

JOINT STATEMENT

of the Prime Ministers of Ukraine and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Prime Ministers of Ukraine and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg met in Luxembourg on 19 March 2024. In light of the results of the bilateral meeting, the parties:

highly value the strategic partnership between Ukraine and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, emphasizing active and fruitful cooperation between our Governments, and acknowledging the friendship between our nations;

condemn in the strongest possible terms the Russian Federation's unprovoked, unjustified and illegal full-scale military invasion of Ukraine, started on 24 February of 2022, which is an expansion of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, that has been ongoing since 19 February of 2014, representing a blatant violation of the United Nations Charter and undermining the foundations of the rules-based international order;

recognize the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders of 1991 and reiterate the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's commitment to do everything possible bilaterally and in international fora to achieve a common victory over the aggressor-state in order to ensure lasting peace and security in Central and Eastern Europe;

reiterate the need to continue implementing the policy of non-recognizing the Russian Federation's attempted illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, as well as parts of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine;

confirm the joint intention to further use all available international formats, including the International Crimea Platform, to restore the territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders and to rebuild Ukraine;

highlight the multifaceted assistance provided by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to Ukraine, including its support to temporarily displaced persons in Luxembourg;

appreciate recent decisions by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on its continued support to Ukraine in military, political, financial, humanitarian terms and the commitment to further strengthen the multi-dimensional bilateral and international assistance to Ukraine;

call on the international community to stand united in providing Ukraine with prompt and effective military and other aid until its victory and beyond;

commend the delivery of weaponry and ammunition by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as well as its commitment to provide assistance in the defence domain;

recognize the support of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Ukraine's accession process to the European Union, note the significant progress made by Ukraine in meeting the recommendations of the European Commission, and encourage Ukraine to continue decisively on this path;

emphasize that, in the face of Russian aggression, Ukraine continues delivering on comprehensive reforms in the security and defence sector, and the Defence Forces of Ukraine effectively use Western lethal and non-lethal military equipment and display a profound level of interoperability with NATO standards and systems. Defending democratic and Euro-Atlantic values and committed to continued democratic and security sector reforms that are required, Ukraine rightfully deserves an invitation to join the Alliance as soon as possible;

emphasize that Ukraine's membership in NATO is crucial for enhancing security for the transatlantic area and would further strengthen the Alliance; **confirm** the determination of Ukraine and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to advance Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic aspirations for NATO membership;

express full support to the Peace Formula by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy and emphasize the importance of this initiative to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine. **Underscore** the significance of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's participation in the implementation of the Peace Formula, with a particular focus on supporting restoration of justice in Ukraine. **Confirm** the importance of holding a Global Peace Summit with a broad participation of the wider international community and the readiness of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to take part in this event;

recognize the importance of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's alignment with the framework Joint Declaration on support for Ukraine of the G7 states and agree to launch the appropriate negotiation process regarding the modalities of the relevant agreement in the near future;

condemn in the strongest possible terms the systematic war crimes and other most serious crimes under international law committed by the Russian Armed and irregular armed units directed or supported by Russia, including deliberate and indiscriminate attacks against the civilian population and critical and civilian infrastructure of Ukraine, and unlawful forced deportations, and transfer of Ukrainian citizens, including children, from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, to Russia and Belarus;

support further efforts, including in the Core Group, on establishing a Special Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine capable of adjudicating claims against the highest political and military leadership of aggressor states and enjoying the broadest cross-regional support and international legitimacy;

emphasize the illegal nature of the recent presidential elections in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and in certain territories of the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson regions of Ukraine and the nullity of their results. **Strongly condemn** the intentions of the Russian Federation to hold any kind of elections in the occupied Ukrainian territories, which is a direct violation of international law;

call on the international community to continue and strengthen pressure, including through sanctions, on the Russian Federation as well as on Belarus, the DPRK, Iran, and any other country that chooses to support Russia's war of aggression and to cooperate to ensure maximum political, economic and military isolation of the aggressor state;

emphasize the importance of ensuring that Russia pays for the material damage caused by its aggression and welcome the Council of Europe's Register of Damage for Ukraine as a first tangible step in the direction of a future compensation mechanism. Pursue multilateral cooperation on the use, in accordance with EU and international law, of extraordinary revenues generated by immobilized Russian assets to support Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery;

underline the urgent need for recovery and reconstruction efforts in Ukraine through bilateral initiatives and international efforts. Emphasize today's signature of the Agreement on technical and financial cooperation between Ukraine and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which establishes a set of legal rules and procedures to support the implementation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's programme of support to Ukraine's recovery.

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