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**EXTREMELY RUSH**

Taking into account recent dangerous events that are developing in Crimea, sovereign Ukrainian territory, we call upon all Members of the United Nations, particularly Security Council members, **to do everything possible now to stop aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.** There is still a chance.

A few hours ago, the Upper House of the Russian Parliament (Council of Federation) has unanimously authorized the use of military force against Ukraine, upon request of the President of Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

Russian troops have already illegally entered the territory of Ukraine in Crimea region planning to expand their military further, under illegal excuse of protecting the Russian speaking population.

These actions by the Russian Federation constitute an act of aggression against the state of Ukraine, a severe violation of international law posing a serious threat to sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country as well as peace and stability in the whole region.

The Russian Federation refused to comply with its obligations as State-Guarantor of Ukrainian under Budapest Memorandum, obliging Russia as well as other Permanent Members of the Security Council to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

**Russia officially rejected Ukrainian proposal to hold immediate bilateral consultations** (under Article 7 of the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership between Ukraine and the Russian Federation of 1997).

**Russian Federation brutally violated the basic principles of Charter of the United Nations** obliging all member states to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

Facing the announced military intervention in Ukraine, the Government of Ukraine has requested to hold an urgent open meeting of the Security Council in order to take all available measures to stop the aggression.

Furthermore, Ukraine addresses the Guarantor States under Budapest Memorandum (USA, UK, France and China) to react immediately to prevent the intervention.

We urge all Member-states of the United Nations to demonstrate solidarity with Ukrainian nation, to protect sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

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