

STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN UKRAINE

The Benelux Parliament

- strongly condemns the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine;
- underlines that these unlawful and unjust actions by the Russian Federation constitute an immediate threat to peace and stability in Europe, and that these actions are dangerously undermining the security of the Baltic and the Nordic States, with whom the Benelux Parliament has a structural cooperation;
- wants to express its solidarity with the democratically elected authorities of Ukraine and with the Ukrainian people;
- stresses that Ukraine is a peaceful, sovereign nation and that Russia must respect its territorial integrity;
- strongly urges Russia to cease fire, to put an immediate end to its military operations and unconditionally withdraw its forces from the whole of Ukraine;
- calls on the governments of the Benelux to continue their efforts in support of Ukraine, within the EU, NATO, Council of Europe, OSCE and other international organisations;
- affirms that it will explore which measures can be set up – in the framework of interregional cooperation with the Baltic Assembly, the Nordic Council or the Eastern Partnership – in order to assist Ukraine and help to bring about stability;
- will examine to which extent further cooperation with the Baltic and the Nordic States can be developed in the field of interregional defence cooperation and in the field of protection of the cyberspace and information space against disinformation and cyber-attacks from the Russian Federation.