

STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT'S AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

Atlantic Cities, the European Network of the Atlantic Cities, observes with horror the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army on the orders of Vladimir Putin, in violation of international law and triggering a real danger of warlike confrontation with unforeseeable consequences that unfortunately takes us back to the most remote times of past wars.

While our European sister cities in Ukraine are under siege and aggression, we wish to express our solidarity with the population currently suffering the consequences of a war that should never have begun. Europe cannot stand idly by in the face of the tragedy we are experiencing.

In the face of this unilateral aggression, the Atlantic Cities, we declare:

1°.- Our strongest condemnation of the violation of international law in this war initiated by Vladimir Putin against the people of Ukraine.

2°.- To demand the immediate cessation of the aggression and the withdrawal of the Russian army from Ukrainian territory.

3°.- To immediately stop the assault on Ukrainian cities and the aggressions against their citizens.

4°.- We call for the start of peace talks under the aegis of the United Nations.

5°.- We reject the threats of reprisal expressed by the Russian government towards those undertaking actions to aid and assist the Ukrainian population.

6°.- We express our solidarity and support to the Ukrainian people and our commitment to peace and democratic values and respect for human rights and international law.

7°.- We also call upon the EU, as well as the international community, to provide financial and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and to prepare the necessary infrastructures to ensure adequate conditions for the population fleeing this war.

In Donostia/San Sebastián, 2th of March 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "E. Goia Laso".

Mr Eneko Goia Laso
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