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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Commission and the Council

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the sustainable reconstruction and integration of Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community  
(2023/2739(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the sustainable reconstruction and integration of Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community (2023/2739(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, in particular those of 16 February 2023 on one year of Russia’s invasion and war of aggression against Ukraine<sup>1</sup>, of 23 June 2022 on the candidate status of Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia<sup>2</sup>, and of 1 March 2022 on the Russian aggression against Ukraine<sup>3</sup>,
  - having regard to the joint statement following the 24th EU-Ukraine Summit of 3 February 2023 in Kyiv,
  - having regard to the outcome document of the Ukraine Recovery Conference URC2022 (the Lugano Declaration) of 4-5 July 2022 and its guiding principles for Ukraine’s recovery process,
  - having regard to the G7 Leaders’ Statement of 27 June 2022 on support for Ukraine and to the latest G7 Leaders’ Statement of 19 May 2023,
  - having regard to the European Council conclusions of 23 June 2022,
  - having regard to the NATO Charter of 4 April 1949,
  - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation launched a war of aggression against Ukraine; whereas it continues, to date, to persistently violate the principles of the UN Charter through its aggressive actions against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine and to blatantly and grossly violate international humanitarian law, as established by the Geneva Conventions of 1949;
- B. whereas as a consequence of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, tens of thousands of Ukrainian citizens have already lost their lives, a third of the Ukrainian population have fled their homes, civilian and critical infrastructure have been destroyed or significantly damaged and the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) is estimated to have decreased by at least one third in 2022;
- C. whereas the magnitude of the devastation and destruction inflicted on Ukraine by Russia requires the broadest possible international support for the reconstruction and recovery of Ukraine, including for a prolongation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative beyond 16 July 2023 due to its fundamental role for the Ukrainian agricultural sector

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2023)0056.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 32, 27.1.2023, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 125, 18.3.2022, p. 2.

and global food security;

- D. whereas Ukraine, in response to the war waged by Russia, submitted its application for EU membership on 1 March 2022 and was granted candidate country status for EU accession following the European Council meeting of 23 June 2022;
  - E. whereas in October 2023, the Commission will submit a report on Ukraine's progress in implementing the seven recommendations indicated in the Commission opinion of 17 June 2022 on the country's application for EU membership; whereas the European Council will decide on Ukraine's preparedness for EU membership and further steps on its European path at its meeting in December 2023;
  - F. whereas the EU and the Member States, together with international partners and NATO allies, have been providing substantial military support to assist Ukraine in exercising its legitimate right to self-defence against the Russian war of aggression;
  - G. whereas it remains essential for the success of Ukraine's sustainable reconstruction and recovery as well as for its Euro-Atlantic integration that the Russian war of aggression ceases and that Russia permanently ceases violating or threatening the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, whether through military or hybrid means;
1. Reaffirms its unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who, for almost 16 months since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, have been experiencing the loss of life and their homes, the large-scale destruction of civilian and industrial infrastructure, nature and agricultural lands as well as human suffering to an unbearable extent; whereas they continue fighting for their right to freedom, personal safety, and respect for their fundamental freedoms, democratic and human rights and their country's integration into the Euro-Atlantic community;
  2. Reiterates its condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and demands that the Russian Federation immediately, completely and unconditionally cease its attacks against residential areas and civilian infrastructure, terminate all military activities in Ukraine, withdraw all military forces, proxies and military equipment from the entire internationally recognised territory of Ukraine, end the forced deportation of Ukrainian civilians and release all detained Ukrainians;
  3. Reiterates its resolve to contribute to maintaining the Ukrainian people's spirit of resilience and faith in a better future in which peace will reign in Ukraine and Europe, no part of Ukrainian territory will be under Russian occupation and no Ukrainian or other citizen will feel threatened or under attack for their wish to live in peace, safety and prosperity and with respect for European values and principles;
  4. Emphasises, however, the need to not only continue supporting Ukraine in exercising its legitimate right to self-defence, but also in re-establishing the conditions that will allow its people to resume a safe and prosperous economic and social life, its internally displaced persons and refugees to return to their homes and in particular the country's young generations to develop personal, educational and entrepreneurial projects in their home country of Ukraine;

5. Welcomes the EU's commitment to providing, together with international partners and in close cooperation with the authorities of Ukraine, support to Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, including through rebuilding social infrastructure, demining assistance, support in health and psychological rehabilitation and reintegration into active social life; welcomes the EU's intention to play a leading role, notably through the multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform agreed between Ukraine, the G7, international financial institutions and other key partners; calls on the Commission to make use of the expertise of and experience gained by its Support Group for Ukraine;
6. Calls on the Commission, together with the EU's and Ukraine's international partners, to convene another high-level conference dedicated to Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery process which would build on the results of the 2022 Lugano and Berlin international conferences on the reconstruction of Ukraine, and would also contribute to more closely intertwining the reconstruction process with Ukraine's European integration process;
7. Underlines the necessity to closely intertwine Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery process with its EU accession-related reforms in order to seize the momentum and turn the reconstruction into an overall modernisation that will boost the country's transformation into a modern European welfare state and market economy and prospective EU Member State;
8. Expresses its conviction that Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery process must be firmly based on the principles of social fairness and inclusion, gender equality, sustainability and green transformation, local ownership, transparency and accountability, and should be accompanied by effective mechanisms to monitor its implementation;
9. Calls on the Ukrainian authorities, together with international donors, to ensure the broad involvement of civil society and to pay particular attention to the needs and expectations of young and vulnerable groups; welcomes the increased societal engagement in Ukraine, which was enhanced by the experience of the war, but should take into account not only established organisations, but also social movements and more informal networks, for example;
10. Encourages the Ukrainian authorities, together with international donors, to put to use the achievements of its 2014 decentralisation reform and to empower local authorities in the reconstruction and recovery process, inter alia by giving them a prominent role in decision-making processes for reconstruction projects and by continuing their capacity-building with a view to strengthening public financial management and project management capacities; in addition, underlines the need to take into account the concerns, needs and expertise of internally displaced persons and refugees as their reintegration into local communities will be crucial for strengthening Ukraine's societal and institutional resilience, and unity;
11. Urges Ukraine to prioritise strengthening the rule of law and continuing the judiciary reform and the fight against corruption among its EU accession-related reforms, as progress in these areas will not only determine its progress on the European path but also the success of its reconstruction and recovery in so far as a strong rule of law will

contribute to the transparency and accountability of the process and improve the investment climate;

12. Welcomes the decision of the Council of Europe summit of 17 May 2023 in Reykjavík to set up a register for damages caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which serves as the first step towards an international compensation mechanism for victims of Russia's war of aggression; calls on the remaining Council of Europe members, in particular EU Member States Bulgaria and Hungary, to join the agreement as soon as possible; in this context, reiterates its call on the EU institutions and the Member States to ambitiously advance their work towards establishing a legal basis for the confiscation of public Russian assets for the purpose of financing the reconstruction of Ukraine;
13. Reiterates its solidarity with Ukraine in both its social and economic recovery, through EU budget support, in line with its European values, as well as specific programmes and initiatives such as the New European Bauhaus, which are all key to Ukraine's reconstruction, the recovery of its social and economic situation, and strengthening its self-reliance;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and to the President, Government and Parliament of Ukraine.