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On the Long-Term Support Plan for Ukraine

The European People's Party urges European countries to develop a long-term support plan for Ukraine. European Union and member states should build bilateral and multilateral programmes, which include the immediate military, humanitarian and economic assistance, promotion of democratic reforms and support for the long-term Ukraine's foreign policy objectives of European and Euro Atlantic integration.

The European People's Party:

condemns the ongoing aggression by Russian Federation against Ukraine, which represents a major military conflict in Europe and a threat to the security and stability of the continent;

recognizes the significant progress of reforms Ukraine made during the last three years after Maidan revolution despite aggression from Russia;

stresses that reform process, especially in the fields of anti-corruption and public sector, demand more time and efforts of Ukrainian political leadership and society;

recognizes that under today's circumstances it is difficult to expect the EU enlargement to Ukraine over the next decade; however EPP should seek to strengthen the Eastern Partnership;

considers that successful Ukraine's transformation is an important prerequisite element in strengthening civil society in other Post-Communist states, as well as Russia;

Therefore, the European People's Party urges its members:

- to strongly support Ukrainian independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, with the continuation of EU's economic sanctions to Russia until Minsk Agreements are fully implemented and Ukraine re-establishes its control of the Ukraine-Russia state border; furthermore, EU must maintain its non-recognition policy towards the annexation of Crimea till the latter is ceased;

- to maintain that the all-encompassing normalization of relationship between Russia and EU is based on Russia's willingness to end its aggression and destabilizing actions in Ukraine;

- to support Ukraine's European integration aspirations and the right of states to independently decide their countries' future and foreign policy;

- to help Ukraine advance reforms to comply with the Copenhagen membership criteria in line with the Article 49 of the European Union Treaty;

- to support the consistent implementation and further promotion of national minorities especially in the field of language rights and education
- to ensure peaceful coexistence within society by discouraging extremism and non-democratic movements;
- to step up the support for governmental and non-governmental actors dealing with the problem of internally displaced persons;
- to ensure completion of the process of the ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and help Ukraine achieve a good pace in implementing it;
- to support adoption and entry into force of the visa free regime for Ukraine as soon as possible;
- in order to keep motivation of Ukrainian people to continue with implementation of difficult reforms to support the establishment of a broad investment package ("Marshall Plan for Ukraine"), aimed at boosting Ukrainian economic recovery, which would be conditional on achievements and concrete policy decisions made by Ukrainian government.