

NO UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE !

Today, President Zelensky of Ukraine addresses the Dutch parliament to ask for support for his war-torn country. The Dutch government has already supported Ukraine once, by ratifying the association agreement with Ukraine despite a no vote.

Immediately after ratification of this treaty, Ukraine adopted a language law that makes it impossible for ethnic minorities, such as Hungarians, Romanians and Russians, to freely use their minority languages outside their own private sphere in public administration, trade, health care, justice, education and the media. Recently, Ukraine has requested to be admitted directly as a member to the European Union through an exceptional procedure, without fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria, which stipulate that each candidate country must first comply with respect for human rights and the rights of minorities. The Dutch government should therefore attach conditions to any form of support for Ukraine, such as the requirement that the treaties of basic human rights of autonomous minorities ratified by Ukraine be observed in an exemplary manner. After all, these treaties are the guarantee of peace and stability.



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