



## NATO Parliamentary Assembly

### RESOLUTION 411

on

### SUPPORTING UKRAINE'S SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRACY\*

The Assembly,

1. **Emphasising** the Euro-Atlantic community's moral obligation to support Ukraine's struggle for its territorial integrity and sovereignty, as well as its chosen pathway towards greater Euro-Atlantic integration, and **stressing** that no third party has a right to veto this process;
2. **Supporting** the decisions of the NATO Wales Summit to provide Ukraine with a new package of measures to support its security sector reform and assist with defence capacity building, in order to strengthen Ukraine's ability to defend itself;
3. **Condemning** in the strongest terms Russia's illegal occupation and 'annexation' of Crimea and invasion of Ukrainian sovereign territory, in violation of international law and particularly of the Budapest Memorandum of 1994, the Helsinki Final Accord, the UN Charter and the spirit of the NATO-Russia Founding Act;
4. **Stressing** that Russia's direct as well as covert involvement, including the deployment of unmarked uniformed troops in part of Ukraine, is the principal reason for the prolonged armed conflict and the humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine;
5. **Welcoming** the Minsk Agreements of 5 and 19 September and the steps taken by President Poroshenko and the Ukrainian parliament to accommodate the interests of the people of eastern Ukraine; but,
6. **Expressing concern** over the lack of implementation of the Minsk Agreements including the fragile status of the ceasefire, the continued instability in eastern Ukraine, as well as the deterioration of the human rights situation for Crimean Tatars and other minorities under Russian occupation;

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7. **Calling** on all relevant parties to provide full assistance to the Dutch Safety Board, conducting the investigation of the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17;
8. **Noting** that the successful conduct and the results of the 26 October 2014 parliamentary elections confirm Ukraine's strong commitment to democracy and European integration;
9. **Commending** Ukraine for ratifying the remaining provisions of the Association Agreement with the European Union establishing, *inter alia*, a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, and **convinced** that, once fully in force, the Agreement will be a crucial tool for transformation and modernisation of Ukraine's political system, economy and judiciary;
10. **Acknowledging** the significant contributions Ukraine has made as a NATO partner, including to all four active NATO-led operations, as well its participation in the NATO Response Force;
11. **Recalling** the pledge made at the 2008 NATO Bucharest Summit that Ukraine and Georgia will receive NATO membership, provided they so wish and once the membership criteria are fulfilled, and **welcoming** in this context the ever-increasing support of the Ukrainian people for membership of NATO;
12. **Noting** that the Alliance's promotion of shared values in Europe and beyond forms the bedrock of the Euro-Atlantic security community;
13. **URGES** member governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance:
  - a. to ensure full and rapid implementation of pledges made so far in support of Ukraine and to consider additional political, financial, economic, material and technical support measures to assist Ukraine in its efforts to protect its territory and to build a strong, accountable and democratic state which guarantees human rights and the rule of law;
  - b. to support diplomatic attempts to peacefully resolve the Russia-backed armed conflict in eastern Ukraine and prevent it from becoming another "frozen conflict", in particular by reinforcing the International Observation Mission on the Russia-Ukraine border in the conflict zone;
  - c. to continue targeted sanctions until Russia shows that it is willing to abide by international rules and norms, to undo illegal and illegitimate territorial gains, and to behave as a responsible and neutral actor advancing the peaceful resolution of conflicts;
  - d. to make it unambiguously clear that the illegal 'annexation' of Crimea will never be recognised;
  - e. to implement measures designed to boost defensibility of the Alliance's eastern periphery and to demonstrate solidarity and to increase support for those Allies that are mostly affected by Russia's counter-measures in response to sanctions;
  - f. to counter the Russian Federation's campaign of misinformation;
  - g. to encourage greater energy independence from Russian sources of oil and natural gas in Europe;
  - h. to keep the door open for future enlargements of the Alliance;

14. **CALLS UPON** the government and Parliament of Ukraine to continue democratic reforms, including the building of an inclusive political system based on respect for the rule of law, minorities, and human rights; and to demonstrate with concrete actions that today's Ukraine tackles corruption, clientelism and oligarchic influences resolutely and without exceptions;
15. **CALLS UPON** the Russian Federation:
- a. to stop attempts to destabilise Ukraine;
  - b. to publically urge pro-Russian separatists to disarm;
  - c. to free immediately all the Ukrainian citizens captured by it since the beginning of the conflict and who are being unlawfully held in Russian territory;
  - d. to engage in genuine talks with the Ukrainian government on a political solution to the crisis and the return of Crimea to Ukrainian jurisdiction;
  - e. to put an end to the brutal and massive violations of human rights, including the right to live in the territory of Crimea and the territories in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk temporarily under the control of separatists;
  - f. to end the propaganda campaign which fuels aggressively anti-Western and chauvinistic attitudes among the Russian people;
16. **URGES** therefore the Russian Federation to make every effort to contribute to the implementation of the Minsk Agreements.
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