime's reaction to the continued defeats and expulsion of the Russian invading army is the accelerated destruction of civilian infrastructure in Ukraine. They are deliberately shifting violence and combat operations beyond the front lines to terrorize the civilian population and attempting to break the will of the Ukrainian population to defend itself against the background of the expected winter.

The International Democrat Union (IDU) –

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Ukraine on June 29, 2022,
- having regard to the European Parliament resolution of November 23, 2022, sponsored by IDU regional organization European Peoples Party (EPP) and European Conservatives and Reformist ECR,

will continue its steadfast support for Ukraine and its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders.

Therefore, the International Democrat Union

- condemns again in the strongest possible terms the unjustified, unprovoked, and illegal Russian war of aggression against Ukraine;
- recalls that the Putin Regime and supporting states like Belarus bear full responsibility for the war and that it must immediately stop the war and withdraw all its forces and proxy forces from all internationally recognized territories belonging to Ukraine;
- commends the bravery and self-sacrifice of Ukrainian Armed Forces, volunteers, and ordinary citizens, who have united their efforts to defend their country and their nation from elimination by the revanchist neo-imperialist Putin regime in Russia;
- underlines that the deliberate attacks and atrocities carried out by the Russian Federation against the civilian population of Ukraine, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and other serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law amount to acts of terror against the Ukrainian population and constitute war crimes;
- acknowledges the strategic importance of accelerating the process of Ukraine's integration to the European Union and NATO, which will be the most efficient long-term security guarantee for Ukraine and for the European continent
- calls on the international community to supply to Ukraine with modern weapon systems to speed up the liberation of Ukrainian sovereign territories from the Russian occupation;
- calls on the international community to boost its technical assistance to Ukraine to strengthen its energy resilience, which has suffered from targeted bombardment and destruction;
- calls on the European Union, in coordination with transatlantic allies and like-minded international partners, to further explore all possibilities for strengthening the regime of sectoral and individual sanctions against Russia and its allies;

- calls on its member parties and their respective governments to take action to initiate a comprehensive international isolation of the Putin regime;
- calls on the international community to establish an international tribunal to bring the Putin's regime to responsibility for its war crimes and atrocities in Ukraine;
- recognizes the Putin regime as a state sponsor of terrorism and as a state which uses means of terrorism as stated by the European Parliament and other national parliaments;
- supports the rapid admission of Sweden and Finland to NATO in response to the changed security environment in Europe, which also threatens hitherto non-aligned countries.