

Ukraine Peace Statement: "Nothing is Lost by Peace. Everything can be Lost by War."

We are calling for negotiations, compromise and peace.

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On 25 June 2022, in the Parliament of the Republic of Poland there was a press conference and a meeting of the Parliamentary Team for International Relations and the Interests of Poland and the Polish Diaspora, organized by Mr. Grzegorz Braun, MP, with the participation of prof. M. Piotrowski, prof. S. Bielen and prof. W. Korab-Karpowicz.

The Statement on Peace in Ukraine (Oświadczenie o pokoju na Ukrainie) was signed.

Its English translation is given below.

The individuals and organizations gathered here call for an immediate end to the war in Ukraine and for a compromise between Russia and Ukraine that will lead to lasting peace. War is a huge human and cultural tragedy. People die on both sides every day: they take their dreams and the personal potential they represent with them irretrievably. War is associated with perversion. In the time of duration, there are acts of cruelty and war crimes. War teaches us to be hostile and to hate. It degenerates us as human beings. In the name of the defense of life and our humanity, the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine should be stopped immediately.

The present war, in which NATO countries are involved, providing Ukraine with modern weapons, including offensive weapons, is the most dangerous military conflict since the Second World War. It is a huge threat to the economic situation of the world and to world peace. The populations of many countries are now threatened with starvation due to the decline in grain exports from Ukraine and Russia. In addition, the world is experiencing a sharp increase in fuel prices, produced by Russia. As a consequence, we are threatened by a global economic crisis with unimaginable effects.

But even a more serious disaster would be the situation when the present war gets out of hand and turns from a local conflict into a continental war or another world war. This would involve hundreds of millions of casualties, the destruction of states, and the collapse of all our civilization achievements.

We believe that for peace and the resolution of the conflict, it is important to understand its causes well. The primary factor that often causes wars is fear. In this case, Russia is afraid of NATO enlargement and the neighboring countries fear that Russia is a power. Therefore, in order to resolve the conflict, mutual fear must be removed, and this can only be achieved by professional diplomacy and a willingness to compromise, and not by a military action.

Another reason for the current war, which is less discussed, is the introduction of changes to the language law in Ukraine that is discriminatory to the Russian linguistic minority. This has led to a referendum in Crimea and a war in Donbas. The current war is therefore also a consequence of a wrong Ukrainian domestic politicy. It leads us to huge human tragedy and enormous destruction. These problems should not be settled by war and by having the whole world is involved in it, but by negotiations and compromise. Therefore we are calling for negotiations, compromise and peace.

We live in a globalized world, where countries are interdependent. Due to the world position of Russia and Ukraine, the consequences of the current war are having a catastrophic effect on the whole planet. It is not too late to resolve this armed conflict, which is very harmful and dangerous for all of us. We call for reason, reflection and peace.

"Nothing is lost by peace. Everything can be lost by war."

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