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### ***Maltese parliamentary delegation supports resolution condemning the war in Ukraine during the 145<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Kigali***

More than a thousand members of national parliaments from around the globe are attending the bi-annual Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is currently being held in Kigali between 11 and 15 October. Randolph De Battista and Robert Cutajar are participating on behalf of the Maltese Parliament.

While the main theme of the assembly is gender equality and gender-sensitive parliaments as drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world, the assembly also chose to debate an emergency item, which can be related to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the Inter-Parliamentary Union to express its opinion and mobilise a parliamentary response.

The Maltese delegation supported the emergency item proposed by the parliamentary delegation of Chile, condemning the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the subsequent annexation of territories in defence of the territorial integrity of all states. The proposed item gathered the required two-thirds of the votes and was then debated in this morning's session. It was also agreed that a drafting committee be appointed to draft a resolution that would later be adopted during the assembly.

The Maltese delegation is also participating in various committee meetings and debating important themes such as migration and climate change.