

# **RESOLUTION**

Of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of  
The Parliament of Georgia,  
The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova,  
The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

## **Condemning Aggressive Actions by the Russian Federation in the Kerch Strait against Ukraine.**

Recognizing the sanctity of the norms of international law, and the principles of integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders as the fundamental principle of relations between states:

Whereas, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, in the Kerch Strait, Russia, once again, violating the norms of international law, employing military force, attacked and seized Ukrainian vessels and their crews;

Whereas, these actions by the Russian Federation represent a blatant violation of international law and the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity;

Whereas, these actions are a continuation of the Russian Federation's policy of direct military aggression; illegal occupation of territories of Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine; direct and disguised annexation of territories legally under the sovereignty of these states; maintaining and increasing illegal military presence, and conducting illegal borderization in these occupied and annexed areas;

Whereas, the Parliaments of the three signatory States will never agree to Russia's occupation and annexation by military force and illegal actions by the Russian Federation;

Whereas, interference with domestic politics and meddling in internal affairs by the Russian Federation has been recognized as illegal and destabilizing for the entire region and broader international community;

Re-affirming the letter and spirit of the Joint Statement of the Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, of the Chairman of the Parliament of

Moldova and of the Chairman of the Ukraine Rada of March 2, 2018 in Chisinau.

Resolved that the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of The Parliament of Georgia, The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

- reiterates unequivocal support to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity

- strongly condemns the aggressive military actions of the Russian Federation in the Kerch strait;

- calls on the Government of Russian Federation to return ships and immediately release the illegally detained Ukrainian servicemen;

- calls on Russian Federation to ensure free international shipping through the Kerch strait and in the Azov Sea;

- calls on Russian Federation to cease aggressive and provocative actions in the occupied and annexed territories and, based on the signed cease-fire agreements, international treaties, norms and principles of international law to proceed immediately with de-occupation of illegally occupied and annexed territories, cease destabilization of domestic affairs of neighboring states, and ensure respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of these states;

- urges international community to take actions against illegal operations of the government of the Russian Federation in the Kerch strait, and more broadly, in its immediate neighborhood and beyond that lead to destabilization and escalation of tensions;

- calls on the European Union and the United States, as strategic partners, to extend political support to the democratic states of Eastern Europe and their sovereign choice to act in accordance with common democratic values and aspire to become members of the Western community of nations;

- urges Governments of Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine to join forces to ensure release of Ukrainian vessels and crew members; to ensure safety of international shipping

through the Kerch Strait and the Azov Sea; and to act against further encroachments on sovereignty and territorial integrity of their countries.