

## **Resolution on strengthening democracy and security on the European continent**

Recalling the resolution on Putin's war in Ukraine approved by the IDC-EDI Executive Committee on 27 April 2022;

Stressing that the military aggression being conducted for over four months by the Putin regime against the Ukraine is unjustifiable and that the fight of the Ukrainian people is a fight for all democracies and peace-loving nations in the world;

Encouraging the European Union member states to remain united in their response to Putin's aggression and to strengthen their security and defense capabilities both as members of the European Union and through their membership in NATO;

Recognizing that EU and NATO enlargements are necessary for the consolidation, preservation and dissemination of democratic values on the European continent and beyond, as well as for the maintenance and promotion of peace among nations;

The IDC-EDI:

- 1- Strongly condemns once again the illegal Russian war against the Ukrainian people;
- 2- Demands the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukrainian sovereign territory, including Crimea;
- 3- Welcomes the decision of NATO allies taken last week in Madrid to accept Finland and Sweden's request to join the Alliance. We call the members of NATO to swiftly approve this decision in their national parliaments in order to ensure peace and stability in the continent;
- 4- Welcomes and supports the decision of the European Council of 23 June 2022 to grant candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova, two countries whose people have bravely proven their commitment to democracy and to a European path;
- 5- We support Georgia's request for candidate status recognizing that the granting of this status, by the EU Council, would be easier if the Georgian Government would release all political prisoners, in particular former President Michal Saakashvili.

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