

Resolution 2: Political prisoners

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Topic: Political prisoners

The General Assembly of ECPYouth,

Noting with concern that:

- The war takes place in the center of Europe for the 5th year;
- In March 2014, the Russian Federation (here and after - RF) occupied and annexed part of Ukraine's territory - the Crimean peninsula and proclaimed it the territory of RF, grossly violating international law and virtually destroying the global security system;
- RF started a war on the Ukrainian region of Donbass, proclaiming the DPR and LNR republics and providing them with permanent military support. Since 2014 about 5,000 Ukrainian military and 2,000 civilians were killed, and about 1.5 million people were displaced;
- On July 17, 2014 armed pro-Russian terrorists shot MH17 passenger aircraft, killing 298 people;
- RF is conducting a hybrid war not only against Ukraine but also against the whole democratic world;
- 23 Ukrainian citizens are sentenced to prison in RF for the crimes they never made, 53 under investigation, just because they refused Russian citizenship and provided patriotic gestures on the territory which is a part of Ukraine by international law but not by RF view;
- The reaction of the international society to the behavior of RF is very loyal.

Considering that:

- Jesus teaches us to Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39;
- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10;
- The actions taken by RF violates 4 out of 10 commandments:
 6. You shall not murder.
 8. You shall not steal.
 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 10. You shall not covet.
- Different organizations and celebrities all over the world have already supported the political prisoners with their resolutions and statements; f.e. The European Film Academy, British directors Mike Leigh, Stephen Daldry and Ken Loach; German filmmakers Volker Schlöndorff and Wim Wenders; British actor Patrick Stewart; Hollywood star Johnny Depp; American author Stephen King;
- One of the political prisoners, Ukrainian-Crimean film director Oleg Sentsov, on May 14 announced a hunger strike until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.

Believing that:

- No person should be accused of a crime he never made;
- Every person should have the right to respect for his/her dignity.

Calls upon ECPYouth and its members to urge national governments to:

- Make a statement of support for the political prisoners;
- Demand the release of the political prisoners;
- Put additional sanctions on RF until all the political prisoners on the territory of RF are freed.