

## A Multi-Annual Plan for Military Support to Ukraine

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

### Recalls that:

- on 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation commenced a full-scale, unprovoked, and completely unjustified invasion of the territory of Ukraine;
- the actions of the Russian Federation in Ukraine constitute a blatant and flagrant violation of the UN Charter and a severe breach of international law, including fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, and has severely undermined the European security order;
- Ukraine is now a recognised candidate for membership of the European Union and has received massive support in all areas from the EU, including unprecedented military support;
- the Russian aggression in Ukraine continues, and that the Russian Federation shows no sign of leaving Ukrainian territory any time soon;
- millions of Ukrainians, including children have been displaced inside and outside Ukraine from Russia's aggression;
- The Ukrainian army and the Ukrainian people have made tremendous sacrifices in their defence of Ukrainian territory and way of living;
- The Russian military aggression against Ukraine commenced in February 2014 with the occupation of Crimea, an integral part of Ukraine;
- The Ukrainian armed forces have made efforts to modernise and have systematically and successfully developed their military capabilities since the Russian illegal annexation of Crimea and military intervention by the Russian Federation in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine in 2014;
- The military support hitherto provided by the EU Member States and NATO nations has been of utmost importance;
- the EU Member States, divided in 27 military structures at the moment, spend an equal amount of money on defence compared to China and Russia combined. These are huge expenditures which could be optimised by close cooperation.

### Believes that:

- Europe must continue its unwavering solidarity with the people and leadership of Ukraine and its support to the independence, sovereignty

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and territorial integrity of Ukraine, within its internationally recognised borders;

- Ukraine can and will win the war, and it is our joint objective and advantage to help Ukraine win this war faster and at a lower price;
- Helping Ukraine defend itself against Russian aggression is helping Europe at the same time;
- Planning and contingency planning is the starting point for military success, and victory;
- The European countries and the EU have, in solidarity and out of moral duty, supported Ukraine politically, militarily, humanitarian, and economically since the very start of the Russian Federation invasion;
- Ukraine's need for military support is growing rapidly, and will likely continue to do so over the coming years;
- The military support provided by the EU Member States and NATO states could be better coordinated and planned long term;
- There is a need for a more systematic and multi-annual plan for EU and NATO member states' military support to Ukraine taking in to consideration such things as education of Ukrainian soldiers and fighter pilots, reparation and logistics support, and re-acquisition to our national Armed Forces over time, where arrangements with Ukraine so provide;
- The multi-annual plan should contain more of the same weaponry as has already been provided, and even more advanced defence systems and weaponry;
- Ukrainian military needs and capability gaps over time should be the starting point of such a multi annual plan for military support.

#### **Calls on:**

- ALDE-parties to take initiative for such a systematic and multi-annual plan for providing military aid to Ukraine for as long as necessary;
- ALDE parties to be actively backing up increased and accelerated military support with a view to not only allow Ukraine to defend itself against Russian attacks, but also to enable it to regain full control over its entire internationally recognised territory;
- ALDE Party members to support the EU sanctions policy against Russia and Belarus, while monitoring, reviewing and enhancing its effectiveness and impact;
- European Member States to work towards intensifying the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and to as soon as possible move towards the creation of a "Defence Union", including joint defence procurement as one of the first steps;
- Member organisations to push ALDE group and its member organisations to support the creation of a European defence force.

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- NATO to increase cooperation with the Ukrainian military and determine the most effective strategies to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity and civil society.

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