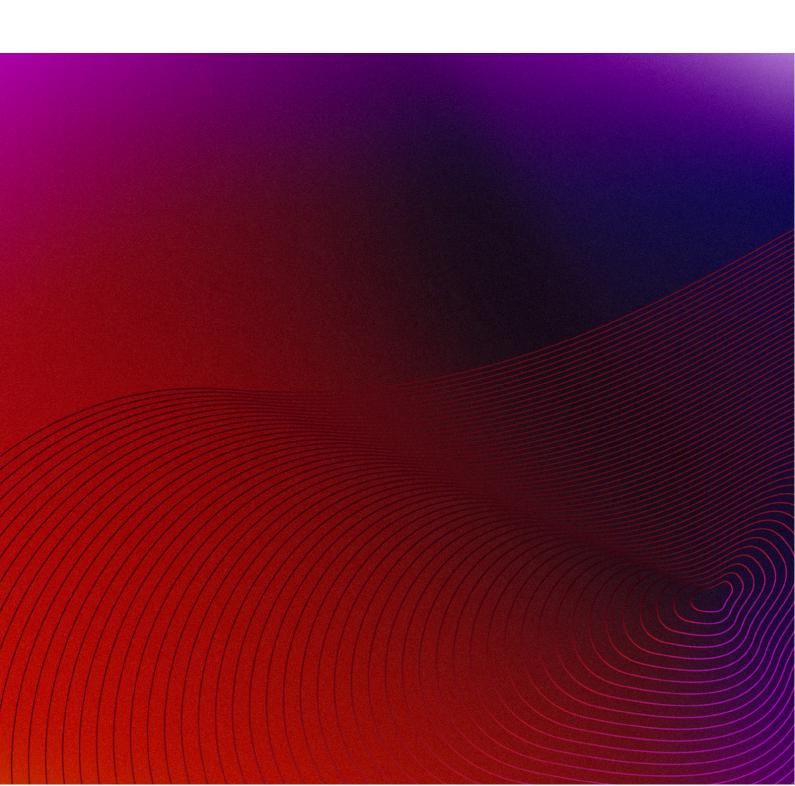
# On the Security of Belarus

Resolution by the Democratic Forces of Belarus for the New Belarus Conference 2025



**Guided** by Article 18 of the 1994 Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, which affirms the neutral status of the Republic of Belarus, its commitment not to seek nuclear weapons, and its non-threatening stance toward other states;

**Noting** that, after the falsification of the 2020 election results, the regime of Aliaksandr Lukashenka lost both legitimacy and legality, maintaining control over Belarusian territory only through repression, internal terror, and external support from the Russian Federation;

**Taking into account** the resolution "On the Recognition of the Russian Federation's Intervention in the Republic of Belarus and the Establishment of Hybrid Occupation" adopted on February 26, 2025, by the Third Convocation of the Coordination Council<sup>1</sup>;

**Recognizing** that since February 24, 2022, Belarus has effectively lost its political agency and is in a state of hybrid occupation by Russia, which uses Belarusian territory to wage aggression against Ukraine;

**Emphasizing** that Belarus has lost control over its own security, including military control over its territory, voluntary participation in military and political alliances, and a secure information space, and that instead, the country hosts foreign troops, potentially deploys nuclear weapons, and is subjected to unchecked Russian propaganda;

**Noting** that Belarus' participation in the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Union State with Russia, and other pro-Moscow bodies constitutes a threat to the country rather than a guarantee of its security;

**Taking into account** numerous risks both in conventional security and in the fields of information, culture, economy, migration, energy, and youth policy, as analyzed in the "Red Paper: EU–Belarus Security Framework 2025"<sup>2</sup>;

### We, the democratic forces of Belarus:

**Reaffirm** that the main goal of Belarus' security policy is the restoration and safeguarding of the country's full military, political, and informational sovereignty, based on democracy, the rule of law, and peaceful relations with neighbors;

#### Stand for:

- the withdrawal of foreign troops and the prohibition of nuclear weapons deployment on Belarusian territory;
- Belarus' withdrawal from the CSTO and the Union State, in compliance with all necessary procedures;
- a review of the military doctrine with a focus on defending Belarus' internationally recognized territory and maintaining a peaceful foreign policy;

<sup>1</sup> https://t.me/rada vision/4084

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://tsikhanouskaya.org/en/news/red-paper-what-needs-to-be-known-about-belarus-here-and-now.html

- the dismantling of propaganda networks and other measures to strengthen information security, including support for independent media;
- Belarus' full return to the framework of international law and integration into the European collective security system upon implementing the internal changes necessary to meet partner-country criteria;

**Warn** that continued dependence on Russia poses the risk of losing statehood and deepening international isolation:

**Call on the international community** to support the democratic forces of Belarus as the legitimate representatives of the Belarusian people and recognize Belarusian citizens not as accomplices but as victims of Russia's geopolitical aggression;

# Call on the international community to:

- support the democratic community's work on secure scenarios for a transition to democracy;
- exert pressure on the regimes in Minsk and Moscow to remove Belarus from Russia's military and political orbit;
- take into account and apply the recommendations developed by experts in the "Red Paper: EU-Belarus Security Framework 2025" when shaping security approaches and policies toward Belarus;
- determine possible formats for Belarus' participation in regional security platforms;

## Deem it necessary to:

- develop a new security architecture for Belarus with guarantees of civilian control over the security forces;
- legally enshrine a ban on hosting foreign military facilities on Belarusian territory without a mandate from the people;

## Call on all Belarusian and international democratic forces to unite efforts for:

- drafting a roadmap for a safe exit from hybrid occupation;
- a transition to democracy:
- building a peaceful and European Belarus that guarantees security both to its citizens and the entire region;

**Express our gratitude** to the representatives of the democratic movement and partner countries supporting our goal of making Belarus safe, democratic, and independent;

**Affirm our conviction** that Belarus can be secure only as part of a regional and European security system, with democratic institutions contributing to stability and safety in the region.

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