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on reinforcing EU's unwavering support to Ukraine against Russia's war of aggression and the increasing military cooperation between North Korea and Russia

(2024/2940(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on reinforcing EU's unwavering support to Ukraine against Russia's war of aggression and the increasing military cooperation between North Korea and Russia (2024/2940(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Ukraine and Russia, in particular those of 17 July 2024 on the need for the EU's continuous support for Ukraine¹ and of 19 September 2024 on continued financial and military support to Ukraine by EU Member States², and to its previous resolutions on the situation on the Korean Peninsula,
- having regard to the Charter of the United Nations, the Hague Conventions, the Geneva Conventions and the additional protocols thereto, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,
- having regard to the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024 establishing the Ukraine Facility³, to Regulation (EU) 2024/2773 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2024 establishing the Ukraine Loan Cooperation Mechanism and providing exceptional macro-financial assistance to Ukraine⁴, and to other forms of EU support for Ukraine,
- having regard to the joint statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea Cho Tae-yul and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell of 4 November 2024 on DPRK-Russia Cooperation,
- having regard to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's address to the European Parliament on 19 November 2024, marking 1 000 days since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine,
- having regard to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the UN Security Council resolutions on North Korea, including UN Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006) of 14 October 2006,
- having regard to the statement of the North Atlantic Council of 8 November 2024 on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
- having regard to the 2010 EU-Republic of Korea Strategic Partnership,

³ OJ L, 2024/792, 29.2.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/792/oj.

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¹ OJ C, C/2024/6129, 22.10.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/6129/oj.

² Texts adopted, P10_TA(2024)0012.

⁴ OJ L, 2024/2773, 28.10.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2773/oj. RC\1311001EN.docx 3/12

- having regard to Rules 136(2) and (4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Russia has been carrying out an illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine since 24 February 2022, in a continuation of its aggression since 2014, including the illegal annexation of Crimea and the occupation of parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, persistently, blatantly and grossly violating the principles of the UN Charter and international humanitarian law, as established by the Geneva Conventions of 1949;
- B. whereas Russia's forces have systematically and indiscriminately attacked residential areas and civilian infrastructure, causing the deaths of thousands of Ukrainian civilians and the destruction of public and private property; whereas Russian forces are responsible for forced deportations, disappearances, including of children, illegal imprisonments, torture, executions of civilians, soldiers and prisoners of war, and acts of terror, including the use of sexual violence and mass rape as weapons of war, and they continue to alter the ethnic composition of the occupied territories of Ukraine;
- C. whereas Russia has escalated its air attacks against Ukraine, deploying significant numbers of missiles and drones to target electricity generation and transmission infrastructure nationwide, leading to power disruptions and necessitating nationwide rationing measures announced by Ukrenergo, Ukraine's primary electricity provider, to stabilise the energy system;
- D. whereas the EU and its Member States stand in solidarity with Ukraine, committing significant humanitarian, financial and military support to aid Ukraine's defence until its victory and recovery; whereas, however, there continues to be an insufficient level of military aid both in terms of quality and quantity, and a delay in actual delivery of weapons and ammunition to Ukraine after delivery decisions are taken; whereas a significant number of the systems that Ukraine was supposed to receive after the decision taken at the NATO Summit have not yet been delivered;
- E. whereas a number of third countries, notably Iran, North Korea and Belarus, have provided Russia with substantial deliveries of weapons and ammunitions, and Belarus has allowed Russia to use its territory to attack Ukraine;
- F. whereas the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Russia and North Korea, signed on 18 June 2024, mandates mutual military assistance, including nuclear and conventional support, in the event of armed aggression, thereby deepening military ties between the two nations; whereas this development combines significant security challenges in both Asia and Europe, further complicating global stability;
- G. whereas North Korea and Russia have directly escalated the conflict in Ukraine with the deployment of North Korean troops alongside Russian forces, marking a dangerous expansion of the war with severe implications for regional and global security; whereas North Korea's arms transfers to Russia, including the provision of munitions and military equipment, constitute a clear violation of UN Security Council sanctions aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons from North Korea;

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- H. whereas Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has reported that 11 000 North Korean soldiers have already been deployed near Ukraine's borders, with this contingent potentially increasing further; whereas North Korea, in exchange for supplying ammunition and troops, receives much-needed food, oil and money from Russia, and possibly assistance in developing nuclear weapons and missile technology know-how;
- I. whereas North Korea has escalated its threats, abandoned its unification policy and continued provocations in the region, particularly through missile tests and military demonstrations, which increase the risk of military conflict and undermine efforts for a peaceful resolution of the Korean conflict;
- J. whereas Russia's armed forces have reportedly recruited hundreds of Houthi Yemeni mercenaries to fight in the conflict in Ukraine, facilitated by a shadowy trafficking operation that shows the increasing ties between Moscow and the Houthi rebel group;
- K. whereas Iran has transferred shipments of Fath-360 close-range ballistic missiles to Russia; whereas the EU, France, Germany and the United Kingdom have introduced new sanctions against Iran in response;
- L. whereas China is today the biggest supplier of dual-use goods and military items sustaining Russia's military base and war of aggression against Ukraine; whereas the EU has conclusive evidence that armed drones are being produced for the Russian military in China's western Xinjiang region;
- M. whereas the newly elected European Parliament and Commission Presidents each immediately pledged to uphold their unwavering support for Ukraine; whereas the President-elect of the United States is expected to do the same; whereas anything but victory for Ukraine would be widely perceived as a strategic defeat for both Europe and the United States and would have far-reaching consequences for their security;
- N. whereas US President Joe Biden has authorised Ukraine to use US-made Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) in the Kursk region of the Russian Federation; whereas France and the United Kingdom have provided Storm Shadow / SCALP cruise missiles to Ukraine, with both countries allowing their use against Russian targets; whereas Germany continues its policy of refraining from the delivery of Taurus long-range missiles to Ukraine;
- O. whereas under international law, Ukraine's right to self-defence includes proportional military action extending beyond its own territory; whereas Ukraine has reportedly used the donated long-range weapons systems against military targets within Russian territory following the recent lifting of restrictions by donor countries;
- P. whereas Russia attacked the Ukrainian city of Dnipro on 21 November 2024 with an intermediate-range ballistic missile;
- Q. whereas since February 2022, the EU has adopted 14 packages of sanctions aimed in particular at limiting as far as possible the Kremlin's ability to finance the war it has

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unleashed; whereas these sanctions are set for a period of six months at a time; whereas a proposal to extend the duration of sanctions to three years has not been adopted; whereas the proposal has been blocked by Hungary's veto, which hampers secure, longer-term stability and support for this loan structure;

- R. whereas the EU's overall military support for Ukraine – provided through the European Peace Facility (EPF) and by Member States directly – amounts to around EUR 43.5 billion; whereas in August 2024, the EU mobilised only the first tranche – EUR 1.4 billion – of windfall profits from frozen assets of the Central Bank of Russia through the EPF to support further military assistance for Ukraine;
- S. whereas the EU, together with the G7 countries, adopted the Ukraine Loan Cooperation Mechanism, which uses the windfall profits from the frozen Russian assets to pay back the loans provided by the EU to Ukraine; whereas these frozen assets are not yet being used directly to support Ukraine financially, but only the windfall profits of these frozen assets; whereas the EU will provide up to EUR 35 billion in new macro-financial assistance as part of the Ukraine Loan Cooperation Mechanism;
- T. whereas Hungary is blocking both the newly established EUR 5 billion Ukraine Assistance Fund set up in March 2024 within the EPF and the eighth tranche of EPF reimbursements for Member States that have been delivering military aid to Ukraine for nearly two years; whereas the Hungarian Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs travelled to Moscow to engage with an aggressor state;
- U. whereas President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his address to the Verkhovna Rada on 19 November 2024, presented Ukraine's Internal Resilience Plan, comprising 10 key points: unity, front, armament, money, energy, security, communities, human capital, cultural sovereignty and heroes policy; whereas President Zelenskyy presented Ukraine's Peace Formula in September 2022, outlining 10 requirements for a just peace for Ukraine and for restoring the rules-based order;
- 1. Reiterates its condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which has lasted for more than 1 000 days, not counting the aggression that began in 2014, and of the involvement and support of third countries in this war; demands that Russia immediately cease all military activities in Ukraine, unconditionally withdraw all forces and military equipment from the entire internationally recognised territory of Ukraine, release Ukrainian prisoners of war and unlawfully detained Ukrainian civilians, return abducted Ukrainian children and compensate Ukraine for the damage caused to its people, land, nature and infrastructure;
- 2. Further condemns Russia's continuous escalation in its war of aggression, in particular its bombings of civilians and critical infrastructure, its recourse to North Korea to provide troops to fight against the Ukrainian army and its testing of new ballistic missiles in Ukraine; considers that these recent escalatory steps represent a new phase in the war and a new risk for Europe's security as a whole; calls for the EU, its Member States and Ukraine's other partners to respond accordingly;
- Recalls that any nuclear threats by Russia will not deter the EU from providing further RC\1311001EN.docx PE766.505v01-00 } 6/12

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- assistance to Ukraine for its self-defence; urges all states to reject the normalisation of nuclear intimidation;
- 4. Expresses its undivided solidarity with the people of Ukraine; reiterates the EU's unwavering commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders, and emphasises the need for increased and accelerated EU solidarity in providing political, military, humanitarian, economic and financial support to Ukraine until Ukraine's victory, in order to end Russia's war of aggression and allow Ukraine to liberate all its people; reiterates that Ukraine, as a victim of aggression, has a legitimate right to self-defence in line with Article 51 of the UN Charter; reaffirms the EU's commitment to a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, based on its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and supports Ukraine's Peace Formula as a framework for international engagement;
- 5. Calls for the EU and its Member States to actively work towards maintaining and achieving the broadest possible international support for Ukraine and identifying a peaceful solution to the war, which must be based on full respect for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, the principles of international law, accountability for war crimes and the crime of aggression committed by Russia, and Russian reparations and other payments for the massive material and immaterial damage caused in Ukraine; insists that no negotiations about Ukraine can take place without Ukraine; calls for the engagement of the EU and the Member States in implementing Ukraine's Peace Formula and establishing the necessary conditions for holding the second Summit on Peace, also engaging countries from the Global South; is convinced that the EU and its Member States must participate in establishing Ukraine's future robust security guarantees, based on Ukraine's Peace Formula and Victory Plan, with a clear strategy, specific goals and a concrete roadmap; regrets the German Chancellor's recent phone call with Vladimir Putin;
- 6. Denounces Iran, Belarus and North Korea for their military support to Russia, and in particular all North Korea's military support for Russia, which further exacerbates the conflict; reiterates that both Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and North Korea's participation in the war and its nuclear and missile programmes constitute grave threats to the rules-based international order; condemns the signing and recent ratification of the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Russia and North Korea, a regime that is under the most comprehensive sanctions regime imposed by the UN; urges North Korea to withdraw its troops and end military cooperation with Russia; calls on Russia to cease all forms of military and technological cooperation with North Korea and to abide by its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and multiple UN Security Council resolutions; warns of the serious implications of this military partnership in inspiring other autocratic regimes to become actively involved in military conflicts;
- 7. Condemns, in the strongest possible terms, China's supply of dual-use goods and military items to Russia; reminds China of its responsibilities, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, to stand up in defence of the rules-based international order, and therefore calls on Beijing to end all military or dual-use assistance to Russia

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- 8. Urges the international community to take swift and decisive action to address this alarming escalation; calls for strengthened international cooperation to prevent arms shipments from North Korea to Russia, including enhanced monitoring and enforcement mechanisms within the UN framework and through multilateral alliances; urges the EU to take decisive action to sanction individuals and entities in North Korea who are involved in arms and troops transfers, as well as intermediaries facilitating these transactions; welcomes the efforts of the international community to crack down on North Korea's illicit arms trade and emphasises the need for sustained pressure on Pyongyang to cease its destabilising actions; calls on all EU and UN member states to do their utmost to ensure the implementation of all UN Security Council resolutions regarding North Korea and to proactively block any routes for North Korea to obtain financing, materials or knowledge for its illegal weapons programmes;
- 9. Urges the Member States to further broaden and strengthen the sanctions regime against North Korea, Belarus and Iran in light of these countries' military support for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and to add to the EU sanctions lists all the main Chinese entities and individuals who directly support Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia's defence and security sector;
- 10. Expresses deep concern about the possibility of any transfer of nuclear- or ballistic missile-related technology to North Korea, which would undermine international non-proliferation efforts and pose a grave threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and globally; calls for the EU and its Member States, in cooperation with G7 and G20 partners, to develop and promote an alternative mechanism to the UN Panel of Experts in order to ensure efficient monitoring and enforcement of sanctions on North Korea;
- 11. Expresses deep concern over the ongoing and severe human rights violations in North Korea, where the regime's oppressive policies and systemic neglect of basic needs have resulted in widespread suffering among the country's people; condemns the diversion of resources towards military activities and external conflicts, including support for Russia's war of aggression, at the expense of addressing urgent humanitarian needs within North Korea; calls for the EU and international partners to enhance efforts to hold the North Korean regime accountable for its human rights abuses; urges increased support for civil society organisations and human rights defenders working to document abuses and provide aid to North Korean citizens; urges the Chinese Government to cease refoulement practices and provide North Korean refugees with access to international protection; calls on North Korea to grant UN human rights bodies access to the country to assess the human rights situation, enforced disappearances and the conditions of detainees and returned refugees, including the cases of Kim Cheol-ok and

 South Korean missionaries Kim Jung-wook, Kim Kook-kie and Choi Chun-gil;

- 12. Highlights the need for a comprehensive EU strategy to address the broader implications of authoritarian alliances, particularly between Russia, North Korea, Belarus, Iran, China and other states undermining the rules-based international order; calls for active efforts by the EU and its Member States to promote the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and for closer cooperation with international partners to reduce tensions in the Indo-Pacific region;
- 13. Calls for the EU and its Member States to further strengthen their military support for Ukraine, including through the provision of aircraft, long-range missiles, including Taurus missiles, modern air defence systems, including Patriots and SAMP/T, and ammunition, as well as MANPADS, artillery and training programmes for Ukrainian forces, and calls for accelerated delivery of the equipment pledged to meet Ukraine's urgent needs; reiterates its position that all EU Member States and NATO allies should collectively and individually commit to supporting Ukraine militarily, with no less than 0.25 % of their GDP annually; welcomes the signing of the joint security commitments between the EU and Ukraine and calls for the Commission and Member States to act swiftly to effectively implement the commitments made; calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise making the European IRIS2 space communication capabilities fully operational and to grant Ukraine (and Taiwan) access as soon as possible;
- 14. Calls on the Council to extend its sanctions against Russia; calls for further sanctions against sectors of special economic importance for Russia (the metallurgical, nuclear, chemical, agricultural and banking sectors) and on Russian raw materials, such as aluminium, steel products, uranium, titanium and nickel, for a full embargo on imports into the EU of Russian fossil fuels and liquefied natural gas (LNG), and for the price cap on Russian petroleum products to be lowered further in coordination with G7 partners, in order to stop contributing to the financing of Russia's illegal war of aggression; calls for stronger and more targeted sanctions against Russia's shadow fleet; underlines the need to cease any cooperation with Russia in the nuclear energy sector;
- 15. Calls, in particular, on those Member States that are not living up to their own commitments regarding the production of defence products and direct support for relevant production capacities to engage in joint ventures with Ukraine or directly place orders in Ukraine; calls on the Member States to accelerate direct investments in scaling up Ukraine's military industrial capacity, following the model used by Denmark; calls for the EU to include this model in the Ukraine Assistance Fund;
- 16. Calls for the EU institutions and the Member States to actively contribute towards maintaining unity on sanctions and to swiftly pursue the adoption of the 15th package of sanctions; urges the Member States to actively pressure Hungary to end its irresponsible blockade of the European Peace Facility, including the newly established Ukraine Assistance Fund, which has prevented the release of EUR 6.6 billion in partial reimbursements to Member States providing military support to Ukraine; stresses that if the EPF remains blocked until the next European Council, a new format must immediately be established that only includes those Member States that are willing and

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- able to provide military aid to Ukraine, or national contributions must be reimbursed in order not to hamper the smooth financing of bilateral aid;
- 17. Urges the Council and the Member States to systematically tackle the issue of sanctions circumvention by EU-based companies and individuals, third parties and non-EU states and to adopt and strictly implement restrictive measures against all entities facilitating the circumvention of sanctions and providing Russia's military complex with military and dual-use technologies and equipment, ensuring that no loopholes are exploited to channel arms or resources to Russia; considers it essential to strengthen controls on the export and maintenance of high-tech equipment produced in the EU, and to increase law enforcement measures and cooperation to prevent sanctions circumvention; calls to urgently intensify the review of EU Member States' trade with Central Asian countries, as well as with Türkiye and Azerbaijan, among others, as they are clearly used in EU sanctions evasion;
- 18. Reiterates its call for the EU and its Member States to revise the current duration of the sanctions imposed on Russia, extending the validity period from the current six months to a more robust and strategic three years; notes that such a measure would enhance the consistency and predictability of the EU's foreign policy stance and shield it from abusive instrumentalisation of unanimity requirements, strengthen the impact of the sanctions and send a clear message of commitment to upholding international law and European security, while also reducing the administrative burden of frequent renewals;
- 19. Welcomes US President Joe Biden's decision to allow Ukraine to use advanced rocket systems on military targets within Russian territory, highlighting that this authorisation respects Ukraine's legitimate right to self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter; calls for the EU and its Member States to adopt similar measures, removing restrictions on the use of military systems for legitimate defensive operations beyond Ukraine's borders to deter further Russian aggression;
- 20. Calls for the EU and its Member States to engage with the incoming administration in Washington to strengthen mutually beneficial transatlantic cooperation, emphasising the shared strategic interest of supporting Ukraine, and to highlight that Russia and its allies pose not only a threat to European stability but also a significant danger to global security and the rules-based international order; expects the incoming Trump administration to maintain support for Ukraine and remain steadfast in its commitment to NATO, and meanwhile urges the EU and its Member States to put words into action and establish a genuine Defence Union, also as a European pillar of NATO, starting with strengthening its defence capabilities;
- 21. Calls for accountability for war crimes and violations of international law committed by Russia and its allies, including North Korea, through strengthened cooperation with the International Criminal Court and other judicial bodies; urges the EU and international partners to intensify efforts to hold all perpetrators accountable;
- 22. Calls on the Commission to propose additional measures to support the Ukrainian economy by providing further financial support and facilitating investment opportunities; welcomes the agreement with the Council on macro-financial assistance RC\1311001EN.docx 10/12 PE766.505v01-00 }

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for Ukraine of up to EUR 35 billion, making use of frozen Russian assets as well as the new Ukraine Loan Cooperation Mechanism; calls for the swift implementation of both tools in order to allow Ukraine to benefit as quickly as possible from these new funding possibilities;

- 23. Reiterates its call for the EU and its Member States to take more substantive steps towards establishing creative solutions under a sound legal regime allowing for the confiscation of Russian state-owned assets frozen by the EU, and for their use to address the various implications of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, including the prevention of further destruction and loss of life, reconstruction of the country and compensation for the victims of Russia's aggression; stresses that any future claim by Russia to these assets may only be settled after an overall consideration of the outstanding reparations due to Ukraine; stresses the importance of the Ukraine Facility as a mechanism for long-term financial support, reconstruction and recovery efforts, and urges its swift and efficient implementation; calls on the Commission to propose long-term financial assistance beyond 2027 for the reconstruction of Ukraine, building on the experience of the Ukraine Facility;
- 24. Emphasises the need to create a more stable and predictable framework for EU-Ukraine trade relations; calls on the Commission, in this regard, to accelerate consultations with Ukraine under Article 29 of the Association Agreement and urges both sides to agree on the most ambitious level of liberalisation possible; calls on the Commission to closely involve Parliament in the review of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA); notes the restrictions on imports of agri-food products from Ukraine imposed unilaterally by several Member States, which touch on the EU's exclusive competence for trade under the common commercial policy and the EU's obligations under the DCFTA with Ukraine; calls on the Commission to find European solutions to potential market distortions caused by increased inflows of Ukrainian agri-food products, in consultation with Ukraine and the relevant Member States;
- 25. Calls, in view of the harsh winter months, for a significant increase in EU humanitarian aid to address the dire situation caused by Russia's systematic attacks on civilian infrastructure, in particular energy infrastructure, which have left millions of Ukrainians without essential services; acknowledges the work of many Ukrainian and other civil society organisations in assisting families of abducted Ukrainian children, prisoners of war and illegally detained Ukrainian civilians and their tireless efforts to bring their loved ones home; calls for the EU, its Member States and the international community to support their activities and to use all available international forums to pressure Russia to return abducted Ukrainian children, Ukrainian prisoners of war and illegally detained Ukrainian civilians;
- 26. Deplores the deliberate killing and mistreatment of Ukrainian prisoners of war by Russia and calls on Russia to comply with its international obligations, in particular the Geneva Convention, and to allow international organisations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit prisoners of war and to assess their state of health; calls for the EU, its Member States and the international community, in particular the UN, to review and adapt international conventions and the work of the relevant

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- international organisations to today's realities and to make them more responsive to the needs of prisoners of war;
- 27. Notes with concern that Russia is actively recruiting individuals from distant regions, including Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, using deception or coercion, in order to send them to fight in the war against the people of Ukraine; calls on the UN, the African Union and countries whose populations are targeted by Moscow to take active measures to counter this recruitment;
- 28. Highlights again the constructive role of South Korea in the rules-based international order, including its unwavering commitment to Ukraine; calls for the EU and its Member States to engage with South Korea and seek to shift its position on arming Ukraine, in order to provide significant military resources to aid Ukraine's defence operations; welcomes the first-ever EU-Republic of Korea Strategic Dialogue, held in Seoul on 4 November 2024, and the subsequent Security and Defence Partnership between the EU and South Korea; supports the deepening of the EU's relations with South Korea and enhanced bilateral cooperation on security and defence; calls for the EU and its Member States, in cooperation with Ukraine and South Korea, to encourage and be prepared for the possible defection of members of the Korean People's Army; calls for the EU and its Member States to deepen their cooperation with South Korea on Ukraine's future, focusing on its EU aspirations, security guarantees and reconstruction; calls for closer cooperation with other like-minded partners, particularly Japan, Australia and Taiwan, and emphasises the need for greater dialogue in the Indo-Pacific;
- 29. Calls for the EU and its Member States to continue providing support to the Russian democratic opposition, to ensure their protection and to encourage them to fight against the Putin regime, in particular the militarist, chauvinist and imperialist sentiments in Russian society, and to strongly express and actively seek support for Ukraine;
- 30. Condemns recent acts in the Baltic Sea that have damaged European critical infrastructure; stresses the urgent need to investigate these grave incidents and release information about the perpetrators and their intentions; underlines that several representatives of European governments believe that the most recent incident constitutes a grave act of sabotage; calls on the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Member States to respond with appropriate measures against any state or non-state actors responsible, if evidence proves their involvement;
- 31. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the President, Government and Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Russian Government, the South and North Korean governments and the other governments concerned, and the United Nations.

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