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Newly elected Parliament reaffirms its strong support for Ukraine

- The EU must work actively to maintain international support for Ukraine
- Provide military support to Ukraine for as long as, and in whatever form, is necessary, MEPs say
- Parliament condemns Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's recent visit to Moscow

EU sanctions against Russia and Belarus should be maintained and	
extended	

With Russia's war against Ukraine raging on, Parliament reconfirmed on Wednesday its view that the EU must continue to support Kyiv for as long as it takes until victory.

The resolution, which sets out the newly-elected European Parliament's first official position on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, restates the continued support of MEPs for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders. It calls on the EU to maintain and extend its sanctions policy against Russia and Belarus, monitor and review its effectiveness and impact, and systematically tackle the issue of sanctions circumvention by EU-based companies, third parties, and third countries.

Confiscate Russian state-owned assets frozen by the EU

While restating their firm conviction that Russia must compensate financially for the destruction it has caused in Ukraine, MEPs welcome recent EU efforts to direct revenues coming from frozen Russian assets to support the Ukrainian war effort. They also want a "sound legal regime for the confiscation of Russian state-owned assets frozen by the EU".



Parliament further welcomes the outcome of the recent NATO summit and reaffirms its stance that Ukraine is on an irreversible path to NATO membership. MEPs call on the EU and member states to increase their military support for Ukraine for as long as necessary and in whatever form necessary. They also call on the European Commission to propose long-term financial assistance for the reconstruction of Ukraine, building on the experience of the newly established Ukraine Facility.

Viktor Orbán in "blatant violation of the EU's treaties and common foreign policy"

Parliament condemns Russia's barbaric missile attack on the Okhmadyt children's hospital in Kyiv, and the recent visit of the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to the Russian Federation, which does not represent the EU and is a blatant violation of the EU's treaties and common foreign policy. The text states that Hungary should face repercussions for these actions. Given the Hungarian Prime Minister's so-called "peace mission" was immediately followed by the children's hospital attack, the resolution also says this shows the "irrelevance" of Orbán's alleged peace efforts.

Roll-call votes

Adopted by 495 votes in favour, 137 against with 47 abstentions, the full text of the resolution (17.07.2024) will be available soon. You can also check the results of the roll-call votes (17.07.2024).

More information

Here is a (non-exhaustive) list of Ukraine resolutions adopted by MEPs during the previous legislative term (2019-2024).

Further information

Watch a video recording of the plenary statements on Ukraine (17.07.2024) EP Multimedia Centre: free photos, video and audio material

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