

**JOINT STATEMENT**  
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**IN SUPPORT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN EUROPE**

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Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine — and the peace that follows — will shape European security for generations and affect the existential interests of all Europeans.

Our goal has always been, and remains, a just and lasting peace that is grounded in international law and fully respects Ukraine's territorial integrity, independence, and sovereignty. Such a peace cannot be achieved by yielding to or rewarding the aggressor; it requires sustained pressure on Russia and unwavering support for Ukraine for any solution to succeed.

Nothing about Ukraine without Ukraine, and nothing about Europe without Europe. A just and lasting peace is impossible without these fundamentals. We call for urgent meetings of European leaders and the European Council to take a united, principled stand.

Genuine negotiations cannot begin with Ukraine being asked to pre-emptively accept Russian demands. The era of empires is over, and Europe will never accept as legitimate any notion of Russian "security interests" that extend beyond its borders or presume the right to shape Europe's security order. Any agreement must focus on ending the war, securing Ukraine's future, and supporting its reconstruction.

Ukraine's security guarantees must be real — based on legally binding commitments and reinforced by reassurance forces in Ukraine and the capabilities necessary to deter future aggression.

Ukraine must not be subjected to limits on its armed forces or constraints on its foreign or domestic policies while Russia faces none. At a minimum, Russia must withdraw its troops from occupied territories and engage with international bodies to ensure accountability for those responsible for atrocities.

Any negotiations must begin with an immediate ceasefire. European security, Ukraine's sovereignty — including its right to choose its own alliances — and justice for the crimes committed during this war are non-negotiable red lines.

Europe must stand united, principled, and unflinching. Our values, our security, and the future of our continent depend on ensuring that any peace achieved is worthy of the sacrifices made and of Ukraine's bravery and resilience — a peace rooted in justice, law, and lasting security.

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