

## **Declaration of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland**

**dated 24 February 2022**

### **on the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine**

Despite the intensive efforts of the international community, the Russian Federation has today carried out an open, unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine. This is a brutal act of rape against the norms of international law, including the UN Charter, and a clear rejection by Russia of its international obligations under the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter, the Budapest Memorandum, the NATO-Russia Constitutive Act and the Minsk agreements.

This constitutes a direct attack on Euro-Atlantic security and the entire international order, with enormous geostrategic consequences. The Russian Federation is excluding itself from the international community. We are regressing to the darkest times of the 20th century.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland strongly condemns this criminal aggression. We call on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, which is cooperating with it, to cease the hostilities, withdraw all their troops from the territory of Ukraine and from the vicinity of its borders, and fully observe the international humanitarian law.

We support the democratic authorities and the Ukrainian people, and express our solidarity with them. We consistently support the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine. In this dramatic situation, we will not leave it without support.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland appeals in the strongest possible terms to the European Union, NATO, and the entire international community for the immediate introduction of the widest possible sanctions against the aggressor, the Russian Federation. We also call for the widest possible economic and humanitarian support for Ukraine.

The Members of the Polish Sejm, representing the Polish nation, support the deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, who are representatives of the Ukrainian people, in their work and struggle on behalf of their homeland, and express their solidarity with them. As representatives of our peoples, we have the right and the duty to appeal to entire societies and nations, as well as international institutions and organisations, to decisively, solidarily and unequivocally stop the hostile and aggressive behaviour of the authorities of the Russian Federation.