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Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 21, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly considers the inability of the United Nations and its Security Council to counter the Russian aggression due to an abuse of the right to veto to be an existential threat to international rule-based order and the democratic security of Council of Europe member States. Therefore, it affirms that an active and unified position as to reform of the United Nations should be a priority both for the Council of Europe and its individual member States. In this respect, the Assembly supports all efforts and discussions on unblocking the situation at the United Nations and making the United Nations more efficient, including a call to request an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on potential limitations of the right to veto implicit in the Charter and general principles of law, as well as the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegitimacy of the presence of the Russian Federation in the UN Security Council and in the United Nations as a whole, already supported by Estonia and Poland."

Explanatory note

The direct consequence of the Russian aggression is a renewed push for reforming weak institutions. It is not the first time the Council has made such a call - in April 2022, we called for an advisory opinion on the veto in Aleksander Pocij's report on accountability for Russian crimes (p. 11.5.2).

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