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STATEMENT OF THE RIIGIKOGU ON MILITARY AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AGAINST GEORGIA

The Riigikogu condemns the military aggression of the Russian Federation against the Republic of Georgia and expresses deep-felt concerns about its eventual outcome.

The Riigikogu greets and supports the appeal of the international community and democracies to stop military activities immediately and to ensure the territorial integrity of the state of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders.

The Riigikogu stresses that peace can be restored in Georgia and the security of the neighbours of the Russian Federation can be guaranteed only if the global democratic community applies unified, forceful and consistent pressure to achieve this end. The aggressor must realise that an attack against a sovereign state leads to international sanctions. The Russian Federation must return to principles of cooperation and international law.

The Riigikogu points out that when the Russian Federation justifies the military aggression with the need to protect Russian citizens, it is using arguments identical to those used by the National Socialist Germany when it attacked its neighbours Czechoslovakia and Poland and crushed their independence. The return to such argumentation causes serious anxiety about world peace.

The Riigikogu calls on the United Nations, European Union, European Parliament, NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe, all democratic states and particularly their parliaments to assist Georgia in every way possible, in order to put an immediate end to the military aggression by the Russian Federation and to compensate for the moral and material damage caused.

The Riigikogu proposes to the Government of the Republic to allocate humanitarian aid to Georgia in order to repair war damages across the country.

The Riigikogu supports the application of new peacekeeping formats in Abkhazia and Southern Ossetia and calls on the European Union to participate in these. In case Russia continues the aggression, the Riigikogu considers it impossible to continue the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement negotiations between the European Union and Russia.

The Riigikogu supports the accelerated accession of Georgia to NATO.

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