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## **Appeal of Belarusian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum**

### **"On the support of the UN Resolution on the territorial integrity of Ukraine"**

We, citizens of the Republic of Belarus, a broad spectrum of civil society organizations, political parties, trade unions, non-governmental organizations and initiatives condemn the official position of the Republic of Belarus to the UN General Assembly March 27, 2014 and support the resolution of the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

We believe that voting against the resolution of the territorial integrity Ukraine official Belarus:

- entered into conflict with its earlier articulated position in support of the territorial integrity of Ukraine,
- demonstrated its disrespect to international treaties,
- showed their contempt for the Ukrainian government and the people,
- recognized as legitimate the fact of capturing territory of one state by another one.

It is our deep conviction that in a situation where it is critically important to prevent escalation of war by all (and primarily diplomatic) means, Belarus should condemn the act of annexation of the Crimea by Russia, and from the perspective of international treaties, rejection of aggression of one country against another to act as a deterrent side. Unfortunately, this does not happen, the Belarusian authorities have officially supported the position of Russia, making the Belarusian people a hostage of imperial ambitions of its leadership.

In addition, hosting at our territory Russian military and air forces, the Belarusian leadership ignores the opinion of our citizens, exposing them to potential military threat, providing a springboard for Russian military threat to Ukraine.

We believe such a position does not meet the interests of the Belarusian people wanting peace and rule of law.

In these circumstances we want to encourage the international community to hear the voice of the Belarusian civil society expressing aspirations of a large part of citizens of our country.

At this dangerous line we urge the government of Belarus to reconsider its position and take concrete actions to reduce military tensions, in particular, on the withdrawal of Russian military forces and aviation from the territory of our country.

We express our support to the UN General Assembly resolution on the territorial integrity of Ukraine, sharing fundamental principles of the UN Statute to respect the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the state. We condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine, call Russian federation to withdraw troops from the territory of Ukraine and the Crimean peninsula.

We insist that decisions of the Belarusian government's regarding friendly Ukrainian people should be taken in the interests of our citizens, the principles of peace and good neighborhood.

We also support the assessment of the situation and requirements presented by Moldavian National Platform of the EaP Civil Society Forum within the frame of "Public position condemning actions of the Russian Federation related to the military intervention, which led to de facto annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea - an integral part of Ukraine and the need for action for the security of the Republic of Moldova".

*Belarusian civil society organizations, participants of Belarusian National Platform of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership (over 60 CSOs)*