

DECLARATION 489*

STANDING WITH UKRAINE UNTIL VICTORY

The Assembly,

1. **Reiterating** its unequivocal condemnation, in the strongest possible terms, of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine as well as its missile and drone attacks against urban centres and critical infrastructure, aimed at terrorising the Ukrainian people;
2. **United** and determined to support Ukraine, its democracy, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, within its internationally recognised borders, as well as its right to self-defence and self-determination for as long as it takes for Ukraine to win;
3. **Stressing** that Russia bears sole responsibility for triggering the most serious security crisis on the European continent since the Second World War, threatening the very foundations of the rules-based international order;
4. **Highlighting** that Russia's war against Ukraine is also a critical test of the collective resilience of democracies against the tyranny and brutality of authoritarianism and that by supporting Ukraine, Allies also protect their own security and shared democratic values;
5. **Convinced** that Russia's threat to Allies and to global security will remain for the long term and that Allies must ensure that Ukraine wins, **recognising** that Russia's aggression would not stop at Ukraine;
6. **Stressing** that the way democracies step up to respond to Russia's aggression and long-term threat will shape the future European and international order for the next generations;
7. **Stressing** that the current efforts in military assistance are not sufficient for Ukraine to win against Russian aggression and **recognising** that the amount, type and timeliness of military assistance that is provided to Ukraine has significant battlefield consequences;
8. **Recognising** that Russia can and must suffer strategic defeat in Ukraine;
9. **Commending** the initiatives taken by Allied countries to address the most urgent shortages experienced by Ukraine;
10. **Determined** that Allies must move beyond incremental, *ad hoc* steps in their support to Ukraine towards a clearly stated strategy premised on the goal that Ukraine must be provided with all that it needs, as quickly as possible and for as long as it takes for it to win;
11. **Welcoming** the European Union's agreement to use the extraordinary revenues stemming from around 200 billion euros in immobilised Russian assets to directly finance recovery and military aid to Ukraine;

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12. **Highlighting** that NATO Allies account for 99% of all military aid to Ukraine and that since the start of Russia's war, the United States has provided Ukraine with over 80 billion dollars in military, financial and humanitarian aid, while other NATO Allies and partners have provided over 100 billion dollars;
13. **Welcoming** the clearly demonstrated solidarity of the EU member states with Ukraine, with the establishment of a 50 billion euro financial mechanism for Ukraine for a period of 2024-2027;
14. **Applauding** the substantial assistance for Ukraine in the amount of 60.8 billion dollars recently approved by the United States that demonstrates the powerful U.S. commitment to Ukraine;
15. **Recognising** that nine countries have completed bilateral security agreements with Ukraine;
16. **Stressing** that Allies together represent roughly 50% of the world's total economic and military might, that aid to Ukraine only represents a tiny fraction of their GDPs and that it is therefore a small investment compared to the strategic benefits related to Ukraine's victory;
17. **Expressing** profound respect and admiration for the remarkable bravery, resilience and resolve of the people, the democratic institutions and the armed and security forces of Ukraine;
18. **Reaffirming** that it will never recognise any of Russia's illegal and forcible attempted annexations of Ukrainian territory;
19. **Convinced** that there can be no lasting peace in Europe without Ukraine as an integral part of the European and Euro-Atlantic families;
20. **Stressing** that Allies must also continue to step up their support to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and other vulnerable partners, working in close synergy with the European Union;
21. **Stressing** that Allies need to actively engage third countries to convince them to condemn Russia and to limit their commercial engagements with Russia, **recognising** that Russia is conducting imperial and revanchist policies in violation of international law, including the United Nations (UN) Charter, as highlighted in UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolutions ES-11/1 and ES-11/4, and **underlining** Russia's role and intent to destroy the international rules-based order;
22. **Denouncing** the military assistance provided by the Belarusian, Iranian and North Korean regimes to Russia's war and those who provide material or other kinds of assistance to Russia;
23. **Saluting** the significant strengthening of NATO's political and practical support for Ukraine, particularly through establishing the NATO-Ukraine Council (NUC) and through the further development of the Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP) into a multiyear assistance programme for Ukraine;
24. **Welcoming** the planned establishment of the Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre in Bydgoszcz, Poland, allowing Ukraine to share its lessons from Russia's war and to learn and train alongside Allied armed forces;
25. **Stressing** that NATO's Washington Summit must send a clear signal that Allies will stand with Ukraine until victory and must take a concrete step forward towards Ukraine's NATO membership;
26. **Reaffirming** its readiness and determination to support Ukraine's further democratic consolidation and reform agenda on the now irreversible path to NATO membership, including through the special fund to support Ukraine's democracy;
27. **Recalling** [Declarations 474](#) and [482](#) and other Assembly Resolutions in support of Ukraine;

28. **URGES** the governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance:

- a. To clearly affirm that their strategic goal is Ukraine's victory and to urgently step up and speed up the delivery of the military assistance which Ukraine needs to win;
- b. To set assistance to Ukraine on a sustainable footing and to agree that all Allies must dedicate the necessary resources for the long term;
- c. To use all available opportunities to provide Ukraine with the required number of air defence systems, primarily Patriot, to protect civilian objects;
- d. To support Ukraine in its international right to defend itself by lifting some restrictions on the use of weapons provided by NATO Allies to strike legitimate targets in Russia;
- e. To continue to ensure the fair sharing of the burden among all Allies across all types of assistance to Ukraine - military, humanitarian, financial and material;
- f. To continue to use the NUC format, to the fullest extent, as a regular platform of consultation for discussing issues of common security and to continue to expand the format;
- g. To establish a NATO mission for Ukraine in order to enhance NATO's role in coordinating Allied efforts in support of Ukraine, particularly in the Ukraine Defence Contact Group (the Ramstein process), the Security Assistance Group-Ukraine (SAG-U) and the International Donor Coordination Centre in Wiesbaden;
- h. To agree on an interoperability roadmap to guide Ukraine's transition to full interoperability with NATO;
- i. To ramp up Allied defence production for the Alliance's needs as well as to support Ukraine, to work with Allied defence industries and with like-minded partners to prioritise aid to Ukraine over orders from other third countries and to support the urgent development of Ukraine's defence industrial capacity through direct investments into Ukraine's military production;
- j. To support the prompt establishment of the Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre in Bydgoszcz, Poland, and encourage Allies to take a decision on the structure and funding at the Washington Summit in July;
- k. To recognise that Ukraine has made significant progress towards an invitation to join NATO;
- l. To redouble efforts to help Ukraine achieve full membership as soon as possible by accelerating its integration into NATO and make significant and tangible progress on it at NATO's Washington Summit;
- m. To fully support Ukraine's path of democratic reform, including by establishing a Centre for Democratic Resilience at NATO's Headquarters to serve as a platform for sharing resources and exchanging best practices;
- n. To encourage more Allies to sign bilateral security agreements with Ukraine;
- o. To provide ambitious, sustainable, equitable and predictable funding for the multi-year CAP assistance programme;
- p. To support the ongoing strengthening of the NATO Representation to Ukraine;
- q. To recognise the Assembly's essential complementary role in supporting Ukraine's democratic institutions and reform process on its path towards membership;

- r. To allow for engagements between the NUC and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on the parliamentary dimension of the NATO-Ukraine relationship;
 - s. To designate a liaison officer in the expanded NATO Representation to Ukraine to work with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to support capacity-building efforts for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
 - t. To continue to support the establishment of a special tribunal for prosecuting Russia's crime of aggression and all efforts to ensure accountability for all of Russia's crimes;
 - u. To back the ramping up and effective enforcement of sanctions against Russia and its accomplices;
 - v. To prepare a long-term strategy and proactive measures of modern containment of Russia in order to counter the Russian threat in all its dimensions, actively defend democracy and the rules-based international order, and boost Allied and Alliance resilience to and contest Russia's aggressive political, military and hybrid destabilising activities, affecting the Alliance and Allies' security;
 - w. To support Ukraine's efforts to promote President Zelenskyy's Peace Formula for a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace;
 - x. To step up support for Ukraine's reconstruction and urgently develop legal frameworks to allow for the use of frozen Russian assets;
 - y. To advocate among partner and affiliated countries, as well as, more broadly, among countries of the "Global South" the need to support Ukraine, and to condemn Russia, in line with relevant resolutions of the UNGA.
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