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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the torture and criminal prosecution of Ukrainian minors Tihran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov by the Russian Federation  
(2023/2735(RSP))

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on behalf of The Left Group

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the torture and criminal prosecution of Ukrainian minors Tihran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov by the Russian Federation  
(2023/2735(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. Whereas the Russian Federation launched a war against Ukraine on 24 February 2022, in blatant violation of the UN Charter and the principles of international law;
- B. whereas Ukrainian minors Tihran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov face sentences of up to 20 years for allegedly conspiring with Ukrainian armed forces and planning to sabotage railways that help supply the Russian army; whereas Ohannisian was reportedly detained, interrogated and tortured by Russian authorities, before being released on the condition that he report daily to the authorities; whereas Khanhanov was not detained, but is obliged to report daily to investigators and to participate in investigative actions;
- C. whereas this conflict is having a devastating impact civilians; whereas Russia has committed a wide range of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, many of which amount to war crimes; whereas these include wilful killings, indiscriminate attacks against civilians, attacks on energy related infrastructure, torture, sexual violence and transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia;
- 1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the Russian Federation's military aggression against Ukraine; expresses its deepest solidarity with the people of Ukraine;
- 2. Calls on Russia to immediately cease its military aggression against Ukraine and to resume negotiations for ceasefire and peace agreements; calls on Russian authorities to cease all acts of violence and persecution against civilians, notably minors, in line with the Geneva Convention IV;
- 3. Calls on Russian authorities drop all charges against Tihran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov and to respect their human rights, including allowing them to leave the occupied territory;
- 4. Calls for all allegations of international crimes to be investigated, for perpetrators to be held accountable and for victims to be adequately compensated and supported;
- 5. Calls on the UN, NATO, the EU and their Member States to engage in diplomatic dialogues to achieve a ceasefire and political solutions to the conflict, in order to put an end to the suffering of Ukrainian people and put their interests first; calls for any further escalation of tensions between NATO and Russia to be prevented;

6. Opposes the militarisation of EU cooperation; stresses that peace in Europe requires peaceful conflict resolution, arms control and disarmament measures;
7. Regrets that sanctions against Russia are devastating for civilians in Russia;
8. Recalls that all refugees seeking safety in the EU are entitled to their fundamental rights; recalls that the vast majority of refugees from Ukraine are women and children; calls on the Member States to ensure an inclusive implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive, and safe and legal paths from Ukraine to the EU; calls on the Member States to keep Ukrainian migrants safe from trafficking and prostitution;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the VP/HR, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the UN, NATO, Ukraine as well as the President, Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation.