



Statement of OSCE PA PSTU members on the need to strengthen sanctions against agents of Russian influence in Europe

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At the end of May the European Council adopted the 17th package of economic and individual restrictive measures aimed at cutting off Russia's access to key military technology and curbing Russia's energy revenues that fuel its war of aggression against Ukraine, by heavily targeting Russia's 'shadow fleet' of oil tankers, their operators, as well as a major Russian oil producer.

The Government of the United Kingdom has launched 100 sanctions targeting across Russian military, energy, financial sectors and those conducting Vladimir Putin's information war against Ukraine.

Nevertheless, the actual measures are not enough to stop the Russian war machine, to agree a full ceasefire, or bring a justice and the real security guaranties for Ukraine.

Russian hybrid aggression remains one of the main threats to the security of democratic Europe. The Kremlin systematically employs politicians, businessmen, and controlled media outlets to spread pro-Russian narratives and to influence on the internal processes within EU member states, to divide European unity, and to weaken the democratic institutions.

Russia is not only maintaining but also actively expanding its hybrid strategy, making the hybrid warfare even more aggressive and dangerous. The Kremlin is refining its tools: manipulating electoral processes, spreading disinformation through controlled media, and using financial advantage to undermine the democratic stability.

The primary and secondary sanctions against Russia's crucial sectors of economy, including the shadow tanker fleet, should deprive Russia of the resources to wage war against Ukraine and ensure constructive peace negotiations.

It is important to resolve the issue of using the frozen assets of the Russian Federation for the benefit of Ukraine's defence and recovery. Russia must compensate for the damage caused by its illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and for the systematic looting and devastation of Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories.

PSTU supports a peace negotiation process, and a full ceasefire, providing strong security guarantees for Ukraine.

In this regard, we urge the governments and parliaments of participating States, as well as the European Parliament, to

- keep and expand the sanctions lists to include the individuals and entities that directly or indirectly facilitate the spread of Russian influence in Europe;

- support the creation of a specialized monitoring mechanism to detect and to block the activities of Russian influence agents;
- strengthen co-operation with civil society organizations and independent media that counter Russian disinformation at the local level,
- elaborate the mechanisms of the use of Russian frozen assets as a source of recovery of Ukraine and rebuilding its critical infrastructure,
- exercise pressure on Russia to abide to the Helsinki principles and to ensure the immediate release of all civilians illegally detained by the Russian armed forces and/or Russian occupation administrations, including children, citizen journalists, and three illegally detained OSCE officials - Vadym Golda, Maxim Petrov, and Dmytro Shabanov.

Europe must remain united, strong, and capable of resisting all forms of external pressure.

We count on your support in this struggle for security and democratic values.