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The Destabilizing Military Build-Up by the Russian Federation Near Ukraine by the Russian Federation Near Ukraine, in the Temporarily Occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, Ukraine, the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov

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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.