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1 **On the War in Eastern Ukraine**

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3 The armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine, ongoing since 2014, is not - and has never been - a civil war.
4 From the very beginning, it has been a specific form of external aggression of the Russian
5 Federation, which uses marginalized representatives of the local population, mercenaries, and
6 regular units of the Russian armed forces in its power-crushing capacity.

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8 For the purpose of taking actions, which are blatant violations of international law and norms of
9 civilized co-existence on the whole, Russia uses satellite pseudo-government structures of so-called
10 Donetsk and Luhansk "People's Republics", whose emergence and existence have become possible
11 solely because of comprehensive support from the Russian Federation. In combat, operations are
12 maintained by ongoing supplies of weapons from Russia. Ukraine does not control almost 400 km of
13 the Ukrainian-Russian border, and Russia counteracts resuming such control in any way possible,
14 thus blatantly violating the sovereignty of its neighbour country. The military invasion is supported
15 by a campaign, filled with disinformation, and deceitful diplomacy all over the world.

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17 Therefore, there are sufficient grounds to deem the Ukrainian territory, taken up by the pseudo-
18 republics, to be occupied and to identify the whole conflict as a "hybrid war".

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20 No election can be held on a territory where the state cannot exercise its own jurisdiction, even
21 temporarily. Resuming state jurisdiction is the minimal necessary precondition for application of
22 national electoral legislation and other laws and regulations of Ukraine. Otherwise, the election will
23 become a mere farce and a discredit to democratic institutions, as happened once before with the
24 illegal "referenda", which served as a basis to make the promulgation of Donetsk/Luhansk People's
25 Republics and the annexation of the Crimean legitimate in the spring of 2014. However, participants
26 in the negotiation of the "Normandy format" ignore these arguments and still insist on conducting
27 the election on these very terms and conditions.

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29 Such a requirement, on the part of Russia, is a logical continuation of its attempts to reinforce
30 political and legal positions of its satellites in the long-run and make Ukraine dependent on its
31 political will through a permanent "frozen conflict". However, the use of such an approach by EU

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32 Member States, who are engaged in the Normandy process, can be explained only by attempts of,
33 "pacification of the aggressor", while the latter demonstrates neo-imperial ambitions and seeks to
34 resume "the Rule of Force", as opposed to the Rule of Law, in its relationships, not only with Ukraine,
35 but also with many other countries.

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37 Unfortunately, this style of military and political behavior is nothing new for the Russian Federation
38 since the time of USSR breakdown. In 1992, Russia triggered military aggression and Moldovan
39 territorial disintegration, as a result of the Transnistria War. Georgia also became the victim of
40 brutal violations of international law in 1992 and 2008, losing part of its territory. Lack of
41 appropriate reactions from international institutions finally made the aggression against Ukraine
42 possible.

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44 Russian military aggression aims not just at Ukraine. It is targeted on those European values which
45 Ukraine seeks to share, on the established rules of international co-existence, and on the rules for
46 interrelationships in the civilized world, which are based on the principles of equality and mutual
47 respect.

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49 In view of the above, the 5th Congress of European Greens urge that the European Union advocate
50 and protect its own fundamental values whose destiny is being decided in the current armed
51 conflict in Eastern Ukraine. The EU policy of little resistance or self-withdrawal from resolving the
52 conflict will have fatal consequences, not only for the Ukrainian democracy, but also for other post-
53 Soviet states, and for the European Union itself.

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55 The European Green Party urges the Greens in the European Parliament do everything in their
56 power to prevent further progression of such events, desirable only for Russia, in Ukraine and in
57 other countries.

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