

Joint Statement
on the outcomes of the Intergovernmental consultations
between the Czech Republic and Ukraine

On July 16, 2024, the second round of the Joint Meeting of the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of Ukraine took place in Prague on the outcomes of which its Participants

stated that holding Joint Meeting between the Governments of the Czech Republic and Ukraine is an effective format of intergovernmental dialogue and confirmation of mutual interest in maintaining and deepening the strategic bilateral cooperation,

emphasized the significance of further strengthening ties between the Governments of the Czech Republic and Ukraine aimed at development of cooperation between the two European countries and friendly nations on the basis of mutual respect and understanding,

discussed the current international political, security and economic situation, as well as prospects of further development of the Czech-Ukrainian bilateral relations,

underlined principal importance of the continuation of comprehensive reform process in Ukraine,

coordinated further steps between the Governments of the Czech Republic and Ukraine within international organizations, as well as regional formats and initiatives,

reaffirmed their determination to further cooperate jointly to end Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in order to restore Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders,

emphasized the importance of continuous provision of military, financial, development and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine amidst escalation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

The Government of Ukraine **highly appreciated** the Czech-led initiative to provide artillery ammunition for the needs of Ukrainian Armed Forces to strengthen Ukraine's defence capabilities. Also welcomed continuous deliveries of other military equipment provided through the Czech defence industry.

The Government of the Czech Republic confirmed its readiness to continue supplying weapons and military equipment to Ukraine, to train the military of the Security and Defence Forces of Ukraine in the Czech Republic, to actively pursue joint defence industry projects in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic and the Ministry for Strategic Industries of Ukraine signed in Prague on 7 July 2023, in particular within the framework of international initiatives, to support Ukraine's defence industry integration into security and defence frameworks of the EU and NATO and support ZBROYARI initiative aimed at attracting funding for procurement of defence products manufactured by Ukraine's defence industry,

stressed the necessity to address the evolving needs of Ukrainian Armed Forces through the EU, NATO, and Ukraine Defence Contact Group. In this regard, welcomed NATO's decision to step-up in its assistance to Ukraine as well as the EU's approval to use 5 billion Euro for additional military support of Ukraine in 2024 along with the extraordinary revenues stemming from Russia's immobilised assets.

Both Governments recognized that the Global Peace Summit became an important step in the ongoing process of restoring a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine,

reiterated support to the Joint Communiqué on a Peace Framework, which was adopted during the Global Peace Summit, and called all other states, who respects the Purposes and Principles of the UN Charter, to join this document,

expressed readiness to continue work on the implementation of the Peace Formula of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in particular within the special after-Summit groups on specific ideas, proposals and developments that can restore security in various aspects – points of the Peace Formula,

recognized the active role that the Czech Republic plays in the peace process based on the Peace Formula of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in particular as a co-leader of the Working Group on point 1 “Radiation and Nuclear Safety”,

emphasized the importance of coordinating efforts to further strengthen the activities of the International Crimea Platform aimed at achieving the de-occupation of Crimea,

reaffirmed the importance of investigating Russia's war crimes against Ukrainians and other crimes in accordance with international law committed on the territory of Ukraine in order to bring the perpetrators to justice,

supported the further cooperation in the field of accountability, especially at the Core Group and the Council of Europe, on establishing the international tribunal for Russian war crimes in Ukraine,

acknowledged to continue cooperation at the bilateral level and in multilateral formats to strengthen sanctions pressure on Russia in order to stop the aggressor state from continuing its armed aggression against Ukraine,

reaffirmed the intention to continue cooperation with the EU and global financial institutions to develop instruments in order to support the recovery and modernization of Ukraine's infrastructure,

stressed the importance of the EU's decision to approve the Ukraine Facility instrument of 50 billion Euro of aid for Ukraine that maintains macroeconomic stability of Ukraine and helps to ensure its resilience in the face of continued Russia's full-scale military invasion of Ukraine,

appreciated the Czech Republic's contribution to the adoption of the EU negotiation framework for Ukraine, conveying the Intra-Governmental Conference on 25 June 2024 and further support for negotiations on Ukraine's EU membership,

highlighted that Ukraine's future is in NATO and commended Czech Republic's efforts to help Ukraine fulfil its membership aspirations by advocating the need to invite Ukraine to join the Alliance.

The Government of the Czech Republic reaffirmed its readiness to support Ukraine in order to speed up its integration into the EU internal market and further deepen sectoral integration,

reaffirmed its readiness to further promote the work on a regular and structured EU budget policy for Ukraine in order to support macroeconomic stability, decreasing the disparities and closing gaps in economic development of Ukrainian regions, and overall resilience of

Ukraine in the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and subsequent economic challenges for Ukraine.

Both Governments expressed their intent to intensify reconstruction activities, bilateral trade and economic cooperation and identified priority areas of cooperation in energy, agriculture, infrastructure, environment, healthcare, internal security, cybersecurity, digitalisation, education, science, space activities, innovations and other areas,

welcomed the outcomes of the 10th meeting of the Czech-Ukrainian Joint Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation and agreed to hold its next meeting in Ukraine,

discussed ways to attract Czech investments to Ukraine and establish joint ventures, as well as prospects for the implementation of joint infrastructure projects,

noted the Czech Republic's interest in the internationalisation of Ukrainian companies, including start-ups, through its own national programmes,

stated that cooperation and coordination in the energy sector and its reconstruction are important aspects for the national security of both countries and Europe as a whole,

emphasized the key importance of the Black Sea corridor established in August 2023 as well as further use of Solidarity Lanes that are instrumental for assuring agricultural exports from Ukraine in order to reduce the risks of regional and global food security,

discussed the practical steps in resolving issues of Ukrainian producers in entering European market and ways to support Ukrainian exporters by the Czech Government.

The Government of Ukraine confirmed its readiness to support and promote Czech businesses in setting up offices and production facilities in Ukraine,

stated the importance of further cooperation between cities, regions, non-governmental organisations as well as citizens of both the Czech Republic and Ukraine,

noted the importance of developing new passenger railway connections between the Czech Republic and Ukraine and agreed to intensify work on the carrier's project, as the possible introduction of the direct overnight Kyiv - Prague and daytime Chop - Prague connections,

confirmed its readiness to continue negotiations with the Government of the Czech Republic on the solution of the so-called Jambur Agreements in a mutually beneficial manner,

welcomed the progress in the implementation of projects under the Humanitarian, Stabilization, Reconstruction and Economic Assistance Programme for Ukraine 2023-2025, initiated by the Government of the Czech Republic, and the Czech Republic's patronage of the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast aimed at restoring the infrastructure destroyed by Russia and helping internally displaced persons,

expressed readiness to provide all-round assistance in obtaining a new building for the Czech Embassy in Kyiv,

stated that the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin has become an important international platform for mobilizing further international support for the recovery, reconstruction, reform and modernization of Ukraine.

Both Governments reaffirmed their readiness to facilitate the organization of Czech-Ukrainian business forums and wider involvement of Czech business in implementation of joint projects, including rebuilding and recovery of Ukraine,

reaffirmed the importance to continue providing support for Ukrainian citizens in the Czech Republic who were granted temporary protection, while strengthening efforts to stabilize internally displaced people in Ukraine,

noted the intention to strengthen cooperation in the field of healthcare, and to continue the treatment and rehabilitation of wounded Ukrainian citizens in the Czech medical institutions,

noted the importance of long-term Czech support for Ukrainian civil society organizations and independent media within the Transition Promotion Programme,

reaffirmed the importance of continuing and strengthening cooperation between Czech and Ukrainian civil society, including within the Czech – Ukrainian Civil Society Forum,

reaffirmed their readiness to support cooperation between youth centres, youth workers and young people of both countries to help young Ukrainians mitigate the consequences of the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine,

emphasized the importance of cooperation in the sphere of culture and cultural heritage protection and the importance of the integration of culture in all relevant discussions on Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction planning.

The Czech and Ukrainian Governments expressed their satisfaction that a number of bilateral documents in the areas of security cooperation, combating crime and maintaining public order, energy, agriculture and food industry, space activities, property affairs, sport, and health are being currently also prepared for signature.

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