

JOINT STATEMENT

by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and Ukraine, Radosław Sikorski and Andrii Sybiha

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and Ukraine, have met in Warsaw today to reaffirm our commitment to the strengthening of friendly, neighbourly strategic relations between our countries.

Poland and Ukraine share geography, history, fundamental values, and common interests. We have the same perception of threats to security posed by the Russian Federation.

We believe that, in an attempt to rebuild its former empire, Russia is waging a brutal, totally unprovoked, full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine in disregard for international law and the principles of peaceful coexistence of states.

We condemn the Russian Federation's escalation of hostilities by involving military and industrial support from third countries, including the DPRK, and using a new type of ballistic missile against Ukraine on the night of 21 November 2024.

We are convinced that the international community should now give priority to bringing the war to an end, establishing a just and lasting peace, and restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

Out of regard for the above, our efforts will focus on maximally enhancing Ukraine's defence capability by way of continued transfers of equipment and arms via Poland in cooperation with other NATO and EU member states, continued training of Ukrainian soldiers, including in the Ukrainian Legion, and the implementation of other provisions of the Agreement on Security Co-operation between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine of 8 July 2024.

Ukraine stresses the unprecedented assistance the Republic of Poland has been granting Ukraine since day one of Russia's full-scale aggression: in military and humanitarian terms, in the energy, development and training domains, and politically in international fora.

The Republic of Poland reaffirms its unambiguous support for the Peace Formula as the only effective platform to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace for Ukraine and restore respect for the rules of international law, in particular the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

The Republic of Poland reaffirms its support for the measures, including the Victory Plan, aimed at establishing the circumstances under which Russia will be forced to cease its aggression against Ukraine and to accept the terms of a just peace.

Sanctions against Russia should be made more severe, including by accommodating proposals from the Ukrainian side. The sanctions do not carry economic consequences only; they also symbolise the entire international community's unwavering position on Russia's aggression. Ukraine is ready to work with Poland on providing additional information to inform the arrangement of new sanction measures.

We emphasise that Ukraine should be a full member of the EU and NATO in the future. Poland supports the enlargement of those organisations to include Ukraine.

We look forward to a positive screening report from the European Commission and the decision of the EU Council to open Cluster 1 — “Fundamentals” during Poland’s presidency.

Being a key logistical hub for interested companies and organisations, the Republic of Poland reaffirms its willingness to actively participate in Ukraine’s reconstruction. For its part, Ukraine will create optimal conditions for Polish companies to operate in the Ukrainian market, implementing reforms and EU standards for the reconstruction process.

We are determined to resolve the contentious issues of our common past in the name of universal human values and in a Christian spirit. In the near future, the Republic of Poland and Ukraine will launch a joint Working Group under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine to carry out substantive work and reach an agreement between the parties.

Ukraine reaffirms that there are no obstacles to Polish state institutions and private entities carrying out search and exhumation work in Ukrainian territory in cooperation with the relevant Ukrainian institutions and in accordance with Ukrainian legislation; it further declares its willingness to positively consider applications in these matters.

We stress the importance of a close strategic partnership between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine for the preservation of the unique solidarity and mutual understanding between our peoples as a solid foundation for relations between the two countries.

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