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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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As the Commission pointed out in its reply to written question E-003458/2025¹, the EU honours and commemorates all victims and sacrifices made to end the Second World War, a profoundly tragic chapter in the history of Europe and the world. Regrettably, the Second World War brought painful divisions in Europe and for many Europeans the end of the war brought not freedom, but further subjugation.

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Asia, the EU paid tribute also to the courage of the people of China, who endured immense suffering in defending their homeland and contributing to the end of the war.

Russia continues to deliberately manipulate historical narratives surrounding the Second World War and its aftermath to distract and divert attention from the uncomfortable truth. It remains essential to uphold historical accuracy and reject any attempts to rewrite history for political gains, ensuring that the sacrifices and lessons of the past give guidance toward a peaceful and just future.

Unfortunately, Europe is confronted with another painful reality: Russia's unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine violates international law, including the United Nations Charter and international humanitarian law. The EU stands with Ukraine in its efforts to restore its full independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003458-ASW_EN.html.