

Ukraine: Solidarity with Carola Rockete!

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A newspaper acting as the mouthpiece of Russian imperialism launched a vicious campaign against Carola Rackete yesterday, which as a leftist member of the EU parliament agreed to a resolution supporting the Ukrainian resistance.

This resolution calls for :

1. Supply of enough ammunition to Ukraine and authorization of Ukrainian attacks on military infrastructure in Russia. (Ukraine is not allowed to attack rocket launchers in Russia with weapons of NATO countries so far and cannot defend itself effectively against bomb hail)
2. Enforcement and expansion of military sanctions against Russia and those who support Russia.
3. Confiscation of Russian state assets to compensate Ukraine for the destruction. Complete resolution here:

[1] [2]

In a solidarity, ecological and emancipatory perspective, it is legitimate to agree or abstain from this resolution (“Sustaining financial and military support for Ukraine by EU Member States”) A lot of leftists did this.

How did the members of the faction “The Left” vote?

Yes, left-wing representatives from the Nordic countries voted, each from NL, DE and FR (France Insoumise).

Andersson, Clausen, Gedin, Hazekamp, Kyllönen, Omarjee, Rackete, Saramo, Sjöstedt

Abstention: most deputies from France Insoumise and those from Ireland (Sinn Fein and an independent)

Aubry, Boylan, Lent, Chaibi, Flanagan, Forreau, Functionion, Hassan, Measure, Saeidi, Schirdewan, Smith

Representatives from Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece voted no.

Antoci, Arvanitis, Barrena Arza, Botenga, Della Valle, Demirel, Everding, Furore, Galán, Kennes, Martins, Montero, Morace, Oliveira, Palmisano, Pedulla', Salis, Serra Sanchez, Tamburrano, Tridico [3]

Those individuals - also in [Die Linke](#) and [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#) - who are now maliciously and defamatory attacking Carola Rackete have no answer to how Ukrainian wage earners can resist the Russian attack on their society. A [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#) employee even thinks that Carola Rackete is an egg with a hawk from “Team World War” in it [4]

These slanderous attacks against @CaroRackete do not serve peace, but ultimately play into the hands of the Putin regime’s extortion attempt and they are water on the mills of the local racist, national conservatives and fascists.

Carola Rackete has proven sufficiently in recent years that she resolutely and effectively opposes fascist, racist and national conservative forces. She has saved many people from the worst threats. Which of the evil scribblers has already successfully asserted himself against a racist interior minister and his repressive forces? Remembering [#SeaWatch3](#) and the threats of [#Salvini](#) in 2019. It is right to oppose the wave of reshuffling between NATO and EU states. It is credible to do it when you stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian resistance against the existential threat posed by Russian imperialism.

This is what we have also stated in our international statement [5] [6]

That’s why it is right to support Ukraine, that’s why you have to oppose weapons exports to other

countries that attack their own and neighboring peoples (e.g. Israel, Turkey, Saudi Arabia). That is why the arms industry must be socialized to democratically control and determine their products; finally to rebuild in transnationally coordinated or. to transform into a socially and ecologically sensible industry.

Some considerations I presented in this article in [Emanzipation - Zeitschrift für ökosozialistische Strategie](#) We urgently need to start a transnational and European discussion on these challenges. [7]]

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Footnotes

[1] Press statement by the EU Parliament:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/.../meps-ukraine-must-be...>

[2] Full resolution in German:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/.../TA-10-2024-0012_DE.pdf

[3] Voting protocol of the EU Parliament

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/.../PV-10-2024-09-19-RCV...>

[4] <https://x.com/IngarSolty/status/1837483015426978079>

[5] International explanation in German and 14 other languages.

<https://emanzipation.org/.../a-peoples-peace-not-an.../>

[6] English version of the statement with signatories:

https://emanzipation.org/.../2024_07_09_Ukraine_peace...=AT3H1i8f7-

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[7] <https://emanzipation.org/.../frieden-in-der-ukraine-und.../>=AT3H1i8f7-

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