

STATEMENT
OF THE SAEIMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
On establishing a no-fly zone over the territory of Ukraine and measures to
limit Russia's aggression

The Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

expresses strong support for Ukraine, its defenders and the people of Ukraine during the aggressive war started by the Russian Federation, affirms the unwavering support of the Republic of Latvia for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine;

emphasises that the unjustifiable and unprovoked invasion of the Russian Federation in the territory of Ukraine is a gross violation of the Russian Federation's commitments and the international law and constitutes an attack on the law-based international world order;

takes into consideration the resolution of the president of Ukraine of 28 February 2022, which requests to establish a no-fly zone over the airspace of Ukraine;

finds that the Russian Federation in its invasion into the territory of Ukraine and further military aggression employs increasingly inhumane tactics and weapons, that civilians are being attacked, and that civil infrastructure objects are shelled on a large scale;

reminds of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation (UN) of 2 March 2022 concerning the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine;

points out that the United Nations Organisation International Court of Justice adopted a statement on 16 March 2022, demanding that the Russian Federation stop its invasion of Ukraine and expressing deep concern about the use of military force by Moscow;

calls on the UN Member States to take immediate action towards a no-fly zone over Ukraine in order to protect the lives of Ukrainians and guarantee security in the airspace over Ukrainian nuclear power plants;

calls for action to ensure the operation of safe humanitarian corridors in the territory of Ukraine as soon as possible;

urges democratic nations to close their airspace and seaports to the airplanes and ships of the Russian Federation;

urges NATO and EU Member States to increase their support for Ukraine by delivering military equipment and defence weapons to help Ukraine defend its territory against the aggressor;

calls on the European Union to increase sanctions against the Russian Federation until it stops the war of aggression against Ukraine and withdraws its troops from the territory of Ukraine;

points out that the sanctions should also target Belarus, which is to be considered jointly liable for the war initiated by Russia against Ukraine;

expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine, and is standing with Ukrainians in the fight for the sovereignty and security of their state.