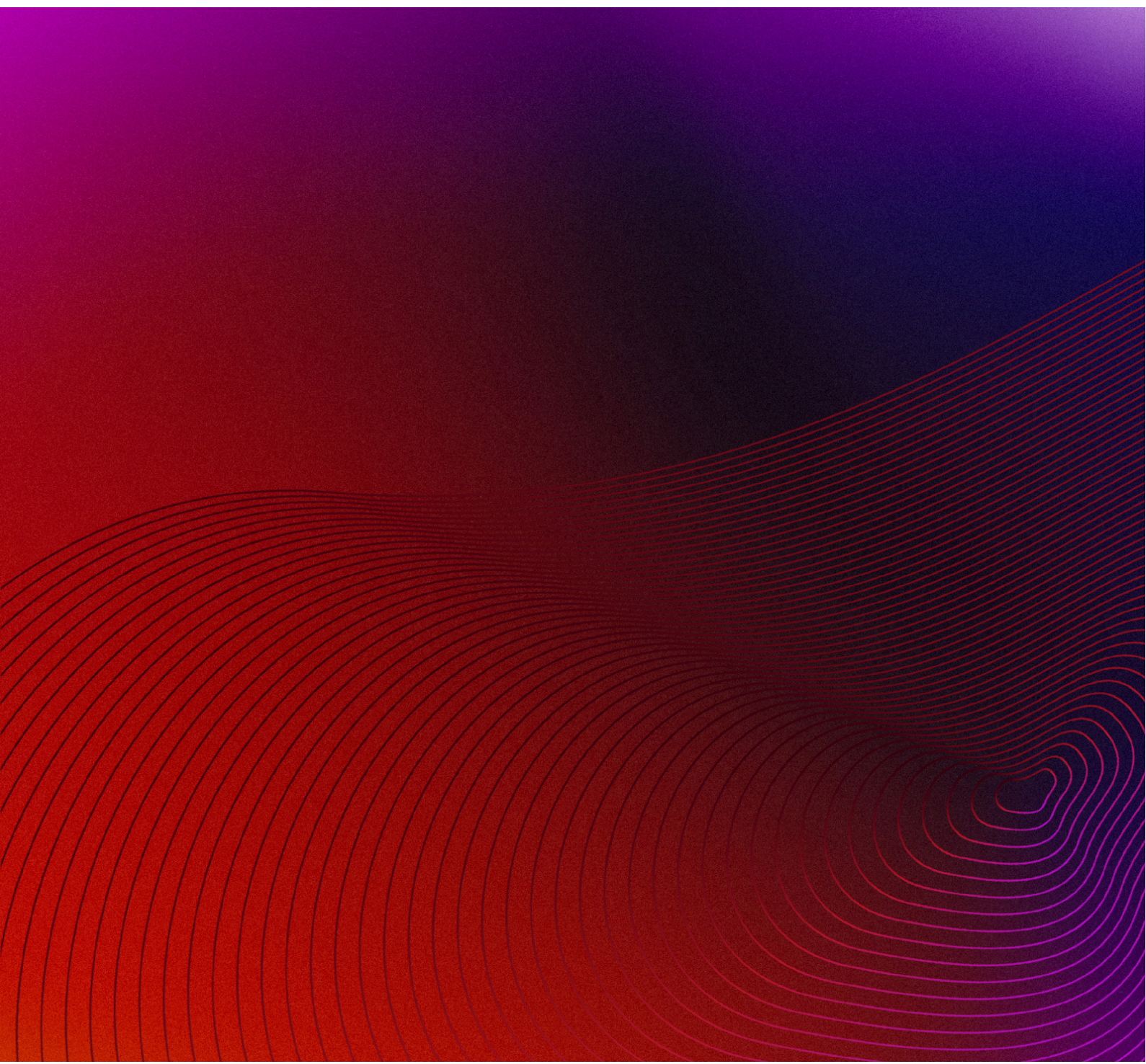


On Achieving Justice in Belarus

Statement (Declaration) by the Democratic Forces of Belarus



Taking into account the ongoing large-scale international crimes and gross human rights violations in Belarus, committed against part of the Belarusian society on political grounds and involving acts of torture, enforced disappearances, unlawful deprivation of liberty, and persecution;

Considering the intensification of extraterritorial persecution of citizens of Belarus and ethnic Belarusians by the authorities of the Aliaksandr Lukashenka regime on political grounds;

Bearing in mind that, according to the Report of the UN Group of Independent Experts on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus, up to 600,000 residents of Belarus have been subjected to forced exile;

Noting the particular vulnerability of victims of international crimes committed by the authorities of the Lukashenka regime who have ended up in exile;

Welcoming the implementation by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of the procedure under Article 14 of the Rome Statute on referring the Belarus situation to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court;

Drawing attention to the ongoing preliminary examination of the Belarus situation by the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court;

We, the democratic forces of Belarus:

Affirm that reconciliation in Belarusian society is possible only after the restoration of the rights of all victims of international crimes committed by representatives of the Lukashenka regime and the delivery of justice to those responsible;

Call on the partners of the democratic forces of Belarus to submit to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court information on cases of persecution of citizens of Belarus and ethnic Belarusians residing in their territories by the authorities of the Lukashenka regime, as well as to provide any available support to the Prosecutor's Office in this matter;

Request comprehensive support for citizens of Belarus who have been forced into exile, as well as for ethnic Belarusians who are subjected to extraterritorial persecution by the authorities of the Aliaksandr Lukashenka regime;

Firmly believe that achieving justice in the Belarus situation and reconciliation within Belarusian society aligns with the goals of regional and global security;

Call for the formation of an international coalition of states to achieve justice in Belarus.