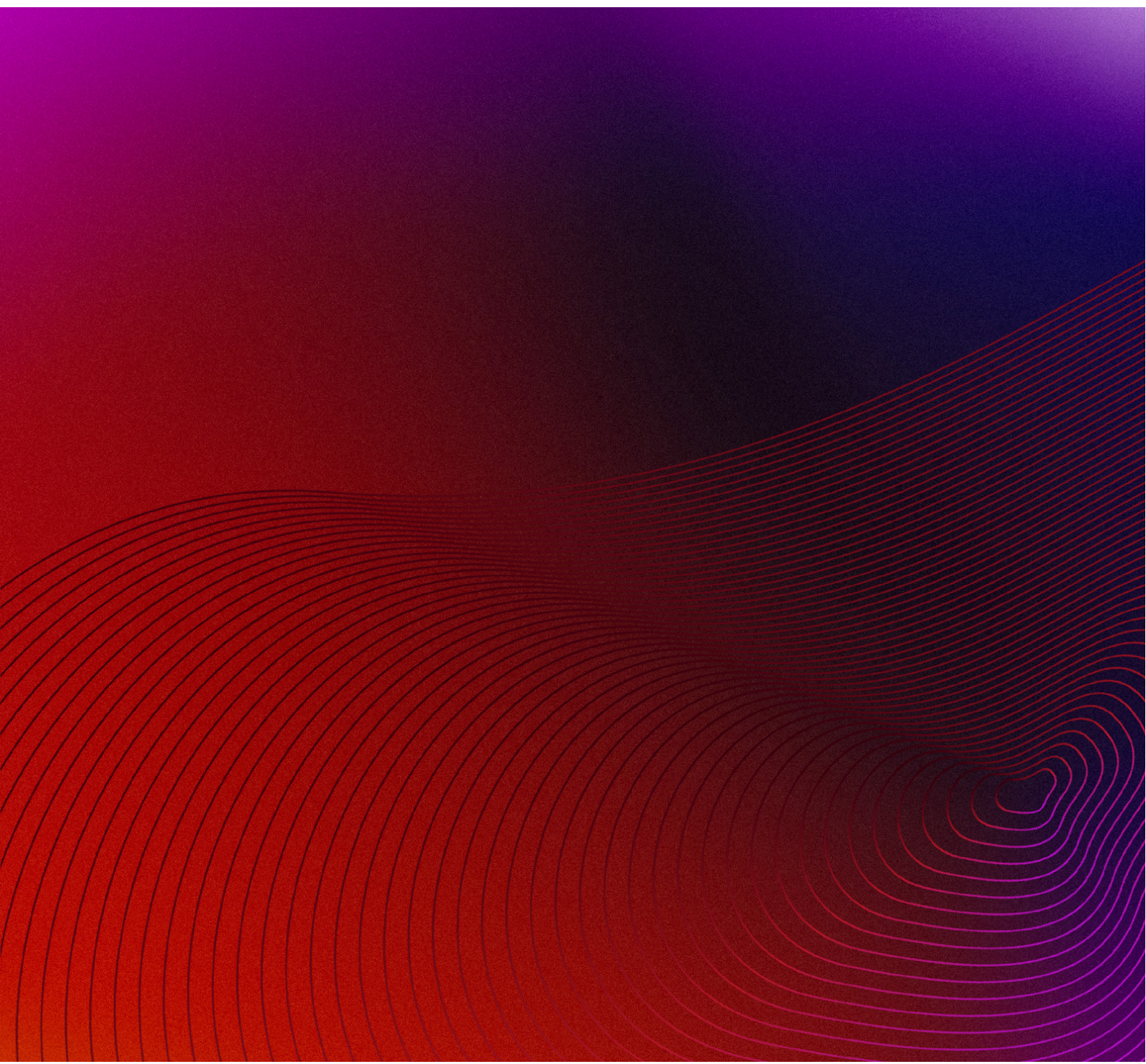


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# **Political Resolution by the Democratic Forces of Belarus for the New Belarus Conference**





**Based** on Articles 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus of 1994, according to which Belarus is a unitary democratic social law-based state, where the only source of state power and bearer of sovereignty is the people;

**Noting** that the citizens of Belarus are deprived of the real right to free elections, and in fact, power in Belarus is seized by a group of individuals who do not serve society and organize repression against it;

**Noting** that in 2020, hundreds of thousands of Belarusian citizens across the country took to mass protests against the falsification of election results and supported three main demands: to stop repression, release political prisoners, and hold new democratic elections, which to this day have not been fulfilled;

**Supporting** the self-organization of Belarusian society as a system of cooperation among political institutions (the United Transitional Cabinet, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's Office, and the Coordination Council), political parties, non-governmental, human rights, and diaspora organizations, civic initiatives, volunteers, independent media, bloggers, and activists to return the state to the people;

**We, representatives of the democratic forces of Belarus,**

**Confirm** that our common goals are the preservation of Belarus' independence and the transition of our country to a sustainable democracy in accordance with Articles 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus;

**Firmly oppose** the participation of the current regime in Belarus in the disgraceful aggression of Russia against Ukraine, contrary to the national interests and Constitution of Belarus, declare our support for Ukraine's just struggle for its independence, including by Belarusian volunteer fighters defending Ukraine, and emphasize the necessity of holding those responsible for the aggression accountable;

**Demand** an end to political repression in Belarus, the release of political prisoners, and new free and fair elections for all bodies of power;

**Propose** to resolve Belarus' political crisis through a national dialogue, the result of which would be national reconciliation, cessation of repression and release of political prisoners, and the holding of free and fair elections to restore the people's trust in the authorities and end the political conflict in the country; this proposal for negotiations was formulated back in 2020 and was supported by more than 780 thousand Belarusians;

**Welcome** the beginning of the process of releasing political prisoners; however, we consider such steps insufficient amid ongoing political repression and forced deportations;

**Express gratitude** to international partners, the member states of the European Union, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Canada, Norway and other countries, the Council of Europe, the UN, the OSCE, and other international organizations for assisting in the

release of political prisoners and supporting the struggle of Belarusian society for the independence of their country and democracy;

**Express gratitude** to the European Union for adopting the Comprehensive Support Plan for Belarus for its transition to democracy and regard this as a sign of readiness for significant investments in the welfare and European future of Belarus;

**Express gratitude** to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for adopting the Luxembourg Solutions as recommendations for national parliaments to support the activities of Belarusian society in exile, the mobility of Belarusians, educational, cultural, and social ties, and we call on national parliaments to implement the Luxembourg Solutions;

**Express gratitude** to the countries that have accepted Belarusians who were deported or fled Belarus due to political repression;

**Call** on the international community to continue efforts to release political prisoners and end repression in Belarus;

**Call** for holding representatives of the Lukashenka regime accountable for crimes against humanity committed against the Belarusian people, as well as the military and political leadership of Belarus for participation in the crime of aggression against Ukraine and the illegal displacement and indoctrination of Ukrainian children;

**Call** on the international community to continue and expand support for Belarusian independent media, human rights defenders, civil society, and the institutions of the democratic forces of Belarus;

**Note** that the democratic forces are not only fighting for change but are preparing for it. A draft Constitution; draft laws; concepts of reforms, lustration, and restitution for victims of repression; and an action plan for the transitional period have been developed to make Belarus a country that serves its citizens and is an important part of the regional security system;

**Urge** everyone to remember our main goals and coordinate their work to achieve them, understanding that Belarusian society is diverse, consisting of people and organizations with different political views, and that discussions and debates within the democratic movement are a normal phenomenon.

We unite our efforts and move forward to return Belarus to Belarusians and make Belarus a country respected worldwide, where people have real rights to elect their government while authorities respect their citizens and serve society.

Long Live Belarus!