THE NATIONAL TRIPARTITE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF UKRAINE

Address of the National Tripartite Socio-Economic Council of Ukraine

Dear colleagues of the European Social and Economic Councils, The National Council thanks you for the quick response to the discussion of the war in Ukraine and our appeal, which was sent on February 26, 22 to all members of the International Association of Economic Social Councils and similar institutions.

The National Tripartite Socio-Economic Council of Ukraine expresses the common position of the Social Dialogue Parties in Ukraine, the Government, Trade Unions and Employers to condemn Russia's aggression against Ukraine, supporting the President of Ukraine, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and all the people of Ukraine.

After 8 years of military aggression against Ukraine, Russia launched an unprecedented full-scale war against our country. We want to share the truth with you:

On 02/24/22 at 5 am, the armed forces of the Russian Federation attacked Ukraine. This is an unjustified attack that is causing unnecessary suffering throughout Ukraine. Russia neglects key principles of international law - namely, recognition between civilians and combatants or between civilians and military. We have never said that, but now we are forced to say: Russia is a barbarian country.

Through its war crimes and state terrorism attacks, Russia as a state has branded itself with this stigma. After the barbaric attacks on our cities and villages, the murder of 16 Ukrainian children, we have the right to say so.

Explosions are heard in many cities of Ukraine, cities suffered from missiles attacks: Kharkiv (Svoboda Square, shelling does not stop day or night for the 5th day), Chernihiv, Kherson, Mariupol, Shchastia, Volnovakha (which was razed to the ground by the aggressor), Kyiv region - Hostomel, Bucha, Irpin, Vorzel (in this town there is an orphanage with 51 children, children cannot be taken out).

This is not even military aggression (where there are unwritten rules), this is the genocide of the Ukrainian people! This is a terrorist war!

Children are born in the subway, in bomb shelters under fire. No child in the world should live through war. Children should not die in wars. Russian fascists continue shelling civilians. It is beyond any human understanding. This is an absolute evil that should be severely punished!

The National Council calls on all states (all member states) and their organizations to help cleanse the world of the new Hitler, whose name is Putin - to eradicate Russian influence in the socio-economic sphere, diplomacy and other spheres. I am sure that we all understand that this aggressor country has no moral right to be a member of the Association, and even more so to preside over the period of 2021-2023 years. An aggressor country, a country that kills children, women, the elderly, cannot tolerate the humane and democratic principles of life.

Since membership is based on mutual respect for the autonomy and independence of all member organizations and has the basic principles - it has become a democracy and the effect of managing modern societies, listening and hearing each other, contribute to prosperity and economic development.

The actions of the Russian Federation cannot be combined with membership and stay in the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and similar institutions. Therefore, the National Council of Ukraine asks to exclude the Russian Federation from the members of the MAESRPI and deprive the status of a member of the Association. Ukraine asks for your support in the name of democratic values, peace, truth and freedom of choice.

I urge you - face the truth, do not believe the propaganda and blatant lies of Russia and Belarus! Read and share only verified information about Russia's attack on Ukraine, please actively share information on your social networks to condemn Russian aggression and support Ukraine. At this difficult time, any humanitarian and financial assistance in defending the human rights and national interests of independent and free Ukraine is important to us.

We are deeply appreciating and grateful for your support! Peace for all of us!

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