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The need to support the efforts of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria to achieve full national independence

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

The Chechen Republic of Ichkeria, situated in the North Caucasus, has a long history of aspiring to national independence, which has led to serious conflicts with the Russian Federation, including the First Russian–Chechen War (1994–1996) and the Second Russian–Chechen War (1999–2000).

On 18 October 2022, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine recognised the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria as a territory temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation.

We contest the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria on the grounds that it results from military conquest.

The right of peoples to self-determination is a cornerstone of international law, as affirmed in the United Nations Covenants and the Helsinki Final Act. Peaceful political processes and international dialogue offer a preferable alternative to violence for resolving such situations.

The Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1832 (2011) "National sovereignty and statehood in contemporary international law: the need for clarification" emphasises the right of peoples to self-determination in accordance with international law and the need for its peaceful and democratic implementation.

We therefore call on the international community to consider appropriate ways to support peaceful efforts aimed at achieving genuine self-determination and full national independence for the people of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria.

Signed (see overleaf)

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