



Joint statement by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on support for Ukraine

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We, the Prime Ministers of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, express our unwavering support and solidarity with the people and the government of Ukraine who are heroically defending the freedom, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of their country. We recognise that Ukraine's courageous fight helps protect Euro-Atlantic security and the rules-based international order.

We have stood together with Ukraine since day one of Russia's unprovoked and brutal aggression. We will keep supporting Ukraine until victory and continue contributing to international efforts to safeguard its independence, sovereignty, security, democracy, and prosperity. We will sustain efforts to hold to account all those responsible for the crime of aggression and other international crimes.

We firmly believe that only NATO membership will provide Ukraine with security guarantees and a credible deterrent needed to avert future aggression by expansionist Russia. Ukraine's NATO membership will also substantially strengthen Euro-Atlantic security and stability. At the NATO Vilnius Summit, the Allies agreed that Ukraine's future is in NATO. We will continue our steadfast support for Ukraine on its path to join the Alliance as soon as possible. Ukraine has proven its readiness to further our shared principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law, as well as to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area.

We will work closely with Ukraine on its way to EU membership. Following the evaluation of the fulfilment of the recommendations, we look forward to the start of accession negotiations in 2023. A strong, independent and prosperous Ukraine that is fully anchored in the Euro-Atlantic family is essential for European security.

With this in mind, we join the G7 Declaration of Support for Ukraine. We will work with Ukraine within this multilateral framework to establish security commitments and arrangements that would help Ukraine win this war as soon as possible, support its economic stability and reconstruction, resilience, reform agenda and advance its European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

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