Declaration on the Foreign Policy Priorities of Democratic Belarus

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We, the democratic forces of Belarus, understanding the importance of building institutional relations with international partners, declare the following foreign policy priorities:

We are committed to dialogue and extensive and strengthened cooperation with our key partners, namely the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Ukraine, with the goal of preserving the sovereignty and independence of democratic Belarus, restoring its non-nuclear status, and renewing good neighborly relations within the framework of a new regional security system.

Confirming our commitment to the European alternative for Belarus, we welcome facilitated cooperation with the EU within the framework of the established Belarus–EU Consultative Group and the Council of Europe's Contact Group on Belarus, which are strategically important steps towards a European future for Belarus.

Fighting for a democratic future for Belarus, we are grateful to the United States for initiating the Strategic Dialogue with the democratic forces of Belarus and are confident that institutional cooperation with the US enhances the potential for a democratic change.

Considering the independence of Belarus as our main value, we express solidarity with Ukraine and its people, who are fighting both for their own freedom and independence and for the future of our region and international security. We support and will continue to support Ukraine in its struggle with the means and resources at our disposal.

We encourage our key partners to expand informational, cultural, educational, and other projects and programs aimed at Belarusian society, creating additional opportunities for Belarusians to develop connections with democratic countries and strengthening ties between the Belarusian diaspora and Belarusians within the country.

We call on our partners to make sure the restrictive measures against the Lukashenka regime are not discriminatory towards Belarusians and do not limit the mobility rights of Belarusians, as well as to facilitate the legalization of stay for Belarusians in exile.

We rely on the continued strategic support of our international partners in the Belarusian society's struggle for independence, freedom, and democracy.

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