

**R45** Emergency Resolution: Ecocide in the Kakhovka region - Global Greens stand in undivided solidarity with the people in Ukraine against the Russian war of aggression

Proposer: Polish Green Party and the Ukrainian Green Party

## Resolution text

1 On June 6th the Kakhovka dam at the Dnipro river in Southern Ukraine was heavily  
2 damaged by explosions. This flooded the surrounding areas and destroyed  
3 thousands of houses, farmland and forests as well as killed probably millions of  
4 animals. At least 16 people died, numerous are still missing and more than  
5 16.000 had to be evacuated under Russian artillery fire.

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7 Moreover, the explosions crippled the energy production of the connected hydro  
8 power plant and destroyed the irrigation canals for Southern Ukraine and Crimea.  
9 The leaking of toxic substances as well as dead animals severely threatens the  
10 drinking water supply in the region. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is  
11 endangered by a lack of cooling water and it has been under constant threat  
12 since the start of Russia's illegal war against Ukraine.

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14 There are no confirmations yet about the responsibility for this and we support  
15 the call for an independent investigation. Attacking such infrastructure is a  
16 war crime under the Geneva Convention since the effects are indiscriminate and  
17 target especially civilians in the region. Besides that, the war has already  
18 affected millions of acres of agricultural land, devastated national parks in  
19 Ukraine and led to drinking water shortage for more than 4 million people. This  
20 is accelerating the global food crisis and further prevents the export of  
21 urgently needed grain from Ukraine.

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23 The impact of these attacks on the environment amounts to the crime of ecocide!

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25 The Global Greens fully support the resolution formulated by the European Green  
26 Party during the EGP Congress in Copenhagen 2022 "European Greens continue to  
27 stand in undivided solidarity with Ukraine" in its stance against Russian  
28 aggression and its undivided solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Furthermore,  
29 the Global Greens state:

30 The destruction of the Kakhovka dam as well as the general environmental impacts  
31 of the Russian war of aggression must be considered as ecocide and condemned as  
32 war crimes.

33 The international community must assist the communities affected from the  
34 destruction of the dam as quickly as possible!

35 We strongly condemn the Russian attack on Ukraine as a fundamental violation of  
36 international law and the UN charter.

37 We stand in undivided solidarity with the people in Ukraine in their fight  
38 against Russian aggression.

39 We demand the complete and unconditional withdrawal of Russian troops from  
40 Ukraine.