



EU INTEGRATION & COMMON SECURITY: MAKING IT HAPPEN

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The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) *welcomes* the signature of the Association Agreements between the EaP countries and the European Union and the progress reached in the implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements (DCFTA) and the Visa Liberalization Action Plans (VLAP).

The EaP CSF is *deeply concerned* about the actions of the Russian Federation aimed at preventing the European integration processes of the EaP countries. Annexation of Crimea, military involvement in Donbas, continuous occupation and the threat of annexation of Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia as well as the lack of progress on the situation in Transnistria are totally unacceptable and in contravention of the fundamental principles of the UN Charter, Helsinki Final Act and international law in general. Such actions of the Russian Federation jeopardize the European security system and order and represent the fundamental threat to the free choice of the European nations.

The EaP CSF calls on the Russian Federation to:

- respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Eastern Partnership States Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine within their internationally recognized borders;
- respect the foreign policy choices of the EaP countries and accept their European and Euro-Atlantic integration path as a decision by the sovereign nations to be respected;
- refrain from using political, economic, energy and other instruments on the EaP states with a view of changing their foreign policy;
- immediately cease intervening in the domestic political affairs of the EaP countries with a view of influencing political processes;
- refrain from using force, the threat of using force, or/and the threat of annexation of territories towards EaP countries;
- pledge the non-use of force towards the EaP countries through the legally binding instruments under the international law;
- fully implement all provisions of the Minsk Agreements of 5 and 9 September 2014 between Ukraine and Russia and the 12 August 2008 Cease-Fire Agreement between Georgia and Russia;
- undertake robust steps towards reversing the annexation of Crimea in the case of Ukraine and refraining from the gradual annexation of Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia in case of Georgia;
- refrain from countering the attempts of the national authorities of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to engage the war-torn populations and build confidence with the residents of the conflict affected regions;
- engage constructively in the peace processes dealt by the 5+2 format (Moldova), Trilateral Contact Group (Ukraine) and the Geneva International Discussions (Georgia);
- reverse the ethnic cleansing and displacement that has taken place from Abkhazia, Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Transnistria, Crimea and Donbas
- allow the full-fledged international monitoring, policing and peacekeeping missions in the occupied regions of Georgia and annexed Crimea, as well as Donbas with a view of increasing the transparency over the security situation in these regions;
- ensure that the human rights of the residents of the occupied regions of Georgia, residents of Crimea and Donbas and the residents of Transnistria are fully respected;
- discontinue the destructive propaganda in the EaP countries aimed at spreading myths about the European Union and discouraging the population from pursuing the European integration path.