RESOLUTION
on
Ukraine

The CDI:

1. Condemns the invasion by Russian troops of the sovereign territory of Ukraine, supports Ukraine's territorial integrity, unity and sovereignty, regards Russia's actions as a breach of international law and calls on President Putin to withdraw all Russian armed forces from the sovereign territory of Ukraine and allow for a peaceful solution to the current crisis which respects international law.

2. Rejects the result of the illegitimate, unilateral independence referendum of the 16th of March. Condemns the decision of the illegitimate authorities in Crimea to hold a referendum on joining the Russian Federation which violates the Ukrainian Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional.

3. Underlines the importance of the international community observing Crimea, especially through the OSCE's fact-finding mission and the coordination of European and international efforts to stabilise the situation in Ukraine.

4. Calls on Russia to respect its international treaty obligations, including the UN Charter, the OSCE Helsinki Final Act as well as the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances.

5. Welcomes the release of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko from prison, and is convinced that her release will symbolise the end of selective and politically motivated justice in Ukraine.

6. Welcomes the signing of the political chapter of the EU-Ukraine Association agreement scheduled for the 21st of March. Encourages the current and future governments to implement the reforms made necessary by the agreement as soon as possible.

7. Calls on the EU Council to take strong and appropriate action against the Russian Federation, including broad economic sanctions.

8. Welcomes the deployment of a UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission throughout Ukraine (including Crimea) upon the invitation of the Government.

9. Strongly rejects Russian claims of discrimination against Russian speaking citizens of Ukraine and the defamation of peaceful protestors as fascists: these are lies spread as propaganda for which there is no evidence whatsoever. It was Yanukovych who ordered the violent acts against peaceful demonstrators which resulted in numerous deaths;

10. Supports Russian citizens living in Russia who have demonstrated against the invasion of Crimea and condemns the authorities who have

responded to these demonstrations by arresting the numerous peaceful protestors.

11. Calls for a coordinated, European led effort to assist Ukraine financially with funds from the EU and international financial institutions such as EIB, EBRD, IMF, and the World Bank.

12. Expresses full support to the new government headed by Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk elected by the majority of the Ukrainian Parliament, the Verkhovna Rada. Underlines that the Ukrainian Parliament, the Acting President and the new Government of Ukraine are fully legitimate. Expresses full support to the new government headed by Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. Strongly supports the EPP regional member parties of the CDI, Batkivshchyna and UDAR, underlines their leading role in the democratic transformation and the European aspirations of Ukraine, encourages the leadership of the parties to continue their strong cooperation and to assume joint responsibility for the democratic future of Ukraine.

13. Stresses that those who committed crimes against the citizens of Ukraine should face independent investigations and trials under the rule of law based on the principles of the Council of Europe.

14. Calls on the European Council and the European Commission to speed up the visa dialogue with Ukraine, so as to advance the process of introducing a visa free regime, following the Moldovan example.

15. Calls on the International Community to enter into dialogue with the Russian authorities to facilitate contact with the new government of Ukraine regarding political and economic relations. Strongly regrets russia's reluctance to pursue a peaceful and democratic solution according to international standards subscribed by Russia.