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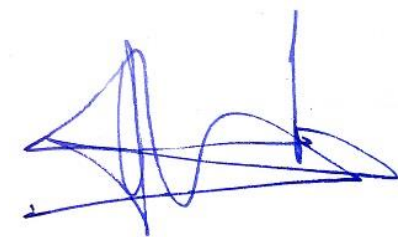
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### **Statement on the Russian aggression against Ukraine**

As the Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the NATO PA I condemn in the strongest possible terms the reckless act of aggression by the Russian Federation against an independent and sovereign Ukraine. President Putin's brutal war against military installations and civilian targets of a democratic European state is totally unjustified and already caused severe pain and numerous lives. It is in flagrant violation of international law and an attack also on European security and the rules-based world order. We demand Russia to stop this war immediately and retreat from Ukraine!

European Union Member States and NATO allies do not stand idle in front of such unprecedented aggression but act in exemplary unity and determination. President Putin's Russia is being hit by severe response from the Transatlantic community and we won't stop multiplying our efforts till we bring this madness to an end.

We stand by our Ukrainian friends in these dark hours. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the brave citizens on the streets of Kyiv, Kharkiv and elsewhere in Ukraine.  
Long live Free Ukraine!



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