

## Urgent demands of the Nation Youth Council of Ukraine to take rapid response for the secure of civilian people affected by Russian aggression and its affiliated partner states

The situation in Ukraine is getting worse and worse.

Near Nova Kakhovka, Kherson Oblast, Russian occupiers shot civilians dead, whole family with children, fleeing the occupation on the first day of the war against Ukraine.

The night on the 25th of February, when a fire broke out in an apartment building Ukrainian law enforcement officers describe as a terrorist attack on Kyiv by Russian army.

The Fourth day of the war has ended, while the Russian army is shelling infrastructure facilities and residential buildings in Sumy, Kharkiv, Kyiv and Chernihiv. Sounds of explosions and shoots are heard all over Ukrainian cities and regions.

A number of Ukrainian cities are on the verge of access to humanitarian aid and the survival of the civilian population being very acute, with Russia violating international humanitarian law. Furthermore, not all people among civilians have access to personal vehicles and can evacuate safely from the shelling areas to the West Ukraine or cross border. Bus or Blablacar services are not available at the moment. Even if you have your own car, it is dangerous to move between the regions of Ukraine

Russia as the country not only ignores the norms of international law recognized by the world, but destroys them.

Ukraine has submitted its application against Russia to the International Court of Justice. Russia must be held accountable for manipulating the notion of genocide to justify aggression. Ukraine requested an urgent decision ordering Russia to cease military activity now and expect trials to start next week. But civilians are under the threat of war right at the moment and rapid response should be taken now.

Immediate and decisive action is necessary to save the lives of people in Ukraine and stop the biggest crime of the 21st century started by Russia. Therefore, we ask international youth organizations and National youth councils to call on your governments and heads of state, European institutions to take the following action:

- join the international coalition of the states, which support peace and contribute in solidarity towards joint actions and solutions to stop Russian aggression.
- in accordance with the Common Aviation Area Agreement, we ask National Youth Councils and international youth organizations to demand from the national governments to call NATO to close the sky over Ukraine in order to stop the full-scale aggression of the Russian Federation.
- together with the closed sky, we ask the Government of Ukraine to put in priority with the support of international partners and the army to organize a security corridor both through the airspace and ground to ensure the possibility of evacuation of all refugees, who would like to move to the West of Ukraine or find shelter in EU states. One of the ways to organize urgent evacuation of Ukrainians could be by trains to the nearest refugee centers, both in the West of Ukraine and across the border. Evacuation by train might be the safest way to rescue people from the hell of shelling.

- A green corridor, secured by the army, should be ensured by Ukrainian government with the support of international partners for all refugees, who would like to leave Ukraine for safety reasons. At the same time open your country's borders for Ukrainian refugees. No entry restrictions or complicated clearance procedures are acceptable at the time when all Ukrainian cities and towns are struck and shelled. "The Russian army has been bombing the town for the second day in a row, levelling it to the ground. This includes preventing a humanitarian catastrophe and helping people from Volnovakha which is blocked and where there is no electricity and no possibility to restore it.
- Together with major international humanitarian organizations, develop a structured plan to ensure humanitarian assistance to all territories of Ukraine and with help of the army secure a corridor for the delivery of this humanitarian aid to all people in need, who are blocked in the shelling hell.
- Help to establish refugee centers not only within tents coverage, but as well in buildings with appropriate heating optimal for the winter cold temperatures and ensuring security of basic needs.
- Disconnect Belarus from the international interbank payment system SWIFT as an affiliated partner state of Russia in invasion and military escalation in Ukraine. Monitor other affiliated states, who recognize and support Russian aggression and support sanctions against them, including disconnection from SWIFT.
- In times of digitalization, measures that limit access to technologies play more important role than anything else. Russia must be disconnected from the services of Visa and Mastercard payment systems, both internally and outside of the country on all bank cards issued in Russian banks.
- Urgently initiate procedures to invite Ukraine to EU and NATO membership. A concrete and particular roadmap and date upon which Ukraine becomes an EU and NATO member should be provided.
- Demand to deprive the aggressor country of the right to vote in the UN Security Council, to qualify actions and statements as genocide of people, to help with the delivery of corpses of soldiers.
- Call to initiate a UN Security Council investigation under Chapter VI of the UN Charter (Art. 34-35 of the UN Charter). Under Art. 27.3, the permanent member concerned, the Russian Federation, will not be able to veto this investigation.
- Support application of Ukraine against Russia in the International Court of Justice and adopt an urgent decision ordering Russia to cease military activity now. Ensure help for Ukraine to prepare a legal analysis of all violations of international law by Russia. With this aim send war crimes experts and military analysts.
- Secure dimension of reliable information on ongoing Russian invasion to Ukraine and take joint actions to stop Russian disinformation and propaganda through major media sources, social media channels.
- Terminate any cooperation and conduct of business which has any connection with financial income from Russia or which is owned by Russian citizens.

Today political statements and calls for dialogue are no longer enough and concrete actions must be taken to save lives and the future of Ukraine.