



RESOLUTION:

HALTING RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN THE BALTIC SEA, NORTH ATLANTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

Adopted at the YEPP Council Meeting
In Zagreb, Croatia, on the 7th of March 2015

Recognising:

- The right of every sovereign state not to be violated militarily or in other ways by any foreign power;
- The joint statement made by the national leaders of all YEPP organisations during the Council of Presidents in Rome 2014 condemning the Russian aggression and calling for immediate withdrawal of the Russian troops from the sovereign state of Ukraine;
- The deployment of Russian armed forces in Ukraine, leading to destabilisation and war in Ukraine;
- The violation of European and allied territories by the Russian military since Easter 2013 to the present.

Acknowledging:

- That Russia has never been a real democracy, under rule of law nor parliamentary governance;
- The ongoing violations of human rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the persecution of minorities groups such as the LGBT community.
- Acknowledging the recent statement by the YEPP board condemning the killing of Boris Nemtsov.

YEPP calls on:

- The Russian Federation to immediately halt all forms of aggressive appearance within the European borders and European territories;

- The EPP Group to express its grave concern regarding the increased military spending of the Russian Federation and its aggressive appearance;
- Member States of NATO to immediately apply the principle of Article 5 in the NATO charter if Russia violates any member state of NATO by military means.
- The Russian Federation should immediately release Eston Kohver, the Estonian intelligence agent who was illegally kidnapped from Estonian territory, and Ukrainian pilot Nadiya Shavchenko.