

# Resolution on the Forced Deportation and Illegal Adoption of Ukrainian Children by the Russian Federation

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Brussels on 24-25 October 2025:

## Notes with concerns:

- The continued forced and illegal transfers, abductions, deportations, adoptions, russification, indoctrination, militarisation, imposition of Russian citizenship and assimilation, and in worst cases sexual abuse, exploitation and assassinations of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation;
- The evidence of at least 19 546 illegal deportation or forced transfers of Ukrainian children, based on data from the Unified Register;
- The use of children's camps throughout the Russian territory to house deported children, of which some are explicitly «reeducation facilities » and other military centers;
- That the unlawful deportation and forced transfer of children constitute grave breaches of international law, including the Geneva Conventions and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The return of these children is not a political favor; it is a binding legal obligation;
- The near-impossible verification of the final number of deported children (as for now officially nearly 20 thousands cases verified and being investigated), because of the ongoing Russian occupation of Ukrainian territories and only a low number (1600 as for September 1, 2025) of children returned successfully to Ukrainian authorities until now.

## Believes that:

- The abduction, deportation and adoption of Ukrainian children is a part of Russian's Genocidal strategy against Ukraine, supported by Belarus, because it intends to erase the Ukrainian nation and identity;
- The ongoing Russian aggression targeting Ukrainian children, started already in 2014 in Crimea and intensified since the full scale invasion in 2022, constitutes a war crime under the Rome statute and a genocide under the Genocide Conventions;
- Russia should immediately report the identities and whereabouts of all deported and adopted children, ensure their safe, unconditional and immediate return to their families or Ukrainian authorities and allow international organisations such as ICRC, OHCHR and UNICEF to access to all deported children;
- Any future peace deal must include the repatriation of all Ukrainian children back home and accountability for this war crime among others;
- EU and its Member States should act immediately because every day of separation between children and their families deepen their suffering and resulting trauma.

## Calls on:

- the immediate and unconditional return of adopted and deported Ukrainian children back to their families or relatives, as a prerequisite for the start of peace talks;
- Russia to provide full and verifiable information on all children's whereabouts, well-being, and legal

status; grant unimpeded access to international humanitarian organisations; and cease the manipulation of children's identities, including forced citizenship changes, placement in Russian families or institutions, and exposure to indoctrination and militarisation;

- the European Commission to provide necessary funding for the identification, location and bringing home of deported and adopted children;
- the European Commission and Member States to strengthen the cooperation in the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian children as well as to use all available legal instruments including to impose additional targeted sanctions to hold to account those responsible and implicated in this war crime;
- Remaining EU Member States to join the Coalition and take an active role in returning each and every Ukrainian child back home;
- ALDE Parties and their members in National and European Parliaments to support and help the initiative « Bring Kids Back UA » in order to highlight the necessity of a quick and safe return of Ukrainian children to their families;
- the International Community to hold Russia accountable before the ICC, the ICJ and the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.