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## EU must meet Russia's escalation with strong reaction

Ahead of Thursday's vote on the resolution highlighting the need to reinforce the EU's unwavering support to Ukraine, MEPs today debated the continuing escalation of Russia's war of aggression. The Greens/EFA Group calls on the HR/VP and the Member States to express their proactive support and to develop a clear strategy with adequate tools to strengthen the EU's role in its implementation.

Greens/EFA MEP **Villy Søvndal** from Denmark, Member of the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee and Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur on the resolution, comments:

*"Our union is first and foremost a peace project, which Russia continues to undermine. Vladimir Putin has barbarically and illegally brought conflict and war back to Europe. The Greens/EFA Group is gravely concerned about the direct involvement of North Korean troops in the conflict, which is an unacceptable and unprecedented escalation and should be met with a strong and unified EU reaction."*

*"We have a duty to support Ukraine in its fight for freedom for as long as it takes and to continue providing them with the arms they need to defend themselves. We must also accelerate the development of green energy to end our reliance on Putin's gas. Additionally, Member States must extend support to Ukrainian refugees, ensuring no child is left behind."*

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