



**IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY
ON THE 30TH MARCH, 2022**

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No VII
dated 23rd March, 2022**

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**STATES OF DELIBERATION'S RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S INVASION OF
UKRAINE
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- I. After consideration of the Policy Letter entitled "States of Deliberation's response to the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine" dated 22nd March, 2022:-
 1. To affirm that the States of Guernsey stands with other democratic parliaments, and governments, in condemning the unwarranted and unjust acts of aggression of the Russian Federation against the sovereign state of Ukraine and its people and that the States of Guernsey supports the government and people of Ukraine in their valiant struggle to remain free to determine their own future.
 2. To commend the generosity of the people of the Bailiwick in supporting the Bailiff's Fund and other charitable causes responding to the conflict.
 3. To commend the decision of the Policy & Resources Committee, with the full support of the Overseas Aid & Development Commission, in donating £500,000 on behalf of the people of Guernsey from the budget¹ reserve, split equally between the British Red Cross and UK for UNHCR and noting that additional donations may be appropriate in due course.
 4. To commend the actions taken by Policy & Resources Committee in the imposition of sanctions, divesting from Russian investments and the suspension of tax co-operation with the Russian Federation.

¹ During his opening speech on Amendments 1 & 2. Deputy St Pier stated his amendment contained a typographical error. The word 'contingency' should be 'budgetary'.

5. To note that in addition to the expression of support by the States of Guernsey in Proposition 1, as noted in paragraph 7.7, many members of the community wish to provide practical support to the people of Ukraine in any way they can, including, if possible, by providing sanctuary to those fleeing the conflict, having particular regard to the history of many of the Bailiwick's people seeking refuge in the United Kingdom in June 1940 ahead of the Occupation.
6. To commend the work to date of the Committees *for* Home Affairs, Education, Sport & Culture, Health & Social Care, Employment & Social Security, led and co-ordinated by the Policy & Resources Committee, with a view to developing coherent policy responses enabling the Ukrainian families of Guernsey residents to come to Guernsey, as well as exploring the viability of a broader 'Homes for Ukraine' visa sponsor scheme and, given that as time is of the essence for those fleeing conflict, to direct the completion of this work as swiftly as is practicable.
7. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION Taking the opportunity of the work already being undertaken in developing policies and legislation in response to the Ukrainian conflict, to direct relevant committees to give consideration to whether such policies and legislation can be applied in a manner which is appropriate for Guernsey to others seeking refuge or asylum (particularly from past, present and future conflicts); and that the Policy & Resources Committee having led and co-ordinated this work, reports back to the States in due course.
8. To note that:
 - the duration, extent and wider consequences of the conflict in Europe and beyond following the invasion of Ukraine are unknown; and
 - the conflict may have significant impacts on Guernsey and its community including, among other things, on energy and food security and prices, logistics and supply chains, cyber security and public expenditure and revenues and consequently upon the States' objectives, policy plans and priorities in the Government Work Plan.

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