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4 For a common European response to the Ukraine crisis and 5 the Ukrainian transformation process

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9 *The transformation process in Ukraine, starting with the 2014 Euromaidan revolution,*
10 *demands a common response by all EU Member States and its citizens. JEF Europe demands*
11 *active involvement and assistance by the EU and its Member States to support Ukraine in its*
12 *striving for a European future.*

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17 A. Recalling the ongoing war in the Donbass region of Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis
18 having led to 1.6 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), 1.1 million Ukrainian refugees in
19 neighbouring countries and the emigration of 400,000 Ukrainians to Poland;

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21 B. Recalls that the signed EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, together with the Visa
22 Liberalisation Action Plan and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, offers a
23 mutual chance to boost pan-European trade comparable to the accession of central
24 European and Baltic States economies in 2004, binds the EU and Ukrainian societies
25 together more strongly and encourages free movement of people;

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27 C. Condemning the violation of Ukraine's territorial integrity, the annexation of Crimea and the
28 breach of international law by the Russian Federation;

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30 D. Deeply disturbed by the already 9,098 people killed and 20,732 wounded during the
31 fighting in the Donbass region, as well as the risks facing the more than 3 million reported
32 to be living in the conflict zone;

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34 E. Denouncing that the Tatar minority in Russian-annexed Crimea faces systematic repression,
35 marginalisation, and discrimination by Russian authorities, through the outlawing of the Meji
36 representing the Crimean Tatar minority;

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38 F. Acknowledging that, according to the OSCE, fighting in Eastern Ukraine is still ongoing and
39 the Minsk II agreement is not yet implemented;

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41 G. Regretting that most peace-building efforts have been pursued by individual Member States,
42 particularly France and Germany in the so-called Normandy format, and with EU institutions
43 remaining largely uninvolved;

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- 45 H. Respecting the demands expressed by the Euromaidan and Ukrainian civil society for a
46 European future for Ukraine;
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- 48 I. Encouraged by the signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and the entering into
49 force of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement on 1 January 2016;
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- 51 J. Welcoming the ongoing reform process of Ukraine on all levels of Ukrainian society, e.g. by
52 military reform, judicial reform and equality for LGBT people;
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- 54 K. Recognising the steps that have already been made, such as the police reform and the
55 attempts to combat corruption;
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- 57 L. Denouncing that the Russian Federation has not yet met conditions demanded by the Minsk
58 agreement, namely a ceasefire, withdrawal of heavy weapons, a withdrawal of Russian
59 troops, and an effective supervision by OSCE;
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- 61 M. Deeply concerned by the slowed down pace of Ukrainian reform efforts, mainly because of
62 vested interests and corruption on all levels of society;
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- 64 N. Appreciating the Ukrainian transformation process, despite its hurdles, as a good example
65 of the attractiveness of the EU model for Eastern Partnership countries;
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- 67 O. Noting with concern that anti-European groups are claiming that EU-Ukraine relations and
68 their development should be hampered, whether to appease the Russians or under the
69 argument that Ukraine is not “European” enough;
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- 71 JEF Europe therefore,
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- 73 1. Demands from the conflicting parties that the Minsk II agreement be fully implemented as a
74 roadmap for de-escalation, including the ceasefire which is continuously violated,
75 withdrawal of heavy weaponry, permanent monitoring by the OSCE of contact lines, the all-
76 for-all exchange of prisoners, access for humanitarian aid organisations to the territory held
77 by the so-called DPR of Donetsk and Luhansk, restoration of Ukrainian control of its state
78 border which is currently denied by Russia;
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- 80 2. Demands the continuation of EU sanctions and individual sanctions against the Russian
81 Federation, individuals and firms complicit with actions in Crimea or the Donbass region so
82 long as the Minsk II Agreement is not fully implemented by the Russian Federation;
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- 84 3. Calls upon the European Union to create conditions for enabling dialogue among the
85 conflicting parties and their civil societies;
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- 87 4. Calls on the EU to further explore possibilities of integrating Ukraine in EU programmes and
88 frameworks, as is currently done with regard to the Erasmus+ programme, and to offer
89 support in education and training through exchange and twinning programmes to make
90 specifically young Ukrainians agents for change;
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- 92 5. Calls on the EU to grant a clear European perspective for Ukraine and clarify the
93 requirements for an accession to the EU;
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- 95 6. Requests that the European Union Advisory Mission to Ukraine is substantially scaled up to
96 support Pro-reform forces and capacity building;
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- 98 7. Calls on the EU to strengthen Humanitarian Aid to Eastern Ukraine, IDPs and Ukrainian
99 refugees in surrounding states;
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- 101 8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to increase support for civil society in Ukraine by
102 empowering the Ukrainian Platform of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership and
103 to take into account preferences expressed by civil society organisations of the Eastern
104 Partnership on the evaluation and monitoring of Association Agreements;
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- 106 9. Firmly supports the demand of the Ukrainian people for the separation of powers, an
107 independent civil society, rule of law, and an economy that serves the wider population;
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- 109 10. Considers the ratification of the Association Agreement as an important step to help the
110 Ukrainians in the development of democracy and the rule of law, and for the modernisation
111 of the economy and of the entire society, in order to contribute to the stability and prosperity
112 of the EU's Eastern border;
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- 114 11. Commits itself to responding to the call of the Ukrainian people and working towards a
115 European future for Ukraine in close cooperation with Ukrainian civil society and pro-
116 European movements, particularly the youth.