

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 5 June 2025 – Motions

Thank you for your letter about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 5 June 2025. My reply to motion 3.7 is set out below. I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

Motion 3.7 – Condemning Russia’s Forced Abduction of Ukraine Children

I echo the London Assembly’s motion and join them in strongly condemning the forced abduction, deportation and mistreatment of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation. These actions violate international law and represent a serious assault on the fundamental rights of the most vulnerable.

London stands in solidarity with the children and families affected by these injustices and with the millions of Ukrainians whose lives have been shattered by conflict. We recognise the profound trauma inflicted upon these children and echo the deep concern shared by civil society, human rights organisations, and democratic governments around the world.

I welcome and applaud the UK Government’s decisive actions and continued support for Ukraine in confronting Russian aggression and associated human rights violations. In September 2025, the UK Government imposed sanctions on individuals and organisations involved in the forcible deportation, indoctrination, and militarisation of Ukrainian children by Russia.

I also welcome the United Nations General Assembly’s resolution in December 2025, calling for the immediate, safe, and unconditional return of Ukrainian children to their families and communities and the ongoing work of UN human rights mechanisms to investigate, document, and report on these violations.

London has long been a city that stands for human rights, justice and refuge, and remains committed to safeguarding children’s rights and supporting Ukraine in its struggle for peace, justice and freedom.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London