

## LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS SEIMO PIRMININKAS SPEAKER OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Presidents of Parliament Members States of the European Union and NATO

Vilnius, 25 February 2022

Dear Presidents of Parliament, Dear Colleagues,

The Russian Federation, in flagrant violation of international law and international agreements, including the Minsk agreements, has launched an open war against Ukraine with the aim of seizing control of Ukraine and overthrowing the legitimately elected Ukrainian government.

These criminal actions have been actively supported by the regime of Alexander Lukashenko. Moreover, large Russian military capabilities have been deployed on the Belarusian territory. We must not forget that the Russian Federation has already occupied parts of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, and that it is currently pursuing further occupation of Ukraine and a policy of creeping annexation of Belarus.

I am enclosing for your information the Resolution of 24 February 2022 by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania condemning the military aggression of the Russian Federation and Belarus against Ukraine and expressing our strong support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

Dear Colleagues, on behalf of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, I urge you to take a firm stance on these illegal actions by the Russian Federation and take international leadership in mobilising all the countries of the democratic world in support of Ukraine and to seek to muster the support of the largest possible number of the world's countries in the implementation of the sanctions against the Russian and the Belarusian regimes.

Today, the future of a democratic and free world is at stake in Ukraine, and the responsibility for it rests on the shoulders of all of us.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen Speaker of the Seimas