

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

on energy security

August 22, 2024

Based on the elaborations of the Energy Security Working Group, and grounded in the results of the high-level Summit on Peace in Ukraine held on June 15-16, 2024 in Switzerland, as well as the results of the productive and constructive dialogue at this Conference held on August 22, 2024, we are committed to a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Ukraine, that includes prevention of attacks on civilian objects and energy infrastructure.

The ongoing war of the Russian Federation against Ukraine caused mass destruction of Ukraine's energy system which had a significant negative impact on people's lives and the economy.

We note that in the interest of comprehensive security and within the framework of mutually beneficial global energy cooperation and development, we are committed to supporting Ukraine's efforts to rebuild its energy system on the principles of a green energy transition and energy independence.

We reaffirm our support of the Joint Communiqué of the Summit on Peace in Ukraine issued on June 16, 2024, which laid the foundation for achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on international law, starting with the United Nations Charter.

We recall the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council, including ES-11/6, which calls for an immediate cessation of the attacks on the critical infrastructure of Ukraine and any deliberate attacks on civilian objects.

Together, we share a common vision on the following important aspects.

1. Ensuring the integrity of civilian energy infrastructure during armed conflicts

Energy facilities and installations play an important role in supporting the basic needs of the civilian population, including in time of war. These facilities are crucial for the supply of electricity, heat, and basic services to civilians, including in homes,

hospitals, schools, and business enterprises, ensuring the safety of individuals and families.

Protecting these facilities is essential to preserving lives and livelihoods, as well as ensuring energy independence and sustainability.

Deliberate and indiscriminate attacks on civilian objects comprise a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and are unacceptable.

A comprehensive, just, and lasting peace must protect and secure Ukraine's civilian energy infrastructure. This will support the humanitarian situation in Ukraine and the human rights of all civilians.

International assistance is crucial to defend energy infrastructure against military threats, including through the strengthening of air defence capabilities to Ukraine by the committed countries.

2. Rebuilding Ukraine's energy system in the short and long term in the interest of enhancing global energy security and sustainability

We commit to cooperating to facilitate urgent repairs in Ukraine to address energy vulnerabilities, including through the donations and procurement of equipment and spare parts, as well as the exchange of expertise to maintain power and heat supply in Ukraine to ensure people's survival, including distributed electricity generation for Ukraine on the territory of the countries in the region.

Energy cooperation between peace-committed countries should promote investment and innovations in the sustainable recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine's renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and green technologies, facilitate cross-border trade, promote regulatory predictability for green investments and promote joint projects.

As part of a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, the international community will continue to support efforts to rebuild civilian energy infrastructure in Ukraine and to facilitate urgent repairs to maintain power and heat supply in Ukraine and develop a modern and innovative, secured, decentralised, and cleaner energy system fit for a Net Zero future.

3. Protecting energy infrastructure from attacks

We reaffirm the principle of solidarity in responding to challenges to energy security, aimed at strengthening energy alliances and mechanisms for addressing emergency situations in energy to protect civilians and livelihoods.

We believe that achieving peace requires active engagement and dialogue of all parties. Therefore, concrete steps in the above areas, ensuring the continued involvement of representatives of all stakeholders shall be implemented.

The UN Charter, including the principles of respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states as well as the prohibition on the threat or use of force should serve as the basis for achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine.