

RESOLUTION
of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

On the Appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the United Nations,
the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,
NATO Parliamentary Assembly, PABSEC, the European Parliament, foreign
governments and parliaments on strengthening international cooperation within
the framework of the Crimea Platform to counter the aggression of the Russian
Federation

The Verkhovna Rada resolves:

1. To adopt the Appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the United Nations, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, PABSEC, the European Parliament, foreign governments and parliaments on strengthening international cooperation within the framework of the Crimea Platform to counter the aggression of the Russian Federation (attached).

2. To task the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with:

1) Immediate forwarding of the Appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the United Nations, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, PABSEC, the European Parliament, foreign governments and parliaments;

2) Facilitating the establishment the Crimea Platform Inter-Parliamentary Coordination Council.

3. The Resolution comes into force on the date of adoption.

Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Dmytro Razumkov

Kyiv

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APPEAL
of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

to the United Nations, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, PABSEC, the European Parliament, foreign governments and parliaments on strengthening international cooperation within the framework of the Crimea Platform to counter the aggression of the Russian Federation

Welcoming the establishment of the Crimea Platform - the key foreign policy instrument for consolidation of international de-occupation efforts and restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine, overcoming negative consequences of the temporary occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, and protection of the rights and interests of the citizens of Ukraine;

Welcoming the decisions of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the parliaments of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Latvia to establish the Crimea Platform support groups;

Taking into consideration the UNGA Resolution 68/262 "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine" dated March 27, 2014, UNGA Resolutions A/RES/71/206 (2016), A/RES/72/439 (2017), A/RES/73/263 (2018), A/RES/74/168 (2019), A/RES/75/192 (2020) "Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" and UNGA Resolutions A/RES/73/194 (2018), A/RES/74/17 (2019) and A/RES/75/29 (2020) "Problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov";

Welcoming the previous decisions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the European parliament, which condemned the illegal attempt of the Russian Federation to annex the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, deterioration of human rights in the territories of Ukraine that are temporary occupied as a result of the aggression of the Russian Federation.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

– calls upon parliamentary institutions of international organizations and parliaments of foreign states to strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation within the framework of the Crimea Platform to consolidate efforts and apply international politico-diplomatic pressure on the occupier – the Russian Federation – for the sake of protecting democratic ideas and values;

– calls upon the UN member-states to support the Crimean Platform as an instrument for consolidation of international efforts aimed at de-occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine, as well as to join activities of the Crimea Platform at governmental, parliamentary and expert levels;

– calls upon the parliamentary assemblies of international organizations and the European Parliament with a request to adopt decisions in support of the Crimean Platform as an instrument for consolidation of international efforts aimed at de-occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and to call upon their member-states to join activities of the Crimea Platform at governmental, parliamentary and expert levels;

- calls upon the international community to refrain from supporting actions and initiatives of the Russian Federation, which aim directly or indirectly to counter activities and development of the Crimea Platform as an instrument for consolidation of international efforts towards de-occupation and re-integration of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine;

- stresses the importance of the international policy of non-recognition of the attempted annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation; prevention of violations of international legal norms, fundamental rights, freedoms and interests of the citizens of Ukraine by the occupier and its occupation administration, ensuring security in the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea region, in particular stopping the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as certain areas of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, and ensuring the freedom of navigation in the region;

- condemns the forced passportization of the citizens of Ukraine in the temporarily occupied territories by the Russian Federation, does not recognize Russian passports, distributed in the temporarily occupied territories and calls upon international partners not to recognize these documents and to increase pressure on the Russian Federation demanding it to stop illegal passportization;

- calls upon international partners to strengthen politico-diplomatic and economic pressure on the Russian Federation, including by the means of introducing additional sanctions in response to its continuous violation of international law, as well as to look for ways for overcoming consequences of the illicit activities of the occupier and its occupation administration in the military, political, economic, environmental, cultural, and religious spheres of the region;

- expresses support to state domestic projects aimed at de-occupation and reintegration of the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, protection and restoration of the rights of Ukrainian citizens, residing in the temporarily occupied territories or who were forced to relocate to other regions of Ukraine, as well as strengthening resilience of the southern oblasts of Ukraine;

- demands once again from the Russian Federation to fully comply with its international obligations and withdraw its military units from the territory of Ukraine, including those under its direct or indirect control, to withdraw the arms and military equipment, to stop the illegal practice of changing the demographic composition in the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, to stop systemic violations of human rights, including the rights of indigenous people, in particular the right for preservation of cultural heritage and religious freedoms, as well as to stop war crimes and crimes against humanity and to return to Ukraine the full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders;

- stresses the importance of developing the unified and consolidated positions of the international democratic community in countering the Russian aggression against Ukraine and calls upon the friends and partners of the Crimea Platform to initiate the establishment of the Crimea Platform Inter-Parliamentary Coordination Council that would function on the following principles:

- coordination of international efforts at the inter-parliamentary level on development and implementation of the non-recognition policy with regard to the attempted annexation of the Crimean peninsula by the Russian Federation;

- exercising parliamentary control over the imposition of restrictive measures (sanctions) against the Russian Federation as the aggressor state and the occupier, its officials, individuals and legal entities, involved in the illegal occupation and attempted annexation;
- coordination of positions and steps of the Crimea Platform participating states within international organizations, at international conferences, forums and other events during discussions about de-occupation and restoration of territorial integrity of Ukraine;
- strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation and consolidating efforts to protect the rights and freedoms of civilians in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea the city of Sevastopol;
- exercising parliamentary control over implementation of projects aimed at overcoming economic and environmental consequences of the Russian occupation of the part of the Ukrainian territory.