



**Joint resolution**  
**by the Presidium of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Polish Sejm**  
**and the Chairs and spokespersons of the Foreign Affairs Committee of**  
**the German Bundestag**

The Presidium of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Polish Sejm and the Chairs and spokespersons of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag condemn Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine and its territorial integrity in the strongest possible terms. Russia is flagrantly violating international law and international humanitarian law and is seeking to permanently destroy the peaceful European order. This war threatens the security of Europe in its entirety. Its devastating impact can also be felt globally.

The Ukrainian population is being subjected to immeasurable suffering by the Russian armed forces. The targeted killings of civilians, the carrying out of rape and the use of internationally banned weapons, all of which have come to light, are abhorrent war crimes and crimes against humanity, and it is imperative that these are investigated and punished.

The obstruction of humanitarian assistance, the siege and deliberate destruction of entire cities, the targeted shelling of residential areas and civilian infrastructure along with the prevention of the creation of humanitarian corridors also constitute serious violations of international humanitarian law.

We expressly support the investigations by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and Ukraine's law enforcement agencies, which are being advised by the EU Advisory Mission Ukraine. War criminals must be held to account individually before the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, we support Ukraine's proceedings against Russia at the International Court of Justice.

The flow of refugees from Ukraine triggered by the war is being met with a great degree of solidarity and compassion by the country's immediate neighbours – in Poland in particular, but also in Germany and other countries.

The daily dedication shown by numerous people deserves our gratitude and our respect. In particular, the outstanding willingness to help demonstrated by Poland, which has welcomed the majority of Ukrainian refugees, represents a unique example of European solidarity.

We reaffirm our shared commitment to continuing to support Ukraine through diplomatic, political, economic and humanitarian means and to uphold its ability to defend itself by supplying weapons in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in close consultation with the European Union, the United States, NATO and the G7. This includes the delivery of heavy weapons.

In addition, we affirm that we will continue to isolate Russia fully in economic terms, cut it off from the international markets, and impose sanctions on the Russian leadership, Russian companies and oligarchs, as a means for a civilized community of states to eliminate the financial basis for the Russian aggression. In this context, we give the highest priority to gaining independence from Russian energy providers as quickly as possible. We support tightening sanctions against Russia.

We call upon the governments of both countries to lend their full support to Ukraine in the reconstruction of the country following an end to the war, in guaranteeing its future security and in its continuing to move closer to the European Union prior to future accession.

Ukraine is a part of Europe. We welcome the decision of the European Council on granting Ukraine candidate status for membership of the EU. We will actively support the country on its path towards joining the EU, in particular in terms of meeting the accession criteria.

The war of aggression against Ukraine waged by Russia and the use of the territory of Belarus means a fundamental change in the security situation in Europe. Major strategic, political and military efforts are required by Europe in order to secure its own freedom and robustness. We declare our firm commitment to supporting and driving forward these efforts, both together and in cooperation with our European and international partners, in particular within NATO and the EU.

We advocate and support without reservation the applications made by Finland and Sweden for NATO membership.

We are deeply concerned about the possible food crisis as a consequence of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. We condemn the Russian blockade of Ukrainian ports and communication routes in the Black Sea. Their consequences threaten to cause famine in various regions of the world. Therefore, we call on the international community to act effectively against them. The full responsibility for waging war on Ukraine and its effects lies on Russian Federation. Poland and Germany will help in preventing the food crisis and are determined to provide Ukraine with the widest possible support in this regard.

Recognizing that Russia uses propaganda and disinformation as tools of war, we call for special caution in connection with Russia's narratives and for strengthening efforts to counter Russian disinformation.

The war against Ukraine has left Russia internationally isolated. The Russian leadership continues to lie to its own people about the war against Ukraine and to cause grave damage to the future of its own country. Russia cannot and will not win this war. We call upon the Russian government and above all President Putin to put an immediate end to the attacks against Ukraine, to withdraw Russian troops from the country without delay, and to return to observing international law.

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