

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

Withdrawal of the Russian troops and cessation of hostilities

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Based on the results of the Summit on Peace in Ukraine held on June 15-16, 2024, in Switzerland, as well as productive and constructive dialogue at the meeting dedicated to point 6 of the Peace Formula held on October 25, 2024,

Reaffirming the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, including the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of states, and the inviolability of borders, which are essential for European and worldwide security,

Underlining that all Members of the United Nations shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Article 2 paragraph 4 of the United Nations Charter,

Resolutely condemning the blatant violation of the principles of the UN Charter by the Russian Federation against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Ukraine, starting on February 19, 2014, and continuing with the unprovoked and unjustified full-scale military invasion against Ukraine on February 24, 2022,

Reaffirming Ukraine's inherent right of self-defense in accordance with international law, including Article 51 of the UN Charter,

Being gravely concerned about profound human suffering and widespread devastation brought by Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine,

Being strongly committed to the achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine, which is not feasible without full restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders,

Being also united by an unwavering resolve to forge a path toward peace, accountability, and restoring justice for Ukraine,

Reaffirming that no territorial acquisition resulting from the threat or use of force shall be recognized as legal,

We emphasize that Russia's war of aggression and attempt of annexation by force constitute grave threats to global security and the international order based on international law.

We call for the restoration of the territorial integrity of sovereign states in order to uphold and respect the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

We call for international support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the restoration of its territorial integrity, in line with the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act.

Together we share a common vision on the following:

1. Withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Ukraine

Sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of United Nations Member States can be effectively upheld only when no foreign troops are illegally deployed on their territories.

Ukraine's territorial integrity can be restored when Russian troops immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. We seek and support those political, diplomatic and other means necessary to effect the withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Ukraine.

We reiterate that this demand is stipulated in United Nations General Assembly resolutions, including ES-11/6.

Withdrawal of the Russian troops must be done in a manner consistent with international law. We consider the possibilities of the establishment of internationally-backed verification mechanisms to confirm the eventual withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Ukraine, with the involvement of independent monitoring missions and third countries, as appropriate.

2. Restoration of Ukraine's sovereign control over its territory within internationally recognized borders

Ukraine's regaining complete control over its internationally recognized borders is fundamental to the full restoration of its territorial integrity.

The principle of territorial integrity will be upheld once Ukrainian authorities and relevant services reestablish their effective control within Ukraine's internationally recognized borders and resume their responsibilities.

Thus, it is imperative that the Russian Federation halt all actions that threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity in order to facilitate the restoration of Ukrainian control over its internationally recognized borders.

We stress the need to restore Ukraine's full control over the temporarily occupied territories within its internationally recognized borders, and the ability of legitimate Ukrainian authorities to function in these regions, which are prerequisites for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

It is crucial to ensure the proper reintegration of previously occupied territories and restoration of Ukraine's full control over them in accordance with international law and in cooperation with international institutions that Ukraine is a part of.

3. Cessation of hostilities

We are strongly convinced that the withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine's sovereign territory is an essential prerequisite for the cessation of hostilities and an end to Russia's aggression against Ukraine in all its forms.

The complete cessation of Russia's hostilities both during and after withdrawal of its troops from the territory of Ukraine is, in turn, a necessary prerequisite for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

We are confident that the restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity will be critical to global security for decades to come.