

Joint Statement
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The Delegations to the 41st EU-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Meeting from the European Parliament and the National Diet of Japan issue the following joint statement, after discussions held in Strasbourg on 12 to 13 July 2023:

1. The Delegations reiterate their unwavering commitment to further deepening of the strategic partnership between the EU and Japan, and the free and open international order based on the rule of law. We express our full support to the strengthening of the bilateral relations recently including the green alliance and the digital partnership, and we highlight the benefits of advancing research cooperation.

2. Russia's aggression against Ukraine is illegal, unprovoked and unjustified. Russia bears full responsibility for this aggression, which constitutes a blatant and flagrant violation of the UN Charter. We call on all countries and international organisations to unequivocally condemn Russia's aggression. The international community should be united in establishing accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression. We support exploring the creation of an appropriate judicial mechanism to prosecute the crime of aggression against Ukraine perpetrated by the political and military leadership of the Russian Federation and its allies.

3. We call for the international community to provide Ukraine with all necessary support, including political, economic, infrastructure-related, financial and humanitarian support. We will continue to help Ukraine repair and restore its critical energy and environmental infrastructure and reemphasize our strong support for Ukraine's energy security. We express concern that several third countries are collaborating with Russia to

help it circumvent sanctions. Our justified sanctions do not target the trade in agricultural and food products, including grain and fertiliser. Only the withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukrainian territory and the cessation of Russian aggression can enable Ukraine to produce and export the quantities of agricultural products that the world needs urgently.

4. We hope that the relevant countries will take concerted action to strengthen energy and food security in the face of the sharp rise in global energy and food prices stemming from Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

5. We are deeply concerned about North Korea's nuclear and missile development, including over testing launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).

6. We call for all parties to refrain from any unilateral attempts aiming to change the status-quo by force or coercion in the South and East China Seas and provocations, which pose risks for peace.

7. We call for establishment of international rules for safe and transparent Artificial Intelligence (AI). Recognizing the importance of advancing openness, fairness, impartiality, privacy and inclusiveness to promote responsible AI, we affirm our contribution to the promotion of the Hiroshima AI process agreed at the G7 Hiroshima Summit, including topics such as governance, safeguard of intellectual property rights, promotion of transparency, response to information manipulation, including disinformation, and responsible utilization of these technologies. We stress the regulation of AI systems, which are used to influence voters and the outcome of elections, and call for transparency, safeguards and mitigation of the risks in relations to such systems.

8. Noting the importance of increasing the pace and scale of action on climate change, biodiversity loss and clean energy transitions, we will globally advance and promote a green transformation, working together to realize transformation of our economies to reach net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 at the latest. In this context, we welcome significant EU-Japan cooperation under the Green Alliance on energy transition, environmental protection, sub-national climate action, business and trade, research and development, as well as sustainable finance.

9. We re-affirm our commitment with the provisions of Article 1(3) of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), to strengthening the EU-Japan inter-parliamentary partnership at all levels and for which will enhance the promotion of wider exchanges.



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