



Statement of the Riigikogu On the War Crimes and Genocide committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine

It has been ascertained that in the war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, systematic and massive war crimes have been committed against the people of Ukraine by the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. These crimes are ideologically incited by the political and military leadership of the Russian Federation and its national propaganda authorities.

In the temporarily occupied territories, in particular the towns of Bucha, Borodyanka, Hostomel, Irpin, Mariupol, and many other Ukrainian settlements, the Russian Federation has committed acts of genocide, inter alia mass atrocities against the civilian population. These have consisted of murders, enforced disappearances, deportations, imprisonment, torture, rape, and desecration of corpses.

Proceeding from the Declaration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the national parliaments of the world; guided by the principles of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the standards of customary international law; keeping in mind the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and taking into account the responsibility invested in all the countries under international law to cooperate in order to end genocide and perpetration of crimes against humanity and war crimes, the Riigikogu:

- Recognizes as genocide against the Ukrainian people the actions of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and its political and military leadership in conducting the renewed military aggression against Ukraine from 24 February 2022;
- Calls on national parliaments and international organisations to recognise the crimes committed by the Russian Federation against the Ukrainian people as genocide, to support the investigation of these crimes, the prosecution of the perpetrators and the establishment of an international court for this purpose in cooperation between countries;
- Calls on countries around the world to immediately strengthen the sanctions against the Russian Federation, including by ending the trade of energy carriers with Russia with no exceptions;
- Calls on countries around the world to increase military assistance and humanitarian aid of critical importance to Ukraine;
- Expresses deep respect to the Ukrainian nation in their fight for freedom, commemorates the fallen and mourns the victims.

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