

Joint statement by the Speakers of the Parliaments of Ukraine, on the third anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation

We, the Speakers of the Parliaments of Ukraine,, paying tribute to the Ukrainian people who are heroically resisting the illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, which began on 24 February 2022 and continued Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine, which began in 2014:

strongly condemn the criminal actions of the Russian Federation, which, disregarding the universally recognised principles and norms of international law, continues to commit the crime of aggression, mass war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide, murder of civilians, torture and execution of prisoners of war;

emphasise that by committing an illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine, the Russian Federation has violated the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed on 1 August 1975 and the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 5 December 1994 (Budapest Memorandum);

reaffirm our full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, including its territorial waters, and stress Ukraine's inherent right to self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter and in this regard express our support for the Victory Plan of Ukraine;

stress the need to continue initiatives to document the facts and evidence of crimes committed by the Russian Federation in connection with its ongoing armed aggression against Ukraine, in particular by recording and documenting cases of deportation and forced displacement of Ukrainian children and the unlawful detention of civilians;

emphasise the particular importance of bringing to justice and punishing those responsible for planning, preparing, starting and carrying out armed aggression against Ukraine, war crimes, crimes against humanity, the crime of genocide and the crime of aggression;

welcome Ukraine's efforts to create conditions for achieving a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace and emphasise that the implementation of the Peace Formula remains the only effective way to achieve this;

note that despite the efforts of Ukraine and the international community to end the armed aggression of the Russian Federation and to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, the Russian Federation is not backing down from its criminal goals of occupying the entire territory of Ukraine, destroying the statehood and national identity of Ukrainians;

underline that it is more important than ever to maintain transatlantic unity and coherence of joint actions to defeat the aggressor and prevent the spread of chaos and war throughout the world; in this regard, ***we welcome*** the aspirations of the Administration of the President of the United States of America Donald Trump to achieve a just and sustainable peace for Ukraine;

call on the civilised nations of the world, their parliaments and governments to work towards a significant increase in military, political, economic, financial and humanitarian assistance and support, as well as to intensify joint efforts to strengthen primary and secondary sanctions against the Russian Federation, its military-industrial complex, energy sector, financial networks and digital infrastructure, the so-called 'shadow fleet' of the Russian Federation,

and to impose sanctions on entities involved in the circumvention of these sanctions by the Russian Federation;

reaffirm our readiness to continue to support and invest in the recovery and reconstruction, reforms and modernisation of Ukraine. This includes providing emergency assistance to meet urgent needs, implementing early recovery projects, creating an attractive business environment to facilitate private sector investment in Ukraine, as well as enabling local communities to participate fully in the recovery and civil society to be actively involved in the reconstruction process;

underline the need to support increased foreign investment in the Ukrainian defence industry, which will contribute to strengthening joint defence capabilities, to develop cooperation through joint projects and to urgently increase the localisation of production within Ukraine despite the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine;

express our readiness to facilitate the safe return of prisoners of war and illegally detained civilians, especially children and women, deported or forcibly displaced in connection with the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, in particular to consolidate efforts to find and designate a state - the patron of Ukraine in matters of return of prisoners of war, illegally detained and deported civilians;

agree to continue to make joint efforts to build a political consensus on Ukraine's accession to the European Union and invite Ukraine to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

