



Eleventh emergency special session

Agenda item 5

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 23 February 2023***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/ES-11/L.7)]***ES-11/6. Principles of the Charter of the United Nations underlying a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine***The General Assembly,**Recalling* the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,*Recalling also* the obligation of all States under Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means,*Reaffirming* that no territorial acquisition resulting from the threat or use of force shall be recognized as legal,*Recalling* its relevant resolutions adopted at its eleventh emergency special session and its resolution [68/262](#) of 27 March 2014,*Stressing*, one year into the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, that the achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace would constitute a significant contribution to strengthening international peace and security,*Recalling* the order of the International Court of Justice of 16 March 2022,¹*Deploring* the dire human rights and humanitarian consequences of the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, including the continuous attacks against critical infrastructure across Ukraine with devastating consequences

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/77/4)*, paras. 189–197.



for civilians, and expressing grave concern at the high number of civilian casualties, including women and children, the number of internally displaced persons and refugees in need of humanitarian assistance, and violations and abuses committed against children,

Noting with deep concern the adverse impact of the war on global food security, energy, nuclear security and safety and the environment,

1. *Underscores* the need to reach, as soon as possible, a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Welcomes and expresses strong support* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and Member States to promote a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine, consistent with the Charter, including the principles of sovereign equality and territorial integrity of States;

3. *Calls upon* Member States and international organizations to redouble support for diplomatic efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine, consistent with the Charter;

4. *Reaffirms its commitment* to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;

5. *Reiterates its demand* that the Russian Federation immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, and calls for a cessation of hostilities;

6. *Demands* that the treatment by the parties to the armed conflict of all prisoners of war be in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949² and Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of 1949,³ and calls for the complete exchange of prisoners of war, the release of all unlawfully detained persons and the return of all internees and of civilians forcibly transferred and deported, including children;

7. *Calls for* full adherence by the parties to the armed conflict to their obligations under international humanitarian law to take constant care to spare the civilian population and civilian objects, to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access to those in need, and to refrain from attacking, destroying, removing or rendering useless objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population;

8. *Also calls for* an immediate cessation of the attacks on the critical infrastructure of Ukraine and any deliberate attacks on civilian objects, including those that are residences, schools and hospitals;

9. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law committed on the territory of Ukraine through appropriate, fair and independent investigations and prosecutions at the national or international level, and ensure justice for all victims and the prevention of future crimes;

10. *Urges* all Member States to cooperate in the spirit of solidarity to address the global impacts of the war on food security, energy, finance, the environment and nuclear security and safety, underscores that arrangements for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine should take into account these factors, and calls upon Member States to support the Secretary-General in his efforts to address these impacts;

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 972.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1125, No. 17512.

11. *Decides* to adjourn the eleventh emergency special session of the General Assembly temporarily and to authorize the President of the General Assembly to resume its meetings upon request from Member States.

*19th plenary meeting
23 February 2023*
