

JOINT DECLARATION
of the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Fiala
and the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy
on the Euro-Atlantic perspective for Ukraine

Acknowledging the need to further strengthen the consolidated capacity of the Euro-Atlantic community to counter existing and potential global challenges and security threats,

emphasizing that the Russian Federation is the most significant and direct threat to Allies' security and to peace and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area, as stipulated in the NATO 2022 Strategic Concept adopted by Heads of State and Government at the NATO Summit in Madrid on 29 June 2022,

recalling that NATO does not seek confrontation, poses no threat to Russian Federation and will continue to respond to Russian threats and hostile actions in a united and responsible way, including by strengthening deterrence and defence for all Allies, enhancing resilience and supporting its partners to counter malign interference and aggression,

taking note of Paragraph 4 of the Madrid Summit Declaration issued by NATO Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Madrid 29 June 2022, that the Alliance reiterates its unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders extending to its territorial waters, as well as fully supports Ukraine's inherent right to self-defence and to choose its own security arrangements,

referring to the Article 10 of the NATO Washington Treaty, which clearly states that any other European State in a position to further the principles of this Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area may be invited to accede to this Treaty,

recalling the NATO 2008 Bucharest Summit Declaration where Allies agreed that Ukraine will become member of NATO,

having regard to Paragraph 18 of the Madrid Summit Declaration issued by NATO Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Madrid 29 June 2022, where Allies reaffirm their commitment to NATO's Open Door Policy,

having regard to the Constitution of Ukraine which defines gaining full-fledged membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a strategic course of the state,

taking into account the support by overwhelming majority of Ukrainian population for integration of Ukraine with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,

noting Ukraine's significant contribution to the security of North Atlantic area, in particular its efforts to deter Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression,

having regard to the Joint Appeal of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Speaker of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Ruslan Stefanchuk, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as of September 30, 2022 on Ukraine's application for NATO membership,

welcoming the Joint Statement of Presidents of nine Central and Eastern European NATO Member States of October 2, 2022, signed by the President of the Czech Republic, which highlights the support to Ukraine's membership in the Alliance and encourages Allies to substantially increase military aid to Ukraine,

the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and the President of Ukraine:

- welcome the significant achievements of Ukraine in advancing on the path of Euro-Atlantic integration, in particular, with regard to achieving interoperability with NATO being demonstrated by the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the battlefield;
- confirm their commitment to strengthen joint efforts in supporting the integration of Ukraine with the Alliance and implementation of NATO standards;
- express readiness to hold bilateral consultations regarding international security guarantees for Ukraine prior to achieving NATO membership, based on proposals initiated by Ukraine within the Kyiv Security Compact as of September 13, 2022;
- declare the following:
 - the Czech Republic will continue to promote Alliance's strong and effective political and material support for Ukraine aimed at ensuring the ability of the Ukrainian state to effectively defend its territories on land, at sea and in the air;

- the Czech Republic will support NATO united response in the event of using any non-conventional weapons by an aggressor state;
- Ukraine highly appreciates all practical assistance being provided by the Czech Republic and the Czech people in order to strengthen Ukraine's defense capabilities. The Czech Republic will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes. It will continue to provide strong military, technical, defense, and humanitarian support to Ukraine,
- the Czech Republic supports Ukraine to become NATO Member as soon as conditions allow for it, the Allied consensus being a fundamental precondition. In the context of the dramatically changed security environment and fast transformation of Ukraine, the Czech Republic will not insist on customary timelines.

Signed in duplicate in Kyiv on October 31, 2022 in the English language.

For the Czech Republic

For Ukraine

Prime Minister

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