

Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

**Address
of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-
operation in Europe (OSCE PA) and the parliaments of its member States
regarding the unacceptability of the participation of members of the
parliament of the Russian Federation in the work of the Assembly's statutory
bodies**

Highlighting the important role of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in promoting peace and security, the rule of law and human rights, and the development of democratic institutions in the area stretching from North America to the Far East,

reiterating the unwavering position of the Ukrainian State regarding the consistent implementation and observance of the generally recognized principles and norms of international law, OSCE commitments, the provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (Helsinki Final Act of 1975) and the Paris Charter for a New Europe,

affirming that the Russian Federation, by launching an unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, which became a continuation of the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine since 2014 and is accompanied by unprecedentedly cruel war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of genocide of the Ukrainian people, has violated all the fundamental principles of the OSCE, in particular, such as the inviolability of borders, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and the non-use of force or the threat of force, and made it impossible to fulfill the main task of ensuring comprehensive security and implementing conflict prevention mechanisms in the OSCE region,

referring to the Address of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of September 8, 2016 regarding the illegal elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation in the territory of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and the Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of September 22, 2021 regarding the non-recognition and illegality of regular elections of deputies of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and the illegitimacy of the parliament formed as a result of such elections; and recalling, that in 2021 the voting for the State Duma of the Russian Federation took place in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine with the involvement of Ukrainian citizens with illegally issued passports of citizens of the Russian Federation, which is legally null and void;

underlining the futility, worthlessness and impossibility of continuing the interparliamentary dialogue with the members of the parliament of the terrorist State, which continues the temporary occupation and attempts to annex parts of the sovereign territory of Ukraine and thereby demonstrates the disregard to the fundamental principles of the OSCE and threatens the future and development prospects of the Organization and its Parliamentary Assembly, as well as the attitude of members of parliaments of the participating States who support such a policy of ignoring the goals of the OSCE,

highlighting, in this context, the decision of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly enshrined in the Birmingham Declaration and its Resolution "The Russian Federation's War of Aggression Against Ukraine and Its People, and Its Threat to Security Across the OSCE Region" adopted at the 29th Annual Session of the Assembly in July 2022, regarding the assignment to the Standing Committee of the Assembly to make changes to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, which would provide for the suspension of the mandate of the national parliamentary delegation of an OSCE participating State in case it violates the OSCE principles and commitments and the provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (Helsinki Final Act of 1975),

condemning the immoral and insidious nature of the massive barbaric attacks by the Russian Federation on critical civilian infrastructure of Ukraine and residential buildings, with the aim to inflict maximum harm to the civilian population, particularly during the winter period, and creating a large-scale humanitarian disaster with the hope that it will undermine the will of the Ukrainian people to resist the Russian invasion,

drawing attention to the purposeful extermination by the Russian Federation of the Ukrainian people, objects of cultural heritage, educational and health care institutions, ordinary multistory residential buildings, which has all the signs of genocide; as well as to the indiscriminate rocket attacks and artillery shelling of the objects of the united energy system of Ukraine by the Russian occupying forces, which do not pursue any military goals and have exclusively a terrorist goal and lead to numerous victims among the civilian population, in particular children,

recalling the purposeful multi-month blockade of Ukrainian ports by the Russian aggressor, which provokes the world food crisis, as well as the ongoing attempts of the Russian Federation to block work within the framework of the Black Sea Grain Initiative and to continue food blackmail in order to promote and achieve its aggressive and revisionist goals,

stressing that the Russian Federation continues to use the accessible international platforms to spread disinformation and propaganda narratives in order to mislead the States and expects to continue to do so within the framework of the OSCE PA,

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appeals to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the parliaments of its member States:

to approve the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, which would provide for suspension of the mandates of the members of the OSCE PA, representing the parliaments of the participating States violating the OSCE principles and committing the act of armed aggression against another participating State of the Organization, as well as to adopt the decision on such suspension of the mandates of the members of the parliamentary delegations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, as well as to continue further reform of the Organization;

to refrain from joint work with representatives of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in the statutory bodies of the Assembly and related events held by the Assembly, for the period until the terrorist State's attitude towards the principles and goals of the OSCE is completely changed and the commitments undertaken within the Organization are fully fulfilled;

to request the Governments of participating States to apply visa restrictions to members of the parliaments of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, who are under the sanctions of the European Union and other OSCE participating States, as well as to call for further increase of sanctions pressure on Russia for its aggressive war against Ukraine;

to support the Polish-Lithuanian initiative regarding the appeal to the responsible officials of Austria and the OSCE PA to support restrictive measures and prevent representatives of the Russian Federation from participating in the regular Winter meeting of the OSCE PA;

to condemn the terrorist actions of the Russian Federation aimed to destroy Ukraine, to recognize the criminal actions of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine as genocide of the Ukrainian people, and to recognize Russia itself as a terrorist State, and make a relevant statement of the OSCE PA during the Winter meeting;

to adopt legislative acts that would allow to settle the issue of confiscation of frozen financial and other assets of the Russian Federation and its citizens for their subsequent transfer to Ukraine as compensation for the damage caused by Russian aggression, and to join the initiative to create a Special International Tribunal;

to increase sanctions pressure on the Russian Federation with the goal to stop the war and global world crisis created by the terrorist State, and to restore international legal order based on mutual respect and cooperation, and not on nuclear or any other blackmail, use or threat of use of force;

significantly increase economic, financial and security assistance to Ukraine, which will make it possible to advance the victory of the Ukrainian State in the defensive war against the Russian Federation and restore peace, stability and security in the world.