



RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AGAINST UKRAINE

Since the recognition by the Russian Federation of the self-proclaimed republics of Luhansk and Donetsk on 21 February 2022 and its military intervention on Ukrainian territory on 24 February 2022, there has been widespread condemnation from governments, international organisations and civil society.

As an association whose mission is to work for the development of international law, the French Branch of the International Law Association / *Association de droit international* (ILA) can only express its strongest protests when the most elementary rules of the international order are flouted.

The French Branch:

- Recalls the substance of the fundamental principle expressed in Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter that “[a]ll Members shall refrain in their international relations from the **threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state**, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations”;
- Notes that the recognition of the self-proclaimed republics of Luhansk and Donetsk and the military aggression of Ukraine by the Russian Federation are **flagrant violations of international law**;
- Notes that the **international responsibility of the Russian Federation** is entailed by the serious breach of obligations arising under peremptory norms of international law; as a result, that Russia is exposed to severe sanctions, in accordance with international law and without prejudice to Ukraine’s right to self-defence; that all States shall cooperate to bring an end to this serious violation and that no State shall recognize as lawful the situation thus created;
- Considers that those who planned, prepared, initiated or executed the attack against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine should be held responsible for the **international crime of aggression**;
- Calls on the Russian Federation to **put an immediate end** to its violations of international law;
- Calls on all parties to **respect international humanitarian law** in the conduct of hostilities and to make every effort to bring them to an end;
- Calls on the ILA and all its national branches to show **solidarity** with the Ukrainian people, as well as with the Ukrainian Branch of the ILA;
- Reaffirms more than ever its commitment to **peace through law**.

Resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the French Branch on 25 February 2022.