
Resolution CM/Res(2022)2 on the cessation of the membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 March 2022
at the 1428^{ter} meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Reaffirming that the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine constitutes a serious violation by the Russian Federation of its obligations under Article 3 of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Recalling its decision of 25 February 2022 (CM/Del/Dec(2022)1426^{ter}/2.3) by which, following an exchange of views with the Parliamentary Assembly in the Joint Committee, it decided to launch the procedure provided by Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and agreed to suspend the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Council of Europe, in accordance with its relevant Resolution CM/Res(2022)1 on legal and financial consequences of the suspension;

Recalling also its decision on 10 March 2022 (CM/Del/Dec(2022)1428^{bis}/2.3) to consult the Parliamentary Assembly on potential further use of Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, and Opinion No. 300 of the Parliamentary Assembly, unanimously adopted on 15 March 2022, which considered that the Russian Federation can no longer be a member State of the Organisation;

Noting that by a communication dated 15 March 2022, the Government of the Russian Federation informed the Secretary General of its withdrawal from the Council of Europe in accordance with the Statute of the Council of Europe and of its intention to denounce the European Convention on Human Rights,

Decides, in the context of the procedure launched under Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, that the Russian Federation ceases to be a member of the Council of Europe as from 16 March 2022.