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National delegations of the OSCE PA

International Secretariat of the OSCE PA

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As representatives of our respective countries' Parliaments we express continuous support for Ukraine. We are and will stay united and will assist Ukraine in its fight for freedom until the final victory.

February 24th marks one year of Ukrainian heroism, resilience and sacrifices of the whole Nation. It is necessary that Russia be held accountable, take responsibility and compensate for its actions. We emphasize the need to create an international legal mechanism of prosecuting the crimes of the aggressor.

Russia has isolated itself from the community of nations committed to the principles of international and humanitarian law by violating it, committing crimes against humanity and other crimes of shocking and enormous magnitude.

We note with great regret the fact of granting visas to Russian parliamentarians who are included in the EU sanctions list and allowing them to take part in the Winter Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on the very date of the anniversary of Russian open war of aggression.

Russia's participation in the OSCE PA meeting in Vienna will without doubt be used for propaganda purposes at home and abroad and will send a very disappointing message to the international community. The integrity of the OSCE and its PA will be damaged when the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act are violated. They must be defended by all means and on every possible occasion.

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