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1. Recalling the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly resolutions on Clear, Gross and Uncorrected Violations of Helsinki Principles by the Russian Federation (2014), on the Continuation of Clear, Gross and Uncorrected Violations of OSCE Commitments and International Norms by the Russian Federation (2015), on Adherence to the Helsinki Principles in Inter-State Relations Across the OSCE Area (2015), on Violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol (2016), on Restoration of the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine (2017), on Ongoing Violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol (Ukraine) (2018), on the Militarization by the Russian Federation of the Temporarily Occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, Ukraine, the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov (2019),
2. Taking into account UN General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014 “Territorial Integrity of Ukraine”, UN General Assembly Resolutions 71/205 of 19 December 2016, 72/190 of 19 December 2017, 73/263 of 22 December 2018, 74/168 of 18 December 2019, 75/192 of 16 December 2020 on the Situation of Human Rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, and UN General Assembly resolutions 73/194 of 17 December 2018, 74/17 of 9 December 2019, 75/29 of 7 December 2020 on the Problem of Militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine), as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov,
3. Gravely concerned over the conduct by the Russian Federation of the large-scale no-notice military exercises near the border with Ukraine in April 2021 in a manner contrary to the letter and spirit of the Vienna Document 2011 on confidence- and security-building measures, accompanied by aggressive rhetoric and escalation of violence in the conflict zone in the east of Ukraine, and only partial withdrawal of Russia’s troops and military equipment after military exercises,
4. Concerned over numerous armed provocations by the Russia-backed illegal armed formations, the number of which, as confirmed by the reports of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, has sharply increased during the last weeks along the entire line of contact in Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, undermining the safety and security of the civilian population in the conflict-affected areas,
5. Condemning the temporary occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and large-scale military build-up in and

around the occupied peninsula, including transfers of nuclear-capable aircraft and missiles and the conduct of military exercises in April 2021, which entailed redeployment of additional troops, weapons, and military equipment of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, and condemning ongoing recruitment and conscription campaigns on the occupied peninsula in violation of international humanitarian law,

6. Concerned over the increasing military activities of the Russian Federation in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Kerch Strait, including additionally transferred warships from its Northern Fleet and Caspian Flotilla, and the impediment to the lawful exercise of navigational rights and freedoms in accordance with applicable international law,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Strongly urges the Russian Federation to reverse the illegal occupation of Crimea, withdraw its troops, weapons, and military equipment stationed on the occupied peninsula without the host nation's consent, cease ongoing recruitment and conscription campaigns on the occupied peninsula, and, in this regard, stresses the urgency of immediate withdrawal of all additional troops, weapons, military equipment, and warships redeployed to Crimea and its territorial waters following the large-scale military exercises held by the Russian Federation in April 2021;
8. Urges the Russian Federation to fulfil its commitments under the Vienna Document 2011 in good faith, especially in view of the upcoming large-scale military exercise ZAPAD-2021, and to act in line with Chapter III Risk Reduction Mechanisms of the Vienna Document 2011, invoked by Ukraine, by providing necessary measures of transparency on its military exercises held in April 2021;
9. Urges the Russian Federation to lift all restrictions to the freedom of navigation in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and through the Kerch Strait, immediately denounce its decision to impose restrictions on some areas of the Black Sea, including the approaches to the Kerch Strait, in accordance with applicable international law, in particular provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
10. Supports and strongly advocates the application of all OSCE tools and processes, in particular the SMM, given that its mandate covers the entire territory of Ukraine, to closely monitor and provide regular reports on the security situation in the temporarily occupied Crimea, Ukraine, including on the unlawful military activities and conscription campaigns, and on the impediment of access to Ukrainian ports in the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea region.