

Ukraine

Resolution tabled by the European Solidarity, Ukraine at the IDU Executive Meeting, June 21st, 2023, in London

The International Democrat Union (IDU) reiterates its condemnation in the strongest possible terms of Russia's unprovoked and premeditated, barbaric and violent large-scale invasion of Ukraine of February 24, 2022. It keeps viewing this decision of the Russian leadership, primarily by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin personally, as an act of war of aggression and open terror, an attempted genocide against the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian statehood, and clear and fragrant violation of the international law and the global rules-based order.

The IDU states that none of its plans Russia has ever managed to accomplish, nor come close to. It applauds Ukraine's resilience that has admired the world of democracies and make it get united behind Ukraine as never before. Neither the brutality of Russian forces in Ukraine, nor assaults on its territory, nor continued mass shelling of Ukraine with missiles and drones have ever made Ukraine's counter action weaker or less courageous. The IDU rests of opinion that the world of democracies shall effectively match Ukraine's sacrifice and dedication to our shared values and principles - something that still fall short of the aspired.

As Russian attempts to erase Ukraine continue, we were deeply shocked by the recent scale of destruction of civilian and energy infrastructure, including recent act of ecocide by the blasting of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant, along with its water reservoir, - the biggest in Europe, mass and indiscriminate killings of peaceful citizens, rapes and torturing of civilians, war crimes and atrocities, committed in Ukraine by the Russian armed forces under the command of President Putin. Such acts of genocide and blatant violations of the international law must not be tolerated and all those responsible must be brought to international justice.

The IDU supports establishing an ad hoc international criminal tribunal to bring every Russian perpetrator of war crimes and aggression against Ukraine to justice. We are encouraged by the International Criminal Court's warrants of arrest for first two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine, and call on all parties to the ICC to meet their obligations deriving from the ICC membership. As a grave violator of the international law, Russia shall have no more place to occupy among the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, for it has reached key principles of world order.



The IDU faithfully supports Ukraine in its fight for freedom and democracy, independence and sovereignty, territorial integrity within the internationally recognized borders and its right to freely choose its international alliances. We reiterate our strong stand for the principles that no country can change the borders of another one by force, and no country can impose its will on another one. It is for Ukraine and its people to decide on their future. We commend the bravery of Ukrainian Armed Forces, volunteers, ordinary citizens, who united their efforts to defend their country and their nation from Russian war of aggression.

To this end, the International Democrat Union:

- 1. Demands from the Russian Federation to immediately and fully withdraw its armed forces and military assets from the sovereign territory of Ukraine within the internationally recognised borders without any preconditions nor further escalation on the ground;
- Urges the Russian Federation to revoke all illegal decisions to attempt annexation of the sovereign Ukrainian territories, in particular Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, Zaporizzhya regions and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which are the clear and blatant violation of the UN Charter and the international law;
- 3. Appeals on every democracy of the globe to consider designating Russia and its regime as a state sponsor of terrorism and as a state that uses means of terrorism triggering for less cooperation with and international isolation of Russia worldwide;
- 4. Calls for more sanctions to be imposed on Russia, of which the only criterion shall be limiting Russian exports to the world and depriving Russia of its ability to keep financing the war;
- 5. Strongly urges all the responsible nations to stop supporting the Russian aggression, including by means of military assistance and aid in circumvention of sanctions;
- 6. Is of opinion that the sanctions pressure must be increasing until a total withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine, restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity and a fundamental change of attitude in Russia towards its neighbours, international law and order;
- 7. Calls on the G7, the European Union, the NATO member states and other nations to keep strengthening coordinated political, financial, economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine for as long as it takes to win against Russia;
- 8. Calls for greater military assistance to Ukraine with no limits in quality, range and type of weapons needed for Ukraine's Armed Forces, for as soon it reaches Ukraine, the sooner the war will be over;
- 9. Calls on the international community to support the peace initiatives of Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter, the international law and justice.



- 10. Calls for the establishment of a comprehensive and consolidated recovery plan for Ukraine aimed at reconstruction of the country and assisting it to reach the high standards of joining the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 11. Urges Russia to stop blackmailing the world with global food crisis and thus to let the Ukrainian grain and agricultural products reaching the global market without any limits nor obstacles;
- 12. Calls on Ukraine and the European Union to take all the possible efforts to ensure launching pre-accession negotiations by the end of 2023 following Ukraine's application for EU membership and the European Council's decision on granting of candidate status;
- 13. Calls on the NATO Member States to take the opportunity of the Vilnius Summit of NATO in July 2023 to pave the way to Ukraine's eventual membership in NATO as the only viable and effective long-term security guarantee for Ukraine;
- 14. Calls on Ukraine to pursue on the path of necessary reforms, in particular in strengthening the democratic institutions, the rule of law and human rights, that bolster its internal resilience and contributing to its successful path towards EU and NATO membership;
- 15. Welcomes the unprecedented unity and solidarity of the international democratic nations with Ukraine in these challenging times.