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RESOLUTION OF THE SEJM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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on the recognition of the Russian Federation as a state supporting terrorism

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland states that the Russian Federation systematically violates human rights, international law, the Charter of the United Nations, and several other obligations. It carries out the annexation of territories of other states, armed assaults, war crimes and genocides, and undertakes hostile economic activities, particularly in the energy sphere.

The Russian Federation is directly responsible for the downing of the Malaysian Airlines plane (Flight MH17) in July 2014, when 298 passengers and crew members were killed, and for the crash of the Polish Air Force plane (Flight 101) in Smolensk in April 2010, which killed 96 people on board, including the President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczynski, Polish government officials, senior Polish and NATO military commanders and members of the Polish Parliament.

The bestial and unlawful aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine continues. The Russian military is carrying out attacks throughout the invaded country, in which thousands of people, including many children, have been killed. The Russian Federation and its subordinate structures and armed formations are committing acts of terror against civilian infrastructure, summary executions and abductions, sexual violence and torture, tearing children from their families to subject them to Russification, mass deportations of the population, forced conscription of Ukrainian citizens into the Russian armed forces and the plundering of property. Russia repeatedly violates the Geneva Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

By militarily blockading Ukrainian ports and paralysing maritime communications on the routes leading to them without a declaration of war, the Russian Federation has committed an act of international piracy. Russia's burning and looting of Ukrainian land and preventing Ukraine from exporting crops for a long time have brought the spectre of famine to many African and Asian countries.

Russia is also using strategically essential facilities, including nuclear power plants, to increase the sense of insecurity and blackmail not only Ukrainians but

also the international community with the spectre of damage to such installations and the resulting massive radioactive contamination.

Russian aggression against Ukraine constitutes a flagrant violation of the prohibition on using force under Article 2(4) of the UN Charter and violates Ukraine's sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity. According to the UN Charter, changing borders by force is a crime against peace. The forms of terror used by Russia against Ukrainian citizens are a crime against humanity and genocide.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland supports an independent and sovereign Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. It views positively the resolution of the Senate of the Republic of Poland of 26 October 2022 on the recognition of the authorities of the Russian Federation as a terrorist regime and the resolution of the European Parliament of 23 November 2022 on the recognition of the Russian Federation as a state sponsoring terrorism. It calls on the European Commission, the other EU institutions and all UN member states to take the same position and take the necessary steps to stop Russian aggression and punish the aggressor. The Russian Federation should be isolated in the international arena.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland states that all those, directly and indirectly, responsible for the committing of Russian war crimes in Ukraine should be brought to justice. It supports all international mechanisms to get them to justice, including cooperation with the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice to find the most effective ways to identify and prosecute the perpetrators.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland calls on the Council of Ministers to continue and expand its efforts to impose further sanctions packages on the Russian Federation and all persons supporting the criminal regime of Vladimir Putin, as well as further material and political support for Ukraine in its fight against the aggressor.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland calls on the international community to develop a mechanism for the payment of war reparations to Ukraine, as well as compensation to states, organisations and individuals who suffered losses due to the war caused by the Russian Federation.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland recognizes the Russian Federation as a state that supports terrorism and uses terrorist measures.

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