

## ПОСОЛЬСТВО РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ

MODTAGET LEDELSESSEKRETARIATET

Dato 14.12.15 KI

Copenhagen, December « $\mathcal{Z}$ », 2015

Esteemed Ms. Kjærsgaard,

I hereby forward to you copies of the appeal of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to the Parliament of Montenegro, members of parliaments of member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the State Duma's resolution on this appeal.

Respectfully yours,

Mikhail Vanin
Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Denmark

MS. PIA KJÆRSGAARD SPEAKER OF THE FOLKETING -CopenhagenThe Sixth State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

## RESOLUTION OF THE STATE DUMA

On the Appeal of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian
Federation «To the Parliament of Montenegro, members of parliaments of
member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in
Europe»

The State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation resolves:

- 1. To adopt the Appeal of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation «To the Parliament of Montenegro, members of parliaments of member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe».
- 2. To submit the present Resolution and the above-mentioned appeal to the President of the Russian Federation V.V.Putin, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, the United Nations Organisation, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Parliament,

parliaments of BRICS countries, parliaments of member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Parliament of Montenegro.

- 3. To submit the present Resolution and the above-mentioned appeal to the "Parliamentary Newspaper" for official publication.
  - 4. The present Resolution enters into force on the day of adoption thereof.

Chairperson of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

S.E.NARYSHKIN

Moscow, 20 November 2015 The Sixth State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

## APPEAL OF THE STATE DUMA

To the Parliament of Montenegro, members of parliaments of member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation insistently call upon their colleagues - members of the Parliament of Montenegro, members of parliaments of member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and members of parliaments who are members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to refrain from NATO expansion which is according to the statements in the mass media, planned to be done after the official invitation to Montenegro to join the Alliance which was declared to be sent early in December 2015.

Respecting the sovereign right of each state to ensure the security of its citizens by all legitimate means, including conclusion of international agreements and joining international organizations and associations, the State Duma expresses its firm belief that block approach to ensure security, the implication of new states in military alliances, particularly against the will of their people, represents a political instruments dating from the times of the Cold War. Such an approach in international relations leads to further alienation and increasing confrontation among the participants in the ensuring of global and regional security, as well as disruption in the balance of forces and undermining of confidence among the participants of creating a common European architecture of peace and stability. It is extremely dangerous today, when there are objective reasons and factors to create a truly equal and effective coalition of leading world powers to fight against the international terrorism as well as to address current challenges and threats:

spread of prohibited types of armaments and weapons of mass destruction, illegal migration, human trafficking and other threats.

The aspiration of the regime of Milo Djukanovic who has been governing in Montenegro for already 25 years, to join NATO is contrary to the will of the vast majority of the people of this country. Montenegrins remember perfectly well NATO bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, when the Montenegrin territory had been hit too. At that time completely innocent people had been killed and the infrastructure had been seriously damaged. Nevertheless the Montenegrin authorities do all they can to avoid holding a referendum on the issue of Euro-Atlantic prospects of the country, fearing to hear the voice of the people. At the same time significant sums of money are being invested in unbridled propaganda of NATO and fabricating of results of public opinion polls. Artificial dragging of Montenegro into NATO is a direct violation of the rights of a people to decide on its own destiny and the desecration of the memory of innocent victims of the bombing in 1999.

Deputies of the State Duma are convinced that the policy of Milo Djukanovic strikes hard traditionally friendly Russian-Montenegrin relations. His assurance that the approach to NATO will not harm relations with Russia, are absolutely groundless.

Moscow had been supporting Montenegro for centuries and had repeatedly played an important role in establishing its statehood, which is well known to Montenegrins. People of Montenegro remember the words of Petar I Petrovic Njegos - Saint Petar of Cetinje the Miracle-Worker, including curses addressed to those who turned away from Russia. The relations between our countries have already been virtually frozen because of Podgorica's anti-Russian course and on its initiative. The policy of Milo Djukanovic's regime leads to the growth of negative tendencies in the sphere of tourism, investment and economic cooperation. All of that will most directly affect everyday lives of ordinary Montenegrins. According to deputies of the State Duma the period of Milo Djukanovic's government will

remain a black spot in the history of relations between Russia and this brotherly for us country and its people.

Deputies of the State Duma express confidence that common sense will prevail during considering of accession to NATO both in Podgorica and Brussels, as well as aspiration for a broad cooperation beyond blocks and dividing lines for the sake of prosperity and security of peoples in the area from Vancouver to Vladivostok. In this connection the true will and expectations of friendly to us people of Montenegro, which are strengthened by centuries-old friendship and brotherhood, gained on the battlefield in the name of freedom and independence, will have the decisive importance.

Chairperson of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

S.E.NARYSHKIN

Moscow 20 November 2015