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NATO Parliamentary Assembly

RESOLUTION 422

on

SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE*

The Assembly,

1. **Reiterating** its firm support for the government and the people of Ukraine in their struggle for independence and territorial integrity and their pursuit of European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
2. **Condemning** in the strongest terms the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and Russia's continuing military aggression in eastern Ukraine as well as the detention of Nadiya Savchenko, Oleh Sentsov and other Ukrainians since the beginning of the conflict, in blatant violation of Russia's international obligations and commitments under the Minsk agreements;
3. **Deeply disturbed** by Russia's disregard for human rights in the illegally occupied Ukrainian territories, including severe repression of the Tatar community and Ukrainian minority in Crimea;
4. **Applauding** the constitutional amendments in Ukraine designed to devolve more powers to local governments as a manifestation of Ukraine's commitment to building an inclusive society;
5. **Deeply regretting** that Russian-backed separatist forces in eastern Ukraine are preventing Ukrainian local elections from taking place in areas under their control in contravention of the Minsk agreements; and **calling on** Russia to be co-operative in the development of an understanding on the modalities and timeframe of local elections in certain areas of the Luhansk and Donetsk regions;
6. **Deploring** Russia's decision to veto the plans for an international tribunal to investigate the downing of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17;
7. **Emphasising** the need for diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict with Russia and **welcoming** the recent ceasefire as an important step, while **recognising** that these efforts should not compromise Ukrainian territorial integrity nor Ukraine's inalienable right to determine its own place in the European and Euro-Atlantic order;

* presented by the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security and adopted by the Plenary Assembly on Monday 12 October 2015, Stavanger, Norway

8. **URGES** member governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance:
- a. to redouble efforts to help Ukraine at this critical juncture by increasing diplomatic, political, financial, economic, material and expert assistance both bilaterally and through bodies such as NATO, the EU and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
 - b. to maintain political, diplomatic and economic pressure on Russia until Moscow fully implements its commitments under the Minsk agreements, convincingly demonstrates that it is willing to abide by international law, and ends the occupation of Ukrainian territories, including Crimea;
 - c. to press Russia and separatist forces to lift all restrictions on the ability of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine to access areas of eastern Ukraine, including areas along the border with Russia, and report fully all relevant observations;
 - d. to encourage and support direct talks between Russian and Ukrainian representatives with the participation of international mediators in order to find a peaceful solution to the conflict;
9. **CALLS** on democratically elected Ukrainian politicians to continue to demonstrate the moderation and determination necessary to build an inclusive and tolerant society, and to establish the highest standards possible in matters of political, economic and judicial governance, and, in particular, to tackle resolutely the problem of corruption.
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