

Madame Presidents,

Your Excellencies,

THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY HAS ENTERED ITS OWN *QUARTER-LIFE CRISIS*.

We are witnessing the appeasement of tyrants, the erosion of territorial integrity of sovereign nations, and the unraveling of the post-WW2 order built on the promise that borders would never again be redrawn by force.

The liberal international system is under siege.

Multilateralism is in retreat.

And the spirit that gave birth to the Geneva Conventions is being tested.

Those Conventions were a collective vow — humanity's attempt to place moral limits on war.

Yet today, over seventy years later, more than 120 armed conflicts rage worldwide.

Hospitals are bombed, aid workers targeted, children abducted.

When the rules of war are no longer respected -- what remains of civilization?

TODAY MARKS 1,335 DAYS SINCE RUSSIA'S FULL-SCALE RE-INVASION OF UKRAINE.

1,335 days of waking up to pools of blood after yet another Russian attack hitting an apartment block, hospital, kindergarden.

Brave and battered Ukraine stands as the shield of Europe.

It's a David versus Goliath fight, a deeply Christian archetype - defending not only its own sovereignty, but the moral architecture of the world we built after 1945.

It is not merely a war of aggression.

It is a war of annihilation.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY GAVE US GRIM GENOCIDAL CHAPTERS — HOLOCAUST, HOLODOMOR, RWANDA, SREBRENICA, DARFUR.

Raphael Lemkin — the Polish-Jewish lawyer, who gave us the word *genocide* — warned that it applies not only to total physical extermination, but the *coordinated destruction of a nation's foundations*, explicit in intent in state narratives.

As noted by Professor Timothy Snyder: that is what we are witnessing today.

Russia's leadership denies Ukraine's statehood, brands it "an artificial nation," and publishes plans for *de-Ukrainization*: liquidation of elites, erasure of culture, and the forced transfer of children.

Its propaganda dehumanises Ukrainians, calling them "parasites," "pigs," "vermin."

Civilians are tortured through electric shocks, beatings and mock executions in over a hundred detentions sights.

Thousands of children have been deported to at least 210 facilities for Russification and militarised "re-education".

Their only crime – being born Ukrainian.

How is this abduction morally different from what the Nazis once did to Polish abducted children?

The UN Commission of Inquiry has warned that "de-Ukrainization" may constitute incitement to genocide.

Several parliaments —amongst them Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, and Canada — have recognized this crime.

But most remain cautious.

Why?

Because of Russia's propaganda machine – its global media and digital networks - has achieved what few perpetrators managed: to flood the world with denial, confusion, and moral fog.

This is historically new – no previous aggressor possessed such propaganda apparatus.

Russians will be ashamed by these events for years to come.

JUSTICE CANNOT RESURRECT THE DEAD — BUT IT CAN PREVENT THE NEXT GRAVE.

Putin only understands the language of force, as proven by Russia's destructive actions in Georgia, Chechnya, the Balkans, Moldova, Syria, Libya—and Ukraine today.

THIS TIME, IMPUNITY CANNOT BE ALLOWED.

The ICC warrants for Putin and Lvova-Belova must be enforced.

We must make the costs of this war unbearable on the aggressor.

THIS MATTERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER: Because once aggression and mass crimes carry costs, including warrants, sanctions and reparations, our deterrence becomes credible.

LIKE FEW OTHER NATIONS POLAND UNDERSTANDS THE GLOBAL THREAT OF IMPERIALIST RUSSIA.

Supporting Ukraine, and pushing the Russian aggression away is the best strategic investment in our peaceful future.

We must therefore provide hope, not allow for victory on the aggressors terms, strengthen the victim's negotiating position,

and, what goes without saying, provide all humanitarian aid necessary for civilians to survive.

Distinguished Speakers,

BEFORE ENTERING THE PARLIAMENT, I SERVED FOR A YEAR IN UKRAINE AS A HUMANITARIAN AID WORKER, leading an humanitarian mission providing medical frontline assistance.

One of the greatest honours of my life.

On 14th of January 2023, a hypersonic missile, so called Kinzhal, struck an apartment block in Dnipro, a short walk from our base.

Two hundred thirty-six apartments collapsed. With bodies caught under the rubble pronounced as missing.

I UNDERSTOOD PAINFULLY: HUMANITARIAN AID, THOUGH NOBLE AND VITAL, without accountability and political courage, becomes a bandage on a wound that keeps being shot through again and again.

Humanitarian agencies carry the conscience of the world - But too often they become a way for governments to outsource their responsibility.

THIS SAME TRUTH APPLIES TO GAZA, TO SUDAN, TO YEMEN.

And to every survivor of human cruelty— to every woman, to every child who fell victim to violations of fundamental human rights — we owe not only compassion, but consequences.

I bow to your strength, and I hope that you will find enough hope, to bear the pain of the horrendous acts that were done to you.

THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES ALSO WITH US — PARLIAMENTARIANS.

We have the mandate to be the voice of the people, the architects of law, the guardians of conscience.

We must:

Uphold the international humanitarian law.

Protect humanitarian funding.

Demand accountability for every attack on civilians, hospitals, or aid convoys.

Prioritize those most at risk — women, children, displaced persons.

LAST THOUGHT

As historian, Anne Applebaum warned: *“I want peace” is not always a moral argument.*

When pacifism accepts conquest, cultural destruction, and the kidnapping of children — it becomes complicity and appeasement.

Let us, therefore, be clear: peace without justice is surrender.

Humanitarian aid without accountability is abdication.

The Geneva Conventions are the mirror of our humanity.

Let us fight tirelessly and ceaselessly to uphold them.

Thank you.