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### **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN VIS-À-VIS RUSSIA IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER RUSSIAN AGGRESSION - ECONOMIC OR OTHERWISE - AGAINST UKRAINE**

The United States of America, the Russian Federation, and Great Britain are signatories of the 1994-Budapest Memorandum ensuring the territorial integrity, security, and sovereignty of Ukraine and security from economic coercion.

Russia has previously violated its obligations under this agreement with only deafening silence from the other signatory countries. Recent reports in the press have indicated that Russia intends to continue its economic and military coercion of Ukraine with the aim of splitting the country. It is time for the United States and the European Union to finally stand up and defend their own principles and fulfill the commitments they made to Ukraine. If they do not, the risk of overall conflagration in Europe is real, with not only regional but global instability resulting. If they do not, their credibility will vaporize, fueling even further dangers.

Towards this end, the following actions must be **immediately** taken by the US and the EU.

- Issue forthright public statements to Russia – without delay and without mincing words – that it must stop advocating violence against Ukraine or agitating for its division or separatism.

If such actions by Russia should continue in **any** form, then the United States and the EU must forthwith:

- The US must act upon its obligations under the "United States – Ukraine Charter On Strategic Partnership Agreement" of December 19, 2008 and the various Ukraine - NATO Cooperation agreements.
- Freeze Russia's application to join the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- Expel Russia from all G-8 conferences and other international economic forums.
- Bring punitive actions against Russia within the rules of World Trade Organization [WTO] for Russia's repeated violations of WTO rules by its aggressive economic behavior towards Ukraine.
- The EU should intensify its scrutiny of Gazprom's behavior in the European gas market and strongly pursue a pending antitrust complaint.
- Expand Magnitsky sanctions on Russian government officials and their assets in the US. The EU should also freeze Russian government officials' assets and reject the pending Russian request for visa-free travel for holders of "official" passports.
- Use the forum of the United Nations to condemn any aggressive Russian behavior vis-à-vis Ukraine. If there are signs of military intervention by Russian forces in Ukraine, to immediately call upon the UN to send UN observers and/or a UN peacekeeping force to prevent and rollback any Russian military incursion into Ukraine.

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