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Call to Action to Friends of Ukraine From Members of the Steering Committee of the United4Ukraine Inter-Parliamentary Network

On behalf of United4Ukraine global parliamentary alliance (comprised of national parliamentarians from countries supporting Ukraine and members of the European Parliament), it's Steering Committee and all other friends of Ukraine we would appreciate greatly if you urgently share this letter with your local media, Parliament and Government representatives.

Ukraine is entering its fifth winter of repelling Russia's full-scale military invasion. Once again, Russia is trying to break the Ukrainian people through cold and darkness – striking homes, critical infrastructure, heating, civilian logistics and educational facilities. Ukraine supported the U.S. President's initiative for an energy ceasefire and demonstrated its readiness for deescalation. Russia failed to respond to the U.S. proposal and continued attacks against Ukraine's energy and critical infrastructure. The Russians scaled up their anti-energy operation. They are trying to stretch Ukrainian reserves and repair capabilities and cause a blackout in Ukraine right before winter to undermine Ukrainian resolve to fight. With its terror against the civilian population, Russia tries to get what it is not able to achieve on the battlefield.

Russia increases its attacks against Europe through its cognitive and cyber operations: disinformation, election interference, bought voices and fakes, attempts to disrupt the operation of critical energy and other infrastructure facilities by cyberintrusion; repeatedly violating European airspace; organizing acts of sabotage; striking commercial vessels off the Romanian and Bulgarian coast. Russian actions grow increasingly kinetic. It is already not hybrid, but real attacks.

At the same time, Russia's attacks on Ukraine's agricultural, energy and transport infrastructure, and its attempts to disrupt maritime trade, extend far beyond Europe and have global consequences for food security, energy markets, supply chains and economic stability. Since 21 July 2026, Ukraine's Black Sea ports have been unable to operate. When Russia first blocked them in 2022, global food prices rose by 25%. The current disruption of Ukrainian agricultural exports once again puts supplies at risk and pushes prices up, hitting vulnerable markets hardest, including the roughly 400 million people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East who depend on Ukrainian grain and food products.

Russia is testing, how far it can go in its war against Ukraine, in its attacks against Europe, in its efforts against Euro-Atlantic unity and in its damage to the world. It is time for strong and united answer. Russia must be stopped and suffer a strategic defeat. It is the only way to ensure stability and security for all of us.

Restoration of comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine, grounded in the UN Charter, respect for territorial integrity and accountability for aggression, is a precondition for non-repetition of the war. Any other outcome would lead to new

aggression. In Georgia in 2008, in Crimea and Donbas in 2014 we have seen, what it means, when Russia is not stopped and feels impunity for its crimes. Each time a lack of resolve and deterrence invites a larger aggression. If Russia is not stopped in Ukraine today, it will go further.

Today Ukrainian positions on the battlefield are stronger than before and Russia is more vulnerable than it wants everyone to believe. Its economy is imbalanced, overheated and slowing. Its energy revenues are under sustained pressure. However, Russia keeps on increasing its war spending. It has already allocated increased spending for its military in 2027 – about one-third of the original baseline. It still believes it can win the war against Ukraine, against Europe, against international law and international rules-based order.

Only with resolute actions, unity and solidarity can we force Moscow to end its war. We need truly effective pressure on Russia and increased support for Ukraine to achieve this goal. These steps require courage, but they serve the interest of all countries, respecting international law.

Delayed pressure grants the Kremlin time to regroup and erode our resolve. Easing pressure now, through waivers, exemptions or temporary licences, would throw Russia a lifeline at the very moment its war economy is cracking. We should continue acting together to move the burden of aggression to Russia and make further continuation of the war too expensive and impossible for Moscow. All measures that will be taken today will cost less than Russia's aggression tomorrow if it is allowed to win.

In this decisive moment, we call all on our partners to stand by our common security and stability, our democracy and values and back Ukraine. We call on your support to:

- Continue working on just and lasting peace and security guarantees for Ukraine, which is an indispensable part of the European and Euro-Atlantic security.
- Support an immediate and mutual ceasefire in energy, in the Black Sea and in the air.
- Invest in Ukraine's capacity to win, in drone production and other weapons. Fund joint defence production and the long-range capabilities that keep pressure on Russia's war economy. Help Ukraine with the 70 billion euros needed for defence, weapons and resilience.
- Strengthen Ukraine's air and missile defence. Urgently provide at least 300 PAC-2 and PAC-3 Patriot interceptors to protect Ukrainian cities, civilians and critical energy infrastructure against ballistic missile attacks throughout the winter. Ensure the rapid delivery of air-to-air missiles and other munitions for F-16 aircraft, as well as ammunition for systems countering Russian attack drones and cruise missiles. Mobilise additional supplies from partners' existing stockpiles, expand procurement through PURL and accelerate joint production of air defence systems and munitions. Support the development of the FREYJA European anti-ballistic defence programme,

combining Ukraine's combat experience and technological expertise with European industrial capacity.

- Support sustained increases in defence investment, the rapid expansion of Europe's defence-industrial capacity, and deeper cooperation with Ukraine's defence industry. Ukraine's combat experience, technological innovation and defence production capabilities should become an integral part of Europe's collective efforts to strengthen its security and deterrence.
- Strengthen Ukraine's energy sector ahead of the heating season, as Russia continues to attack critical energy infrastructure. We urge partners to facilitate humanitarian aid in the form of energy equipment and to contribute to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund, which proved its effectiveness.
- Support the prompt establishment and deployment of an European/multinational mission, comprising volunteer first responders, energy experts, and technicians, primarily from nations that utilize similar technology, – to support our Ukrainian counterparts in their struggle against Russian aggression.
- Support ensuring freedom of navigation and help Ukraine bring its harvest to the countries that need it most. More than 30 million tonnes of agricultural products risk remaining in the Ukraine due to disruptions to export routes. Russia must not be allowed to use obstruction of maritime trade as a means to undermine international food security.
- Tighten sanctions against Russia and cut the energy lifeline. Keep all existing sanctions in place and allow no easing, exemptions or waivers. We need to close the loopholes and alternative routes despite the pressure, target the shadow fleet and impose secondary measures on the enablers of Russia's war machine, including financial institutions, intermediaries, and jurisdictions that facilitate circumvention of restrictions and the aggressor's access to critical technologies, revenues, and military supplies. Partners should prevent Russia from developing strategic technological advantages by expanding restrictions against entities involved in military space programmes, satellite communications networks, dual-use technologies, and other capabilities that enhance Russia's military command, control, targeting and strike potential. The tools of Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, exist to be used. 22nd EU sanction package must be adopted and be strong.
- Provide predictable, timely and sufficient macro-financial assistance to safeguard Ukraine's fiscal sustainability, maintain essential public services and support economic stability. Such assistance is indispensable for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, including the restoration of critical infrastructure, homes and communities, and for strengthening the country's long-term resilience.
- Make the aggressor pay. Put immobilised Russian assets to work for Ukraine's defence and recovery. Operationalize the International Claims Commission for Ukraine and work on the establishment of the future Compensation Fund. We urge European countries to develop lawful and sustainable mechanisms for using

immobilised Russian sovereign assets, including their principal where legally feasible, to support Ukraine's defence, reconstruction and economic recovery. Russia must not be allowed to shift the financial burden of its war onto European taxpayers or escape responsibility for the destruction it has caused.

- Support accountability for Russia and its political and military leadership. Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine must become a reality. Unpunished evil always comes back, and we must break the vicious circle, when Russia feels impunity for its crimes.
- Support Ukraine European integration. Opening all clusters by the end of the year and backing further progress in negotiations is not only about Ukrainian future and security, but also about future of Europe.
- Support Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration. Ukraine's membership in NATO would be the most effective response to the challenges facing transatlantic security and the most reliable safeguard against any recurrence of Russian aggression. We call on Allies to reaffirm their commitment to Ukraine's path towards the Alliance and to take concrete steps towards its realisation.
- Answer attacks as attacks. Treat Russia's attacks and sabotage against any of your states as a matter of collective response.
- Counter Russia's Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference. Do not allow Russia to distort the nature of its aggression or obscure its objectives against Ukraine, Europe and the wider international community. Strengthen collective efforts to counter Russian cyber operations, disinformation campaigns, sabotage, election interference and other forms of hostile influence targeting democratic institutions and societies.

A strategic defeat of Russia is the necessary condition for lasting peace. Any settlement that rewards aggression or leaves Russia's capacity to wage war intact, will inevitably provoke a new and larger attack. Only by denying Russia the prospect of victory can we secure a peace that endures, in Ukraine, in Europe and across the Euro-Atlantic community. Our future is in our hands. This future depends on our readiness to be brave and decisive to stop Russia and force it to end the war.

Respectfully,

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