



EMERGENCY RESOLUTION:

On the escalation of the Russian military aggression in Ukraine

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Recognizing that:

- The long-term military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which caused illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and military conflict in the East of Ukraine;
- Escalation of the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian illegal armed units (so-called Donetsk People's Republic and Lugansk People's Republic), regular Russian troops and on the other side – Ukrainian forces of "anti-terrorist operation", that has led to the irreparable injury for civil citizens;
- That Since 29 January, 2017 the hybrid Russian forces have conducted massive artillery attacks on Ukrainian government-controlled city of Avdiivka and its suburbs directly from the occupied residential areas of Donetsk and Yasynuvata and sent assault units to seize control of the positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Avdiivka, using weapons which are forbidden by the Minsk Agreement;
- That as a result of the shelling of the Avdiivka Coke and Chemical Plant which produced energy for the city, 34,000 residents were cut off the water, electricity and heating supply amid the temperature of -18°C .
- That the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine report of 1 February registered approximately 1800 and then 2640 outgoing explosions of MLRS (unknown type) from the occupied Horlivka, 65-80 outgoing explosions of MLRS "Grad" from the occupied Yasynuvata, almost 200 impacts of MLRS rounds near Avdiivka;
- That since 29 January, 10 Ukrainian servicemen were killed, 70 were wounded;
- According to the UN Human Rights Office, since the start of the conflict almost 10,000 people have been killed, and over 23,000 injured. Over 2,000 of those killed were civilians

Acknowledging that:

- Dangerous deterioration of the situation in the eastern region of Ukraine and its severe impact on the local civilian population;

- The current escalation in Donbas is a clear indication of Russia's continued blatant disregard of its commitments under the Minsk agreements, with a view of preventing the stabilization of the situation and achieving any progress in the security and humanitarian spheres
- According to Minsk agreements, the city of Avdiivka belongs to the government-controlled territory and is of strategic importance for both sides of the conflict.
- The need for strict compliance with UN resolution 2202 (2015), which endorsed the Package of measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements;
- The necessity to cease hostilities, to fully comply with the truce, to provide immediate and unhampered humanitarian access for international humanitarian organizations so that they could help the affected population, and to enable the OSCE mission to observe and report the situation.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Union, the EU national parliaments and international organizations to condemn the military attacks of gunmen so-called DNR (Donetsk National Republic) and Russian military troops in Avdiivka, Donetsk region.
- The EU member states to strengthen united political and diplomatic pressure on the Russian authorities to stop dangerous escalation in Donbas and restore Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty.
- The Organization for security and cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to get access to occupied territories of Ukraine and provide comprehensive information on the violation of ceasefire regime in Donbas, according to the Minsk Agreement.