

Resolution
of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
of 23 February 2022
on the aggression of Russia against Ukraine

The principle of sovereignty and the right to self-determination of nations are among the fundamental values of the Western civilization. The decision of the Russian Federation to recognise the independence of two territories that are integral parts of Ukraine is in clear violation of the rules adopted by the international community and signifies the rejection by the Russian side of all avenues for an internationally compatible agreement.

Vladimir Putin's decision violates the fundamental principles of international law and, therefore, does not and cannot have binding force on any other state. Ukraine is an independent, sovereign and democratic state.

Russia's adoption of the constitutions of the self-proclaimed so-called Luhansk and Donetsk republics in fact signifies an intention to take control of Ukrainian territory, and is therefore a purely warlike act.

The actions of the Russian Federation, which have intensified in recent weeks, constitute aggression directed against an independent state. The successive steps taken by Vladimir Putin demonstrate that the aim of his policy is to undo more than 30 years of peace in Europe after the fall of communism. Russia is consciously leading to the resurrection of the demons of the past and to the rejection of any rules other than those of force, brutality and willingness to kill innocent people. The price for Vladimir Putin's neo-imperialist policy, for Russia's gas and energy policy, is already being paid by ordinary Ukrainian citizens. It is also affecting the standard of living of hundreds of millions of European citizens, including millions of Polish families.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland once again condemns in the strongest possible terms all actions by the Russian Federation aimed at attacking Ukraine's sovereignty. The international community must do everything possible to prevent war. The integrity of Ukraine's territory, the inviolability of its borders and its right to self-determination are a source of security for the whole of Europe. The Sejm calls on the international community to introduce severe economic and diplomatic sanctions against the aggressor. We call on the EU and NATO governments and the entire international community to stand in solidarity on the side of freedom and the right of the Ukrainian people to live in an independent state.