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One year of Russian war of aggression: We stand with Ukraine

One year ago tomorrow, the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine began. The Greens/EFA stand with international partners alongside Ukraine. We call for international solidarity and a clear condemnation of the war of aggression ahead of the UN General Assembly vote today, the UN Security Council debate planned for tomorrow and the peace initiative announced by China.

Philippe Lamberts MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"For one year, warmonger Vladimir Putin has been pursuing his murderous agenda to destroy Ukraine as a sovereign state and as a self-determined nation, brutally intensifying its imperial attack on Ukraine that started with the 2014 annexation of Crimea and war in the Donbas. We, Greens/EFA in the European Parliament, stand firmly with Ukraine.

"There is no going back to the status quo before the war. Those who dream of this fail to realize that Vladimir Putin is in fact waging a war against democracy and freedom. It is not the arms deliveries that prolong this war, but Vladimir Putin himself. Delivering arms allows Ukraine to act on its right to defend itself and protects Ukraine from being destroyed."

Terry Reintke MEP, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"Russia's war has brought untold suffering, death and displacement to the brave people of Ukraine. Vladimir Putin must immediately and unconditionally end this brutal war of aggression, occupation and violence.

"The unilateral suspension of Russian participation in the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms confirms Vladimir Putin's disregard for international law and treaties. We, Greens/EFA, call for strict EU sanctions and clear support within the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. China, who has yet to condemn Russia's war of aggression, announced it will propose a peace initiative. This plan cannot be allowed to be used as veiled support for Putin's war and imperialist ambitions."

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