

ECONOMICS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Strengthening Sanctions against Russia and Comprehensive Support for Ukraine as a Guarantee of International Energy Security and Economic Stability

The Assembly,

1. **Expressing** our support for Ukraine, its democracy, sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders;
2. **Accordingly**, Russia's war against Ukraine is a challenge to worldwide democracy, providing support to Ukraine, Alliance members are defending their own security and democratic values;
3. **Condemning** any current ways in which certain countries are violating existing sanctions, consequently allowing Russia to rearrange its defense-industrial complex;
4. **Supporting** the integration of controls to ensure compliance with current sanctions;
5. **Emphasizing** that the democratic world should take more profound actions in terms of arming the Ukrainian Armed Forces to ensure overall peace;
6. **Approving** the financial, humanitarian, and military aid that has been provided by NATO member countries to support Ukraine's sovereignty;
7. **Emphasizing** that the sanction coalition should increase their efforts to provide Ukraine with an exceptional advantage in terms of economics and military;
8. **Emphasizing** that compliance with the provisions of Assembly Resolution 489 is crucial; it is aimed at supporting Ukraine. It was passed during Spring Session 2024 in Bulgaria;
9. **URGES** the governments and parliaments of NATO member states:
 - a. Call for the establishment of an international fund based on frozen Russian assets under the auspices of the members of the NATO PA to comprehensively support infrastructural, military, and humanitarian projects in Ukraine due to the unlawful actions of the Russian Federation with its invasion of Ukraine;
 - b. Improve the legal framework for further development of restrictive measures against institutions and companies recognized as providing essential support to Russia's military capabilities and fostering dual-use products in the Russian market;

- c. Arrange a monitoring and controlling mechanism to ensure compliance with sanctions against Russia by implementing two specialized groups:

The first group is meant for monitoring sanctioned goods in third countries to prevent further re-export to the Russian Federation;

The second group is meant to investigate Russia's violations of sanctions by OFAC (the Office of Foreign Assets Control) and prevent the expansion of the Russian shadow fleet according to OFAC's strategy;

- d. Recommend the cessation of governments special permissions by ministries that discharge Russian ships from sanctions against Russia, consequently as they are fostering further trade rate increase;
- e. Encourage Alliance member countries to follow the conditions of Preliminary Draft Report "Russia's war and allied support for Ukraine" adopted by Defence and Security Committee on 7th of May 2024: focusing on increasing defence industry expenditures, Alliance support for Ukraine in terms of training and guaranteeing NATO initiatives, restoration of investment;
- f. Take actions to prevent further Russia's attempts to increase its military presence to sabotage Black Sea region;
- g. Support efforts to decrease Russian use of the Black Sea and Azov Sea, to prevent illegal economic and trade activities, especially violations of sanctions;
- h. Arrange regional associations to share democratic values with Alliance partner countries to improve diplomatic, economic, and military connections;
- i. Implement diplomatic efforts to promote the diversification of energy resources in between the states of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, to prevent their dependence of Russia;
- j. Work together to achieve energy stability and ensure competitive energy prices;
- k. Intensify countermeasures the global negative impact of Russia's invasion in Ukraine, particularly its influence on the activities of international organized crime and terrorist groups.