



RESOLUTION:

On illegitimate elections to the state дума of the federal assembly of the Russian federation in the temporary occupied territory of Ukraine

Adopted at the YEPP Council of Presidents, Vienna, Austria on the 8th of October 2016

Recognizing that:

- On March 18th, 2014 the Russian Federation illegally annexed Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, and is therefore an occupying state, which violated international law, including the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, the 1994 Budapest Memorandum and the 1997 Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership between the Russian Federation and Ukraine;
- On March 27th, 2014 the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/68/262 "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine", calling on States, international organizations and specialized institutions not to recognize any alteration to the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol and to refrain from any actions or steps that could be interpreted as recognition of any such altered status;
- On May 12th, 2016 the European Parliament reconfirmed its full commitment to the sovereignty, political independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders and its free and sovereign choice to pursue a European path, the resolution [2016/2692\(RSP\)](#);
- The EPP Group has taken a strong position against elections in the temporary occupied territory, - ahead of the Russian parliamentary elections, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group responsible for foreign affairs, and Jaromír Štětina MEP, Vice-Chair of the Parliament's Subcommittee for Security and Defence, condemned the decision to have Russian parliamentary elections on Ukrainian territory. Stating that Russian Federation was once again breaching international law by violating the territorial integrity of Ukraine
- The OSCE monitoring mission did not conduct any operations in the illegally-annexed territories of Crimea and Sevastopol.

Acknowledging that:

- Having occupied Crimea as a result of the armed aggression against Ukraine and forcefully imposing its legal framework over the peninsula, the Russian Federation continues its gross violation of the fundamental norms and principles of international law;
- Inclusion of the integral part of the sovereign territory of Ukraine into the Russian united federal constituency and creation in the Crimean Peninsula of four separate single-member majority constituencies is the violation of the fundamental norms and principles of international law;
- The voting results and the terms of office for four members of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, elected in Crimea by majority vote system, and for 225 members of parliament, elected by proportional vote system, are illegitimate as well as null and void.

YEPP calls on:

- The EU member states, not to recognize the results of elections to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation as regards to voting in the territory of the occupied Crimean Peninsula;
- The EU Member States, not to recognize the seventh elections convening to State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.
- The EU member states, to include into the sanction lists a list of persons, involved directly in the organization of this electoral farce in Crimea.
- The EU member states, to demand from the Russian Federation to stop immediately its armed aggression against Ukraine and de-occupy the seized Ukrainian territories, by withdrawing the Russian troops.