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STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE BENELUX PARLIAMENT
regarding the recent outrageous activities of the Russian Federation

We, the members of the Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Benelux Parliament, appalled by the recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation;

firmly condemn the sham “referenda” organized by the Russian Federation and the recent illegal annexation by the Russian Federation of parts of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions, areas of Ukraine currently under Russian occupation;

consider this illegal annexation is another blatant violation of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and a serious violation of the UN Charter;

strongly urge the international community not to recognize any changed status for Ukraine and any passports of the country issued in the occupied territories of Ukraine;

also firmly condemn the violations by the Russian Federation of the international humanitarian law concerning the prisoners of war and the violent oppression of the Russian protesters unwilling to participate in the Kremlin’s unjustified and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine;

call for immediate efforts to make the Russian Federation comply with international legal and humanitarian obligations regarding the treatment of prisoners of war;

impress the Russian Federation to recognize the unwillingness of the Russian people to participate in a senseless war that has already cost the lives of countless Ukrainians and Russians and accept defeat in Ukraine.

Condemn the oppression, forced displacement and deportation of the Ukrainian population in the illegally occupied territories, as well as the latest acts of terror against the Ukrainian people through several bombardments of civil targets, both in the illegally occupied territories and the rest of Ukraine.



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