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1. Preamble
2. **Guided by the values of democratic socialism, internationalism, anti-fascism, feminism, and social and climate justice, we, social-democratic and socialist youth from the Black Sea region, present this resolution as a shared political position and a call to action.**
3. **We state that the Black Sea region remains one of the most unstable regions in Europe. The war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine continues to undermine regional security, international law, democracy, and social rights, and is being used as a tool of authoritarian control.**
4. Equally troubling is Azerbaijan’s continued aggression against Armenia, including the forcible displacement of the indigenous Armenian population from Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh), the ongoing occupation of Armenia’s sovereign territory, and persistent military threats against civilian communities. Furthermore, the unlawful detention of Armenian hostages and sham judicial proceedings in Baku, the normalization of impunity and judicial abuse weakens international legal norms and risks institutionalizing aggression under the guise of “peace.”



5. **We witness how war and militarisation serve as a cover for authoritarian practices: repression in Belarus; pressure on the opposition, civil society, and youth in Türkiye; democratic backsliding in Georgia; the growth of politically motivated arrests, police violence, judicial manipulation, and state-led intimidation of journalists, activists, clergy and civil society in Armenia; as well as the weakening of democratic institutions and economic guarantees in Bulgaria and Romania.**
6. **Young people in the region face forced migration, loss of access to education, unstable labour markets, restricted political participation, and the constant threat of violence. These challenges are shaped by ongoing conflicts, authoritarian governance, and imperialist power politics, including the war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation, all of which profoundly affect the political and social realities of the region and beyond.**
7. **We emphasise that resistance to wars of aggression, imperialism, and authoritarianism is a necessary condition for democracy, social justice, and a just peace. For societies under attack, resistance is not an ideological choice or a radical gesture; it is a form of self-defence, a struggle for dignity, and the right to determine their own future.**
8. **We reject the concept of “peace without justice.” Sustainable peace is impossible without accountability for the aggressor, the protection of democracy, the restoration of social justice, and democratic transformation in countries subjected to authoritarian rule and external control.**
9. **Youth Commitment to Resist for the Prosperity of Democracy and Social Justice**
10. **Youth in the Black Sea region plays a key role in resisting war and authoritarianism, and in defending democracy and social justice. Through solidarity, collective action, and political engagement, we declare our shared position and commitment. We stand for:**
11. **Resistance to wars of aggression, imperialist ambitions, and authoritarian tendencies as a foundation for democratic development. Resistance is a form of self-defence and a struggle for dignity, freedom and the future of coming generations.**
12. **Full solidarity with the people of Ukraine, supporting their right to self-defence, their resistance to Russia’s war of aggression, and their struggle for a democratic future.**



13. **Protection of democracy in Armenia. We call on Armenian authorities to end politically motivated prosecutions, ensure accountability for police abuse, safeguard judicial independence, and uphold freedoms of expression, assembly, and religion.**
14. **Condemnation of the use of war and security narratives as a cover for authoritarianism, the militarisation of society, political repression, and the erosion of civil liberties across the region.**
15. **The protection of democratic rights and freedoms in Türkiye, particularly for youth, activists, and opposition figures, including freedom of expression, assembly, and political participation, as well as the immediate release of imprisoned politicians and political prisoners, particularly young people and students, detained for exercising their democratic rights, in authoritarian regimes such as Belarus.**
16. **The promotion of socially just alternatives to neoliberal models, prioritising decent work, accessible housing and education, and universal healthcare.**
17. **Information security and resistance to propaganda, disinformation, and political manipulation in the digital sphere.**
18. **Climate and environmental justice, including the restoration of the Black Sea and addressing the environmental consequences of war.**
19. **Regional youth solidarity and coordination of action as a means of joint resistance and common campaigns for democracy, peace, and social justice.**
20. **We call on governments, international organisations, and civil society to support initiatives and movements aimed at democracy, peace, and sustainable development, and to ensure the protection of rights and freedoms.**
21. **Within IUSY, we will continue to stand together and act collectively, building a world where democracy, social justice, and international solidarity form the foundation of peace and shared prosperity.**

Peace That Ignores Justice Betrays the Future