

Joint declaration by Presidents of Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania

JOINT DECLARATION

by

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy

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at the Second Lublin Triangle Summit

Presidents of Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania gathered on 11th January 2023 in Lviv for the Second Summit of the Lublin Triangle in the wake of the 160th anniversary of our common January Uprising (1863– 1864) directed against tyranny, oppression and issued the following statement.

Condemning in the strongest possible terms Russia's full-scale military invasion of Ukraine, which undermines the foundations of the international rules-based order,

Noting the unprecedented role and scale of the assistance provided by the Republic of Poland and the Republic of Lithuania from the very outset of the Russian aggression, including humanitarian and military aid as well as immediate energy support,

Fully supporting Ukraine's inherent right to self-defence and to choose its own security arrangements,

Referring to the European Union's and NATO's unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders of 1991,

Noting Ukraine's significant contribution to the security of Euro-Atlantic area and beyond, in particular through deterring Russia's military threat,

Firmly supporting every effort to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction towards a sustainable, prosperous and democratic future as a fully-fledged member of the EU,

Looking forward to continuing the process of modernization of Ukrainian economy and other reforms as soon as conditions allow,

Firmly supporting all international efforts to provide systemic financial support to Ukrainians abroad as well as to those states which ensure most essential humanitarian assistance, including Poland and Lithuania,

Taking into account the Constitution of Ukraine which defines gaining full-fledged membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a strategic course of the state,

Noting the support by overwhelming majority of Ukrainian population for integration of Ukraine into the EU and NATO,

Confirming the commitment to strengthen joint efforts in ensuring further progress towards the implementation of EU and NATO standards and principles, and the integration of Ukraine into the European Union and the North Atlantic Alliance,

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

Welcoming the Joint Statement of the Presidents of Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania as of November 25, 2022 on the regional security and European integration, which highlights further support to Ukraine's EU and NATO integration path,

Leaders of the Lublin Triangle:

- › Reaffirm centuries old strategic bonds between Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine, which used to form one state, a rampart against tyranny from the East;
- › reconfirm their readiness to further strengthen Ukraine's defense capabilities. Lithuania and Poland will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes, including by continuing a strong military, defence, political, diplomatic, economic, logistics and humanitarian support;
- › agree to promote NATO and EU robust political, practical and material support for Ukraine aimed at ensuring the ability of Ukraine to effectively defend its territories on land, at sea and in the air;
- › reaffirm the necessity of a transparent process of reconstruction and recovery of Ukraine after the war. Ukraine and Lithuania recognize the crucial role of Poland as a hub to dispatch the necessary international assistance for reconstruction of Ukraine;
- › reaffirm their intention to cooperate at trilateral, European and international fora with regard to de-occupation of Ukraine's territories, temporarily occupied by Russia, particularly by using the International Crimea Platform;
- › underlining the Ukraine's sovereign decision on the peace process, express their support to convening the Global Peace Formula Summit, initiated by Ukraine in order to consolidate international support as presented by President Zelenskyy at G20 Bali Leaders' Summit on November 15, 2022;
- › underline their support for the creation – in accordance with the principles of international law – of an ad hoc international tribunal for the crime of aggression committed by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in order to bring to justice those responsible for this crime;
- › express readiness to hold trilateral consultations regarding international security guarantees for Ukraine prior to achieving NATO membership, including on the basis on proposals initiated by Ukraine within the Kyiv Security Compact as of September 13, 2022;
- › welcome Ukraine's significant progress in advancing on the path of Euro-Atlantic integration, in particular, with regard to achieving interoperability with NATO standards as being demonstrated by the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the battlefield;
- › agree to further develop LITPOLUKRBRIG as an operational platform for trilateral military cooperation, and as an important format of reinforcing military cooperation and capacity building initiatives between Ukraine and NATO;
- › note that NATO members Lithuania and Poland support Ukraine to become part of the Alliance as soon

as conditions allow for it by putting efforts in building up Allied consensus;

- › underline the significance of the historic decision of the European Council as of June 23, 2022 to grant Ukraine the candidate status for the EU membership and welcome the considerable progress achieved by Ukraine in implementation of the European Commission's recommendations. Lithuania and Poland confirm their full commitment to supporting Ukraine to open accession negotiations as soon as conditions allow for it, in order to gain its full-fledged membership in the EU. Ukraine recognizes the pioneering role of Poland and Lithuania whose Presidents were among the first ones to request the candidate status for Ukraine;
- › emphasize the importance of extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative to other seaports of Ukraine and commend Ukraine's contribution to enhancing global food security, particularly through successful implementation of Grain from Ukraine Humanitarian initiative;
- › emphasize the necessity for Ukraine to promote cooperation, to support and to create equal conditions for the Polish and Lithuanian, and other foreign investments and other business activities with the recovery process of Ukraine;
- › emphasize the importance of multi-layer involvement of Ukraine, as the Participating State, in the activities under the Three Seas Initiative (3SI). Lithuania and Poland, as the full-fledged members of 3SI, will promote Ukraine's participation in different projects in order to facilitate the post-war recovery, particularly, in the areas of energy infrastructure, transport and digitalisation;
- › agree to hold the next Lublin Triangle Summit on _____ at _____.

For Ukraine

President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

For Poland

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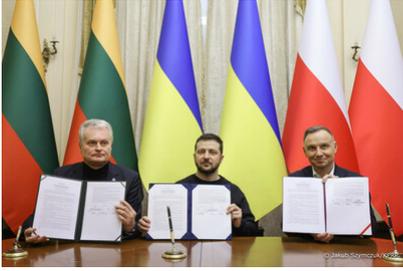
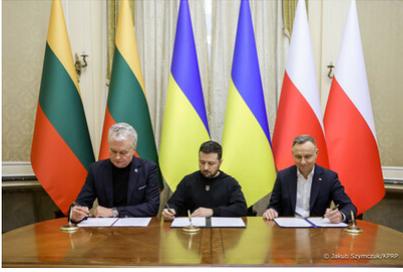
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