

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to inform you about the resolution on the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine adopted by the National Council of the Slovak Republic during an extraordinary plenary session yesterday, February 25. Please find attached a courtesy translation.

The National Council also passed the *Bill on certain measures related to the situation in Ukraine* through a fast-track legislative procedure:

- The law allows for the mass influx of foreigners to be enshrined in the Civil Protection Act as an event that allows for the declaration of an emergency situation.
- The law also includes an amendment to the Asylum Act, which will enable the government of the Slovak republic to declare the provision of temporary refuge even without a decision of the Council of the European Union. Provisions on temporary refuge are also specified.
- The amendment to the Cyber Security Act aims to prevent the spread of harmful content on the internet through a new institute of "blocking".

I wish you all a nice weekend.

Kind Regards,

S pozdravom

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DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ON THE MILITARY  
AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AGAINST UKRAINE

National Council of the Slovak Republic:

1. **Condemns** in the strongest possible terms the unprovoked, unjustified and unfounded military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.
2. **Stresses** that Russia's military aggression against Ukraine - an independent and sovereign state - is a gross trampling on international law and the principles of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, the Budapest Memorandum, the Paris Charter and the NATO-Russia Founding Act. The actions of the Russian Federation are dangerously undermining European and global security and stability.
3. **Demands** the Russian Federation to suspend military operations immediately and to withdraw all armed forces and military equipment from all of territory of Ukraine and to fully respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.
4. **Demands** the Russian Federation to return to the negotiating table and sincerely seek a peaceful solution.
5. **Calls on** the Russian Federation to fully respect international humanitarian law and to allow safe and unhindered humanitarian access and assistance to all persons in need.
6. **Reaffirms** that the territories of the self-proclaimed republics of Donetsk and Luhansk remain the sovereign territories of Ukraine.
7. **Condemns** the tragic loss of lives and human suffering caused by the aggression for which the Russian Federation bears full responsibility and expresses its solidarity with the victims.
8. **Expresses** its full support for Ukraine and its citizens and extends its condolences to the innocent victims of this aggression. Ukraine is fighting for the values of freedom, democracy, political independence, state sovereignty and territorial integrity, which are crucial also for Slovakia.
9. **Reiterates** its unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.
10. **Stresses** that the citizens of the Slovak Republic are in solidarity with the neighboring Ukrainian nation and fully support its right to freely choose the world in which they want to live and prosper. At the same time, we are convinced that the ongoing aggression does not reflect the will of the majority of the Russian nation. The Russian nation does not deserve to be led by its political leadership into international isolation and economic crisis.
11. **Stands** by the people of Ukraine and its democratically elected representatives.