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Proposal for a Reparations Tariff on Holders of Russian Passports

To:

- Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine
- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Subject: Establishing an International Reparations Tariff on Russian Passport Holders Abroad - A Civic Responsibility Mechanism to Support the Ukrainian People

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Dear President Zelensky and President von der Leyen,

In light of the ongoing war in Ukraine and the imperative for global solidarity and concrete mechanisms of accountability, we hereby submit this editorial recommendation, developed by our international affairs team, for your consideration and possible debate at regional or multilateral levels.

We propose the creation of a Reparations Tariff specifically targeting holders of Russian passports residing or traveling abroad, especially within allied territories of the Ukrainian cause. The rationale is simple: a nation is composed of its people, and the silent perpetuation of autocracy must no longer go unchallenged by its own citizenry.

Proposal Summary

Objective:

To establish a Civic Responsibility Fund to support Ukraine's recovery, funded through targeted contributions from Russian passport holders living or operating internationally.

1. Scope and Applicability

- Applicable to all Russian passport holders entering, residing, or conducting business in allied countries (e.g., EU, UK, USA, Canada, etc.).
- Exemptions would apply to:
 - Recognized political refugees.
 - Verified anti-regime activists with a public record of opposition to the Kremlin.

2. Tariff Mechanisms

- Entry/Exit Fee:

EUR250 per crossing at international borders (airports, ports, etc.) within allied nations.
- Income-Based Contribution:
 - 1.5% annual tariff on foreign-earned income exceeding EUR50,000.
 - 0.75% tariff on all international financial transfers to or from Russia.
- Renewal Fee for Russian Passports in Allied Nations:

Additional EUR500 charge every 5 or 10 years (depending on passport validity), unless exemption is granted.

3. Fund Allocation

All revenue collected should be directed to a Multilateral Ukraine Reconstruction Fund, co-managed by institutions such as the United Nations, European Commission, and Ukrainian government.

4. Implementation Plan

- Phase 1: Adoption by EU and G7 members as a "humanitarian sanction" framework.
- Phase 2: Expand diplomatically to nations with significant Russian expatriate presence (e.g., Turkey, UAE, Georgia).

5. Rationale

"As long as the Russian government continues its war of aggression, Russian citizens - who sustain that regime through taxes, service, or silence - must also bear a portion of the burden."

The proposed reparations tariff reflects a moral and economic signal to Russian nationals that passivity and detachment are no longer acceptable in the face of war crimes.

Anticipated Objections

We acknowledge the ethical and legal complexities:

- Risk of collective punishment if not implemented carefully.
- Potential conflicts with human rights principles if indiscriminately applied.
- Possible use by Russian propaganda to reinforce isolationist narratives.

Alternative or Complementary Measures

- Encourage voluntary "Civic Responsibility Declarations" by Russian nationals to exempt themselves.
- Focus on high-net-worth individuals and corporate entities tied to the regime.
- Label Russian passports as "high-risk travel documents", with associated visa restrictions or fees.

Final Consideration

The people of Ukraine have paid - and continue to pay - the ultimate price. It is time the Russian population, particularly those who benefit from the privileges of living abroad, also face a tangible consequence for the

government's actions carried out in their name.

We invite you to consider this proposal as part of a broader initiative for justice, economic deterrence, and long-term global stability.

Respectfully,

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