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Albania

First of all, we want to reiterate Albania's full support to Ukrainian people facing the unjust invasion of Russian forces. In this difficult moment, we are working closely with our NATO allies and EU partners and in the UN Security Council to maintain the support for Ukraine in winning the war.

As a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, Albania is helping to streamline the global response to Russia's aggression. Moreover, Albania joined without any hesitation the restrictive measures and sanctions taken by the Alliance and EU against Russia. In addition, as stated by our Prime Minister, we are hosting and are ready to further welcome refugees in Albania, fleeing from the Russian slaughter in Ukraine. We joined the call of our friends and partners and granted 1 million Euro to Ukraine as a first aid, which might sound modest considering the needs, but is a significant sign of the solidarity that we share as a nation. Moreover, Albania has been one of the first countries to have delivered practical military assistance. We are committed to further working with our Allies and Ukraine to provide additional assistance, within our means and resources

We welcome the expansion of NATO with two new members and EU awarding candidate status to Ukraine (and Moldova) as signs of strength and unity among the members. With the same spirit of unity, we praise this conference that looks beyond the immediate needs of ending the war to the major challenges of rebuilding the country and people's lives.

When it comes to reconstruction, we can bring our humble experience after the 2019 earthquake that hit our country. The recovery process is an opportunity to build back better, greener and inclusively. Two years ago, moving between the wreckage and fund hunting the situation appeared as desperate as it could get not least because of the human suffering. Thanks also to the solidarity of Albania's dear friends and partners including our neighbor countries present here, the emergency situation was handled swiftly. The building back better was more challenging. But we managed to make it an example because we dared from the beginning something systemic instead of quick fixes.

Recovery process has been a success in strengthening the resilience against disasters: (i) earthquake-proofing structures and adopting an earthquake insurance law, (ii) deploying risk financing instruments including, for example, a dedicated disaster reserve fund for contingency financing

We used this moment to accelerate the adaptation to climate change: earthquakes and floods alone could cause annual damages of US\$147 million in Albania. [We also strengthen resilience by adapting the building back better criteria and increasing energy efficiency. Many individual housing units and thousands apartments in new development areas were built following the best construction criteria, using Eurocode 8 construction standards, and the norms of quality community living, green case opening, public spaces, access to modern public infrastructure and public service. More than 180 schools (approx.10% of the total schools in the country) are being rebuilt following standard, modern, safety and security resistance to natural disaster, energy efficiency, accessibility for the disabled, safety and fire response and ambulance. Learning from pandemic experience, additional efforts have gone to hygiene and digital infrastructure.

We wish our Ukrainian friends an even better recovery process and stand ready to assist them together with our partners, as much as we can financially and technically.

Austria

What seemed unbelievable, came true: 4 months of war in UA

The 24th of February changed our geopolitical landscape completely.

Our security architecture has been shattered. Our values and our European model of life are at risk.

But: Putin's war has done more to create a geopolitical EU than any debate in the last decades.

EU showed strength, commitment and unity -> 6 Sanction packages

AT stands in solidarity with UA, we help where we can.

In 2022, AT has already provided:

Humanitarian assistance of € 61.5 Mio. through ICRC, UNHCR, UNICEF, Austrian NGOs and Neighbours in Need,

contribution of € 10 Mio. to the World Bank's Trust Fund Ukraine.

in-kind donations worth over € 3 Mio. through European Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

AT has also supported the provision of non-lethal military equipment by the EU under the European Peace Facility (EPF). AT enabled EU to deliver lethal equipment to UA by using constructive abstention.

AT is currently expanding its accommodation capacity. A total of over 78.000 refugees (78.175 Stand 29.06.2022) are registered in AT.

AT transports UA refugees using specially chartered planes and trains (531 persons in 13 flights).

There is also great solidarity from the AT population (accommodation etc).

Belgium

Mr President,
Mr Prime Minister,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank our hosts for organizing the Ukraine Recovery Conference, here in the beautiful city of Lugano. At the outset, I can say with great confidence that we are here all standing with Ukraine.

Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine is affecting people in all corners of the world, but first and foremost the Ukrainian population.

While we all strongly hope that peace will prevail on our continent and we urgently call on the Russian Federation to put an end to its unacceptable aggression and withdraw its troops from Ukraine's territory, it is also of the utmost importance to already support the Ukrainian recovery efforts to enable it to adopt a stable and prosperous path forward.

As pledged by Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo at the "Stand Up for Ukraine" conference in Warsaw in April, Belgium is committing € 800 million to provide help to Ukraine as well as shelter for Ukrainian refugees in Belgium.

Our country has welcomed more than 46.000 Ukrainian refugees, including 9000 Ukrainian children that immediately started to go to school. We hope that, away from the horrors of war, they will be able to slowly but safely recover from their trauma. The future of Ukraine lies in all of them.

Moreover, Belgium has sent more than € 10 million of shelter and medical equipment, medicines, and hygiene products for internally displaced people in Ukraine, as well as for Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries.

Furthermore, Belgium has repatriated Ukrainian children suffering from cancer so that they can continue their medical treatment in a safe environment.

At the multilateral level, we have so far contributed € 30 million to various international organizations, namely to UN OCHA's Humanitarian Flash Appeal, the International Organization for Migration, the ICRC, UNICEF, the World Bank's Multi Donor Trust Fund and to international NGOs working in Ukraine. Belgium is also supporting international efforts regarding accountability.

With regard to the longer-term recovery, we welcome the Ukraine Recovery and Development plan as the overarching framework for future recovery efforts. We would also like to underline the import role that the EU will play in Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction.

On June 23, the European Council granted Ukraine EU membership status. It is a decision that we wholeheartedly supported. Indeed, there can be no doubt: Ukraine's future lies in Europe.

The road to EU-membership is a long process, but it is also an exceptional opportunity to steer and speed up Ukraine's recovery, making full use of existing pre-accession assistance. The accession process will help to bring about the necessary reforms that will lay the basis for a stronger and more prosperous Ukraine. Belgium stands ready to assist Ukraine in this process.

Thank you.

Canada

I am pleased to be here to demonstrate Canada's unwavering support to Ukraine. Having just spent 7 weeks in Kyiv, I have seen first hand Ukrainians' perseverance, determination, and commitment in the face of Russia's illegal and unjustifiable invasion. Canada commends Ukraine and all Ukrainians.

[Ukraine is defending the values we collectively share. We can see the price you're paying is overwhelming, and we stand with you.] We are here today to once again be part of a unified demonstration of support, and to recognize that Ukraine alone must not bear the costs of recovering from the unconscionable destruction Russia has inflicted across Ukraine.

In response to immediate needs in Ukraine, Canada has provided unprecedented financial and material support. Just last week Canada committed an additional \$200M in financial stabilization through the IMF administered loan; \$75M in humanitarian assistance; \$52M for agricultural solutions including grain storage; \$15M for demining-related equipment; and \$9.7M to support work on accountability for human rights violations. We will stay the course in supporting Ukraine through this crisis time.

Canada also recognizes that important elements of Ukraine's resilience today are owing to the reforms that were implemented over the last few years – as a longstanding partner of Ukraine's reform efforts, Canada salutes the success of decentralization, of defence and security modernization, and of the institutional reforms in the banking sector. We also see how legislative changes to reboot Ukraine's judiciary are being implemented, even as Russia wages its unjustifiable war.

Moving forward, we will stand shoulder to shoulder with all our partners in Ukraine -- including civil-society, women's organizations, the business community, international organizations and government institutions -- and we will continue to champion inclusive approaches to recovery and reforms. Canada welcomes the decision to extend EU candidacy to Ukraine – a historic and meaningful gesture.

Canada will continue to partner with Ukraine, allies, and the international community to help Ukraine build back better and emerge from this war even stronger. [We stand with Ukraine. And that will not change.]

Croatia

President Cassis,

President Zelenskyy,

Excellences,

Distinguished guests,

I am pleased to participate in today's Conference, and share with you Croatia's perspective on how to make Ukraine's recovery a lasting and sustainable one.

Russia's war of aggression demonstrated a total disregard for everything the community of states stands for and has achieved in decades of peace, cooperation, and ultimately, progress.

There can be no neutral attitude towards the brutal violation of international law, especially international humanitarian law.

With our European and transatlantic partners, we are advocating for a focused multilateral response to issues with global impact, like the war in Ukraine.

To help alleviate the current crisis, Croatia has so far provided emergency, humanitarian and technical relief and assistance to Ukraine, worth 7,3 million Euros.

We are also hosting more than 20.000 refugees, for whom we have provided access to education and the labor market, as well as social welfare services.

In addition, we have organized a rich summer program with educational and various recreational activities on the Croatian coast for over 1500 Ukrainian schoolchildren.

As a country that has suffered conflict on its territory in recent history, Croatia has a unique experience in post-conflict transition and peaceful reintegration.

We stand ready to provide support for post-war recovery and the reconstruction of an independent, sovereign and democratic Ukraine, a priority country in Croatia's development cooperation.

We are already working closely with Ukraine on issues such as mine action, war veterans' care, the settlement and protection of internally displaced persons, reconciliation, and confidence building.

Solving the problem of contamination with landmines and other explosive remnants of war is a precondition for sustainable socio-economic development and the return of displaced citizens.

Relevant Ukrainian authorities have already informed us that Croatia's model of humanitarian demining would be highly applicable and most welcomed in Ukraine's case.

We are ready for a strong involvement in mine action in accordance with the request of Ukraine and invite more donors to work with us on this crucial issue.

Finally, Croatia welcomes and endorses the proposed text of the "Lugano Declaration", and fully aligns with its principles and envisaged goals. Thank you.

Estonia

Your Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

This brutal war by Russia needs a united global response. Estonia is one of the largest donors to Ukraine per capita. We have supported Ukraine with everything we can, from baby food to howitzers. At the time when Ukraine has earned the EU candidate status, we need to re-build an even more resilient Ukraine. The reconstruction of Ukraine needs to be built with the clear ownership of Ukraine and in a close partnership with the EU.

Estonia has responded to the official request of Zhytomir oblast with construction of a kindergarten in the city of Ovruch as our first project. The needs of Zhytomyr oblast exceed Estonia's capacity, thus we are actively looking for other interested partners.

Estonia also continues to support Ukraine in the field of digital transition and cyber resilience. Ukraine has proved that digital resilience has saved lives of hundreds and helped millions refugees and internally displaced persons. We continue to support Ukraine in further modernization of data quality and developing the cyber security skills among government officials.

Further, I would like to share a few forward-looking thoughts and initiatives.

First of all, an important recovery project by Estonian company GoSwift aims to all alleviate border queues in Ukraine by digital management of border crossing. We see potential of this project to be extended to other Ukrainian border crossing points.

Secondly, I would like to highlight the EU Team Europe Partnerships Portal, which was developed by Estonia in close collaboration with the European Commission. This new match making tool brings together the needs of partner countries and innovative solutions provided by different donors. This platform could be efficiently piloted also in the reconstruction activities of Ukraine to eliminate possible duplications and boost efficient partnerships.

Third, the war in Ukraine has put a premium on doing business with trusted partners according to shared values. This year's Tallinn Digital Summit in October will explore how the concept of trusted connectivity can make a tangible positive impact in ensuring global stability and economic security, and in reconstructing Ukraine.

Finally, I confirm that Estonia would like to host the Ukraine Reform Conference in 2024. Thank you.

Finland

Mr. President(s), Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank the Swiss Confederation and Ukraine for co-hosting this important and timely Ukraine Recovery Conference. I also congratulate Ukraine for their leadership and vision for building a modern and European Ukraine. This vision will give hope for people in these grim times.

The task ahead of helping Ukraine to recover from the war is massive. Finland, as part of the European Union, stands ready to contribute in this joint effort. Finland emphasizes good coordination among international partners and Ukraine's ownership in recovery and reconstruction effort.

In addition to Finland's continued humanitarian, development cooperation and defense material support to Ukraine, we have approved new funding of 70 million euros for Ukraine's immediate and long-term needs, including reconstruction. We will continue our long-term development cooperation with Ukraine, focusing on reforms on the education sector, the rule of law, climate resilience and circular economy.

We firmly support Ukraine, defending its independence and freedom, and we help those fleeing the horrors of war. Those liable for war crimes must be held accountable for their actions. Finland supports the International Criminal Court's role in investigation of war crimes.

Finally, let me congratulate Ukraine for their EU-perspective and candidate status. The reconstruction effort should go hand in hand with Ukraine's European path. It will not be only about the physical infrastructure, but also about the continuation of reforms. Finland stands ready to work together with Ukraine in implementing reforms advancing its EU accession process.

Thank you.

Germany

President Cassis,
Prime Minister Shmyhal,
esteemed colleagues,

Every day that Russia continues its heinous war against Ukraine is a day too long.

We are united in our solidarity with Ukraine and with the affected partners in the region and across the world.

The reconstruction of a free and democratic Ukraine is our common goal.

Reconstruction, recovery, reforms – these are the elements of what we see as a strategic task for the coming years. That is why Germany will host an international expert conference on reconstruction and recovery and is ready to host the

"Ukraine Reform Conference" in 2024.

I express my great appreciation to the Ukrainian government for its reconstruction plan. I also welcome the Lugano Principles, which provide guidance for the efforts ahead. In my view, four aspects are crucial for forward-looking reconstruction:

First, reconstruction must be socially just, climate neutral and holistic. It must include strengthening local governance to meet the needs of all citizens. Women must play a crucial role in shaping Ukraine's future.

Second, we need the right tools and a strong coordination mechanism with strong ownership by the Ukrainian government. A platform for the reconstruction of

Ukraine should bring together the Ukrainian government and all bilateral, European and international partners as well as relevant parties and experts.

Third, Ukraine is part of the European family and the free world. Support should go hand in hand with democratic and economic reforms and be in line with Ukraine's EU accession process.

Finally, financial resources are urgently needed for this recovery to be successful.

For the German Government, I repeat the Elmau pledge: 426 million euros in grants for direct support to Ukraine.

In addition, Germany is supporting countries affected by Russia's war in the region and tackle the war's global consequences.

This conference is a good opportunity to strengthen our unity and once again express our full solidarity with Ukraine.

Holy Sea

Your Excellencies,

Representatives and Delegates present,

It is with great emotion and a sense of co-responsibility that I participate, on behalf of the Holy See, in this Conference that looks forward with hope, albeit a bit uncertain but deeply rooted, to the much-desired and wanted end of the war in Ukraine. Indeed, our hearts are closely intertwined with the horrific and incomprehensible suffering of the Ukrainian people in all of its tragic dimensions. In fact, the Holy Father and the Holy See closely monitor and participate in this suffering. Almost every day, Pope Francis reiterates his closeness and solidarity with the Ukrainian people and those who can't fathom the cause of their suffering, while also calling for an end to the conflict: "I renew my appeal to the leaders of Nations: do not lead humanity in ruin, please! Do not lead humanity in ruin, please!... Let the desperate cry of the suffering people be heard have respect for human life" ¹ By means of many initiatives and appeals, the Holy See has consistently shown its concern for those who suffer and helped ensure that those in need are able to survive and enjoy again the kind of dignified existence that is due to every human being. In light of this, the Holy See supports with determination and full participation this Conference titled "Ukraine Recovery" and is confident that tangible steps aimed at assisting victims of this senseless armed aggression must be determined without delay and as soon as possible.

At this point, it is unnecessary to recollect the scale of this conflict. Unfortunately, these are visible to everyone, as the Holy Father has stated: "the suffering inflicted on so many weak and vulnerable people; the countless civilians killed and the young innocent victims; the desperate flight of women and children.... All of this disturbs our consciences and compels us not to stay mute and indifferent in the face of evil..." ² Rather, what is required here is a response, in fact, a concrete, common, and joint action, to give hope to those who have lost it due to the viciousness of death, the material and cultural destruction of an entire life, and the interruption of the dreams of innocents who have desired nothing more than a life of peace and security.

For this reason, the Holy See believes that such action must have both spiritual and material dimensions. Ukraine's people are in desperate need of rebuilding their social fabric, which has been shattered by a violent invasion that has disrupted and is ruining individual, family, spiritual, and collective life. In this view, there is no shortage of spiritual rebuilding, beginning with the healing of wounds that, sadly, do not stop with the deepest personal traumas but affect our very human stability. Parallel to spiritual recovery, material reconstruction must also occur. Every day, houses, infrastructure, the economy, and even the natural system of Ukraine are systematically destroyed. Without the tremendous assistance of the International Community, it is evident that the Country would struggle to regain its footing and provide its citizens with a dignified life and economic stability. The Holy See is convinced that the full and complete rehabilitation, in all its spiritual and material aspects, is essential and urgent, and must be undertaken with determination immediately. In light of this, I am confident that the support of the Holy See will further stir the consciences and generosity of the international community, individual nations, and specific humanitarian, international, and national organizations, as well as those of cooperation, so that they do not forget and plan the implementation of this two-fold fundamental process of material and spiritual reconstruction. In perfect accordance with its nature and mission, the Holy See is committed to supporting these realities and makes itself available with all of its means, notably moral and spiritual ones, drawing on Christ's extraordinary Message of peace. Thank you for your attention.

¹ *Regina Coeli*, 5 June 2022

² Message to Ukraine interfaith pilgrimage, Romania 10 April 2022.

Hungary

Hungary welcomes the decision of the organizers of the fifth Ukraine Reform Conference to focus on the post-conflict reconstruction of Ukraine. Hungary shares the EU's position that an effective reconstruction process should be carried out in parallel with the implementation of reforms.

The Hungarian position has been clear since the outbreak of this horrible war, our most important goal is to restore peace in Ukraine. Hungary supports all common efforts aimed at establishing peace as soon as possible, because this war is the worst possible scenario for everyone. Let me reiterate again that Hungary continues to stand for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, and in accordance with our EU and NATO allies, we condemn Russia's military aggression.

Hungary plays an important role in tackling the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Reacting to the extremely worrying humanitarian situation in our neighbouring country, we have launched one of the largest humanitarian relief operations in the history of Hungary. Besides humanitarian aid, we are continuously providing care for refugees arriving in Hungary. Since 24 February, more than 810.000 refugees have entered Hungary. We accept all refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, or visa. They are received and taken care of with dignity and in an orderly manner.

Hungary also intends to contribute significant resources to the after-war reconstruction of Ukraine. As announced during the High-Level International Donors' Conference for Ukraine in Warsaw on 5 May, Hungary has offered a package worth 37 million euros. According to our offering, Hungary is ready to reconstruct a school and a hospital in Ukraine; negotiations have already begun with the authorities. Hungary has also offered 130 Ukrainian children to be hospitalized in Hungary and, through the newly approved "Students at Risk" initiative, made arrangements for 1.000 Ukrainian students and third nationals fleeing Ukraine to continue their higher education studies in Hungary. Moreover, we have also offered to deliver mobile homes to Transcarpathia to provide shelter to internally displaced people. Besides that, I wish to confirm that at the request of the Ukrainian authorities we are ready to rehabilitate as many wounded Ukrainian soldiers as necessary to alleviate the unbearable burden on Ukrainian hospitals.

Ireland

Ministers, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,
Firstly, my thanks to the Swiss and Ukrainian Governments for organising this important event.

One year ago our Governments participated in the fourth annual Ukraine Reform Conference in Vilnius. We should have been here today to mark the fifth such event - with a focus on the continuation of Ukraine's impressive reform success, setting a stage for a more transparent and prosperous Ukraine, more closely aligned with EU standards.

Instead, the international community are addressing questions of recovery and reconstruction, due to Russia's reprehensible acts of destruction in Ukraine. Russia's large-scale, further invasion of Ukraine is illegal, and a gross violation of the principles of the UN charter.

I commend President Cassis and President Zelenskyy for holding this Conference, adapted to the changed circumstances. The Conference demonstrates clearly our unwavering support for a democratic, free and sovereign Ukraine. The Ukrainian people's determination to create a more transparent, fair and prosperous society has been apparent in their defence of their homeland, and in their pursuit of societal reform. This determination will not be quelled by military aggression.

This Conference is a welcome opportunity for us to co-ordinate on recovery and reconstruction efforts, in partnership with Ukraine.

In terms of short-term financing, it is welcome that the European Commission has presented a proposal to grant new exceptional macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, and will in total provide up to EUR 9 billion in 2022.

Long term reconstruction efforts should be led by the Ukrainian authorities in close partnership with the EU and other key partners, as well as international financial institutions and international organisations. Ireland will play an active part in those partnerships.

This Conference provides an excellent jumping off point for this important conversation. Ireland stands ready to support Ukraine in its efforts to rebuild and reconstruct its society and economy.

Ireland has been supporting Ukraine, including by providing medical assistance and supplies, including ambulances, valued at over €4.3m, and €20 million in humanitarian aid which has been disbursed to UN, Red Cross and NGO partners in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries, helping to reach nearly 9 million Ukrainians in need.

Italy

Onorevole Presidente Cassis, Honorable President Zelensky/Prime Minister Shmygal, Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends, ladies and gentlemen.

- It is an honor for me to be here on behalf of Italy at this outstanding opportunity to gather and discuss the best way to support Ukraine also in its future recovery and reconstruction effort.

- The key word here is “support”: Prime Minister Draghi stressed it over and over again in his recent visit to Kyiv (June 16th) and during his meeting with President Zelensky, together with the leaders of France, Germany and Romania.

- We will continue to support Ukraine politically, militarily, financially; we will support its population, its territorial integrity and sovereignty, its independence and freedom, its resilience and – ultimately - its reconstruction.

- Today, this seems as a far stretch as Ukrainian civilians, women and children continue to die, bombs continue to fall on residential areas and civilian infrastructures and even shopping malls and Russian forces show no sign of retreating or willingness to reach a ceasefire.

- Beyond supporting Ukraine, Italy encourages all steps aimed at pushing Moscow to cease its horrific aggression and at bringing about conditions that may open the door to serious negotiations towards a sustainable peace under Ukraine’s full ownership and respectful of its territorial integrity and sovereignty.

- In parallel, we are working at all levels – institutional and corporate – to strengthen links between our local administrations, our businesssector, our top players to put together the best that our country can bring to this effort, including on the recovery and preservation of Ukraine’s cultural heritage.

- Let me flag that we support not just Ukraine’s physical and economic recovery but also the rebuilding and resilience of its social and civic fabric, bringing it immediate relief.

- Mr. President Zelensky/Prime Minister Shmygal, we truly appreciate the unveiling of Ukraine’s ambitious Recovery Plan, which we consider a possible blueprint for a process that will always be in the hands of the Ukrainian people, to shape their own future with our full support.

- The numbers in terms of economic impact of the conflict on Ukraine are truly devastating and dramatic, from a major fall in this year’s GDP to soaring unemployment, while we edge towards a global food crisis the likes of which we cannot even estimate should efforts to find a solution prove unsuccessful.

- Let me reassure you that Italy is ready to work with you and with all partners to fully implement your plan – which will require the involvement of the widest possible array of stakeholders, donors and contributors to reach the goals it sets out.

- At the same time, and building on Ukraine’s EU candidate status – that Italy spearheaded – we will continue to support our Ukrainian friends in all steps necessary to ensure that the process is solidly rooted in principles of transparency and accountability, and consistent with the reform priorities on which we have been working hand in hand since 2014.

- We are glad to see that all these key drivers and priorities are well reflected in the “Lugano Declaration”, which we fully endorse as a first, significant step on our common path.

- Thank you.

Japan

Distinguished Participants,

This is SUZUKI Takako, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

I am pleased to attend the "Ukraine Recovery Conference" on behalf of the Government of Japan.

I would also like to express my sincere respect for the Government of Switzerland, Ukraine and all those who have contributed to realizing this conference.

Japan stands with the people of Ukraine who are striving to defend sovereignty and territory as well as independence and democracy of their homeland.

Last week at the G7 Summit in Elmau, Prime-Minister Kishida announced that Japan will extend its Aid for Ukraine and neighboring countries to about 1.1 billion US dollars, which includes additional support for resumption of grain exports from Ukraine to respond to the global food crisis.

Japan, as the only country to have suffered atomic bombings during wartime, lifted itself up from the devastation of the war and achieved miraculous economic development.

In recent years, Japan has achieved remarkable recovery from repeated natural disasters, such as Great East Japan Earthquake, in March 2011, which triggered the terrifying Tsunami.

Based on these experiences, Japan firmly believes that remarkable recovery is possible in Ukraine as well.

Taking advantage of these experiences, Japan will actively contribute in order that the Recovery and Development Plan drafted by Government of Ukraine will give the people of Ukraine hope for a bright future.

Today, let me emphasize three important points.

Firstly, Ukraine's recovery process must be conducted based on the country's ownership.

Secondly, Ukraine's recovery process must promote the implementation of reforms in Ukraine toward EU membership.

Thirdly, it is crucial for all concerned countries, organizations and enterprises to comply with fair and transparent rules in line with OECD/DAC and Paris Club standards. For this objective, Japan will continue to promote setting up appropriate frameworks.

In conclusion, Japan will make utmost efforts to restore peace in Ukraine as soon as possible.

For my part, I promise to continue maximum support for Ukraine, which is moving forward strongly for recovery, in cooperation with all my colleagues attending this conference today.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Lithuania

Dear Colleagues,

When Lithuania hosted the Ukraine Reform Conference last year, no one imagined that today we'd be meeting amid Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine and the democratic world.

I commend our hosts – Switzerland – and Ukraine for transforming this format into a kick-starter for our joint effort on RECOVERY of Ukraine. And I bow my head to the Ukrainian authorities, public and private sectors, and the incredible civil society – for your stamina, unity, and resolve – not to postpone the reforms until after the victory, but to accelerate them, deliver results, and rebuild better.

Ukraine has presented its plan. Now it's our turn, dear friends and partners of Ukraine, to demonstrate that we can and will swiftly shift from discussing to implementing it, together. Because the rebuilding of Ukraine has already started – on every inch of land it reclaimed from the enemy.

First, we must generate the financing. We shall find more funds from our budgets and borrow collectively. But the most adequate and just way – is to seize and use Russia's assets frozen under our sanctions. We can't resurrect the people Russia killed, but we have a real chance to make the aggressors pay reparations. Because for once, these assets are kept in our banks and moored on our shores.

I call on the EU and all the non-EU states that imposed sanctions – to establish a legal mechanism for seizing frozen assets and make sanctions really work!

Second, we must put together detailed action plans on how each of our countries – and organisations – will contribute to rebuilding a reformed Ukraine. Next week I am opening a conference in Vilnius which will bring together stakeholders from Ukraine, Lithuania, and the EU, to start working out concrete practical steps for emergency reconstruction. Lithuania will also increase our expert assistance to Ukraine on reforms and European integration.

Finally, we must continue and speed up military, humanitarian, and financial aid – for Ukraine to win this war faster. The volume of Lithuania's bilateral assistance to Ukraine and support to Ukrainian refugees in my country is approaching half a billion euros.

Lithuania will support Ukraine until your victory and ours! And beyond.

Слава Україні!

Liechtenstein

Dear President of the Swiss Confederation, Mr Cassis,
Dear President of the Ukraine, Mr Zelensky,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank Switzerland and the Ukraine
for convening this very crucial conference here in Lugano.
As the aggression against the Ukraine is still ongoing,
ending it must remain our highest priority,
and Liechtenstein pledges its continued full support
in this respect.

At the same time,
we agree
that the time is right
to think about the recovery of the country,
so that reconstruction can be started as quickly as possible.

Led by Ukraine,
it is crucial to have a master plan
and to define the principles for the rebuilding of the country,
as soon as possible.

The recovery process must take place
in accordance with international law,
democratic principles,
the rule of law,
human rights
and good governance.

These are also key factors to trigger private investments.

From the very beginning of the invasion of Ukraine,
Liechtenstein has clearly condemned
this blatant violation of international law.

There is ample evidence
that serious violations of international humanitarian law
and international human rights
are committed systematically and at large scale.
We also recall the principles of State Responsibility for wrongful acts
committed by States
and their obligation
to make full reparation for the damage caused.
Moreover, the UN 2030 Agenda should serve
as a strategic framework for Ukraine's recovery
and the process should be inclusive.

At the same time,
ensuring accountability of all those
who are responsible
for committing the most serious crimes under international law,
including leadership crimes, must be a key priority.

Bearing in mind
that Ukraine
will need massive additional emergency and reconstruction support,
the Liechtenstein Government plans
to increase its regular humanitarian and development budget
in 2023.

We stand in solidarity with Ukraine
and will contribute to Ukraine's recovery,
in accordance with our capacities.

We see the Lugano declaration as a great success
and we are convinced
that it lays a good basis for the recovery process.
Liechtenstein fully supports the Lugano-Declaration
and will actively contribute
towards its further development and implementation.
I thank you.

Netherlands

Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I'm honoured to address you all on the second day of this important conference.

And I'm moved to see so many friends and allies, all determined to support Ukraine in its war efforts, and to contribute to its recovery once the fighting has ceased.

After five months of war, the misery inflicted upon the people of Ukraine defies imagination.

Every day innocent people are driven from their homes, or treated in the cruellest of ways by occupying troops.

Homes, schools and even hospitals have been flattened by missiles.

Villages and suburbs, once lively and peaceful, now lie in ruins in a shell-pocked landscape.

This is something we cannot – and should not – get used to.

Ever.

War has no place on the European continent.

The aggression and human suffering we are witnessing in

Ukraine today can never be accepted.

As the minister coordinating Dutch aid for Ukraine, my message to our Ukrainian friends is clear: you can count on the

Netherlands.

The people, government and businesses of the Netherlands will support you every step of the way.

Firstly, by continuing our efforts to address Ukraine's most urgent financial needs:

Today I am announcing that we have made available another

200 million euros in financial aid.

This is a loan which will be channelled through an account created by the IMF.

The money will be spent on the day-to-day costs of the

Ukrainian government, like salaries of civil servants, school teachers and healthcare workers.

This new contribution comes on top of our earlier financial support totalling 140 million euros, in the form of humanitarian aid and a guaranteed World Bank loan.

Secondly, looking ahead, it's of crucial importance for the

Ukrainian people to be able to rebuild their nation.

At the moment, reconstruction is not yet possible.

Many villages and cities are still occupied by Russian forces, or being ravaged by constant shelling and Russian air attacks.

But we must be ready to act swiftly when the guns finally fall silent.

In this regard, the Lugano Conference is a key event. As a donor community, we can take stock of the needs identified by the Ukrainian government.

Yesterday, Ukraine presented the outlines of its recovery plan.

This will enable the international community to discuss its contributions.

It's a plan with Ukraine in the lead and based on Ukraine's priorities and ownership.

And we trust it will be founded on the rule of law, a core element in Ukraine's path towards the EU.

When the time comes to rebuild, this essential blueprint will allow us to forge ahead.

Thirdly and finally, the Netherlands attaches great importance to ending impunity.

As the host country to the ICC, we stand ready to back Ukraine in its efforts to seek justice and accountability for the victims of war crimes.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Conference on

Accountability in The Hague on July 14th.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I'm fully aware that the road to recovery will be a long one.

But we're taking it together.

So that when the dust has finally settled, democracy and prosperity will return to the Ukrainian people.

Thank you.

Norway

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created the most serious crisis in Europe since the Second World War. Norway condemns Russia's illegal aggression in the strongest possible terms.

Norway will continue to stand with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The Norwegian Government has just allocated EUR one billion to support Ukraine over the next two years. This is in addition to the EUR 200 million we have provided for humanitarian assistance since February.

Our funding will be used for humanitarian relief, budget support, and reconstruction efforts. We will also continue to provide significant military support. Norway will coordinate closely with Ukraine and international partners. We look forward to seeing the Ukrainian reconstruction plan and determining how best to support it. Our funding is flexible and will be used where the needs are greatest.

Norway welcomes Ukraine's new status as an EU candidate country. We will continue to support Ukraine's reforms and Euro-Atlantic integration, in accordance with Ukrainian priorities.

Russia's aggression poses a threat to stability, security and prosperity. It has caused massive human suffering and destruction of civilian infrastructure in Ukraine. We are extremely concerned by the mounting evidence of war crimes.

Russia's aggression also has global consequences for food security, energy security and the global economy. It has exacerbated an already difficult situation and caused an additional steep rise in the prices of energy, fertiliser and food. Many places are on the brink of famine. We must counter Russia's false narrative that this crisis has been caused by Western sanctions. In addition to ending the blockade of Ukrainian food exports, we must also support increased food production in the Global South.

Norway will continue to support the Ukrainian people's fight for freedom. In doing so, we are also promoting international solidarity, enhancing our own security and defending the values we share.

Thank you.

Poland

Russian brutal and unjustified aggression on Ukraine brought an enormous amount of suffering and destruction. For the last four months, Ukraine has been setting a remarkable example of resilience, persistence and determination. We salute the defenders of Ukraine - defenders of freedom and democracy, our common values.

Lifting the country from the rubble requires cooperation among partners from all over the world. In order to address this challenge we will have to act in the spirit of unity and solidarity. The reconstruction of Ukraine should become a well-anchored topic of international discussion in all international organizations – in this context, we salute recent statements by G7 and the European Union engagement in this respect.

We need to bear in mind that the process of reconstruction should not be limited to a mere restoration of the pre-war status quo, as it presents a major opportunity to re-build better. We should aim at laying the foundations for the country's long-term development so that Ukraine can come out of the horrors of this war stronger, and become a modern, citizen-friendly democratic European state.

We want to rebuild Ukraine in cooperation with the Ukrainians. It is crucial that the process of reconstruction is be co-owned by the Ukrainian government, and other relevant national stakeholders who will be best suited to identify the needs and lead the way.

We strongly believe that the historic fact of granting Ukraine the EU candidate state status by the European Council, and the perspective of Ukraine's accession to the block will contribute to positive outcomes of these efforts.

As the international community so far we have provided Ukraine with a remarkable amount of support, but we still can and need to do more. Without our support, including financial, rebuilding Ukraine will not be possible.

Poland is ready to play an active role in the post-war reconstruction of the country, both by bilateral engagement with the Ukrainian side at governmental, regional and local as well as non-governmental levels. Our approach to the reconstruction of Ukraine is guided by the principles of close dialogue with Ukrainian authorities in order to direct our assistance to the areas and domains where the needs are most acute and urgency, meaning that we should not delay our assistance till the moment when we have any kind of political settlement on the ground. Ukraine needs significant financial and reconstruction assistance here and now – and we should be ready to offer it straightaway.

Poland was one of the first European countries to offer Ukraine a USD/UAH currency swap line, in the amount of up to USD 1 bln. We have come up with concrete proposals to the European Commission on how to shape the EU approach to reconstruction of Ukraine already in March. In May, a donors conference was organized in Warsaw with Poland and Sweden as co-hosts with active participation of stakeholders from governmental, business, think-tank and NGOs spheres, focused mainly on humanitarian sphere. A total of pledges amounted to over 6 bln USD. At the recent Polish-Ukrainian intergovernmental consultations headed by Prime Minister Morawiecki, held on June 1 in Kyiv, reconstruction was one of the main topics of discussion. We want to engage with Ukraine both within its United24Recover program as well as through new partnerships of cities aimed at reconstruction. Poland is now drafting its national strategy of strengthening multi-vector cooperation with Ukraine. Reconstruction, understood as the set of new instruments matched with intensified, mutually beneficial exchanges in the areas where we already have good expertise would bring added value and new quality. As such, it will be an underlying guideline of the whole document.

We are grateful for all the work and commitment of partners that are working day and night in order to give shape to this great international endeavour. Together we will show that we do not accept the world where the fundamental rights of our rules-based international order are blatantly violated. We will demonstrate that that evil can be overcome and destruction, no matter how big, can be rebuilt through cooperation, solidarity and mutual support.

We welcome in particular the European Commission's communication on reconstruction and recovery. We are ready to work with the European institutions, and other actors who wants to involve in the process of reconstruction of Ukraine.

The reconstruction of Ukraine is our duty and our moral obligation. Despite ongoing fighting in the east it should begin as soon as possible, in particular with regard to schools, hospitals and transport infrastructure, so that the Ukrainians can get back to a 'normal' life, as quick as possible – given the circumstances.

Portugal

Portugal's willingness to support the reconstruction of Ukraine is not a sheer act of solidarity and cooperation. It is the recognition of the absurdity of this war, of the cruelty of the attacks being perpetrated to civil targets, regardless of foundational International conventions.

His Excellency, the Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa, visited Ukraine and had the opportunity of witnessing the destruction and the impact of this war on the lifes of Ukrainian families.

If war is always unfair, this sense of lack of justice is bigger when we think of children. No child should be forced to wake up with the noise of bombing, no child should be pushed out of her bed to run away, no child should be experiencing the fear of what knowing whether her father will be alive by the end of the day.

Schools are the best places to build peace, to ensure civility and democracy. The destruction of schools are vile acts of power against children, against their dreams. Targeting schools is attacking the core of humanity.

The Portuguese Government expressed its support to President Zelensky, concentrating our efforts in the reconstruction of schools. Our intervention will be in schools in the Region of Zhytomir, where schools have been partially or almost completely destroyed. According to meetings already held with the representatives of the Ukrainian authorities, this is the area where Portugal's intervention is required.

Please accept our commitment as an expression of solidarity, and above all as the means to tell the Ukrainian children that Portugal does not accept their sufferance and losses. We bet on them to guarantee that, through education, war will no longer be a solution for anything.

Republic of Korea

Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine is in its fifth month. While the aggression continues to inflict immense suffering on Ukraine, its people have defended the country with a level of courage and resolution that has inspired the world.

The international community has been united in support of Ukraine. The Republic of Korea, for its part, has provided and pledged 100 million dollars' worth of assistance to Ukraine.

President Zelensky's message was loud and clear. Korea supports Ukraine's vision that the recovery process should go beyond physical reconstruction and bring about social, economic and institutional transformations.

My government is committed to helping Ukraine steer toward a free and prosperous future. Drawing on its own experience of achieving a vibrant democracy and strong economy from the ashes of war, Korea is ready to provide support that the people of Ukraine need most.

Korea and Ukraine have a solid foundation to work together to develop projects that will meet the immediate post-war needs and Ukraine's long-term development objectives. Korea is willing to provide assistance in rebuilding infrastructure, restoring basic social services, and establishing effective public governance.

The reconstruction of Ukraine will be a long process which will require robust coordination. To ensure success, Ukraine should take the lead. It will also need active participation from private sectors. Korea, together with its partners, will remain committed to supporting Ukraine to build a bright future that its people deserve.

Thank you.

Romania

Excellencies,

Distinguished audience,

At the outset, I would like to commend the Swiss authorities for hosting this timely international Conference in support of Ukraine. It is a privilege for me to be here today and to present Romania's contribution to Ukraine's recovery process.

From the very beginning of this crisis, Romania has condemned in the strongest possible terms the unjustified, unprovoked and illegal Russian aggression on Ukraine. In over three months, the Russian invasion has created the gravest security and humanitarian crisis in decades, with multidimensional and multigenerational consequences for Ukraine, for Europe and for the world. Moreover, as it was emphasized in the NATO Madrid Summit Declaration, "Russia has intentionally exacerbated a food and energy crisis, affecting billions of people around the world, including through its military actions".

We have watched in dismay the horrendous atrocities that the Russian armed forces have perpetrated against civilians in Bucha, Irpin, Borodianka, Mariupol and, most recently, the indiscriminate attack on innocent civilians in the shopping mall in Kremenchuk and against a recreation center in Odessa. We are appalled by these barbarities and, as a responsible actor of the international community Romania will act tirelessly to support the efforts of bringing those responsible to justice.

Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction efforts represent a priority for Romania, the European Union and like-minded states. At the same time, the recovery efforts should not shift focus from an essential phase, which is responding to the emergency needs and alleviating the humanitarian consequences of this crisis. This involves fulfilling the immediate needs of the Ukrainian population and of those affected by the disruption of the supply chains.

The war has generated a massive outflow of refugees and displaced persons. As the EU member state with the longest border with Ukraine, Romania has done its utmost to help the Ukrainian refugees who sought shelter from the war. The urgent assistance for displaced persons was gradually complemented by measures aiming at a sustainable social and professional integration of the refugees, in the educational system, as well as on the labor market. Our support to Ukraine continues to be manifold and advancing on several tracks – political, economic, financial, humanitarian, diplomatic, and in the field of international law.

Over the past weeks, our efforts have been increasingly directed towards safeguarding Ukraine's role as a top exporter of agricultural goods. Facilitating the transport and transit of Ukrainian grain is vital not only for Ukraine's economy, but also for preventing and alleviating food shortages in vulnerable regions across the Globe.

In this context, through the Romanian Black Sea Port of Constanța and other Romanian ports on the Danube more than 1 million tons of grain from Ukraine were shipped so far to their destinations worldwide. Moreover, Romania adopted several important measures such as: temporary liberalization of direct and transit transport of Ukrainian operators on Romanian territory; enhancing transit capacity at Romanian-Ukraine border crossing points; rehabilitation of wide-gauge railway line on Romanian territory; ensure supply and transit of fuels to Ukraine; grant priority support to the Ukrainian-flagged ships in the Romanian Ports.

More should be done though, collectively. The Solidarity Lanes initiative put forward by the European Commission provides an excellent platform to pool and direct resources towards tackling the most pressing issues: storage, connectivity, transport capacity and administrative bottlenecks. Romania has repeatedly called for a wider international effort, mobilizing the support of as many states as possible, to ensure safe maritime transportation corridors through the Black Sea.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me join the previous speakers in commending the recent historic decision of the European Council, granting the EU candidate status to Ukraine, a strong and clear signal confirming its European future.

Romania has traditionally been one of the most outspoken supporters of Ukraine's European agenda. We know the road ahead is long and demanding. As a country that joined the EU family only 15 years ago, we stand ready to share all our experience and provide all our support to Ukraine in advancing on its own European path ahead.

We pledge our commitment to continue to support Ukraine to the best of Romania's capacities – economically, humanitarian, from a security perspective, politically and legally – addressing short-term needs, as well as devising longer-term development and reconstruction frameworks.

I would like to conclude by mentioning a fundamental aspect for Ukraine's reconstruction, and that is the idea of a comprehensive reconstruction process. Tangible matters such as infrastructure and economy are vital, particularly for a war-torn country like Ukraine. However, matters that relate to values – reforms, the rule of law, a tolerant, inclusive and open society – remain indispensable for a well-functioning state and society. These values will truly and strategically consolidate Ukraine, anchoring it firmly and irreversibly into the democratic European community.

Thank you!

Slovak Republic

Dear President Cassis,
Dear President Zelenskyy,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends of Ukraine,

As we are meeting here today in this charming place, an unprovoked and senseless war waged by Russia against his neighbour has been still raging. Russian boots are trampling on Ukrainian soil, Russian shelling on civilians is continuing, let alone horrible atrocities in Bucha, Irpin and elsewhere.

Ukraine pays an ultimate price just because she wanted to live differently, to get rid of the post-soviet heritage, to belong to the European family. Ukraine no longer fights for herself. She counters an adversary with superpower appetite trying to impose its rules of the game on us, trying to destroy our system based on values. That's why Russia must not win this war and we must not leave Ukraine to its fate. Ukraine counts on us.

Russia's raging claims thousands of lives, ruins people destinies, brings enormous devastation of Ukraine's economy and infrastructure. The financial consequences of the conflict amount to hundreds of billions of euros.

The war continues. However, we must be prepared for the post-conflict period. That's why we are here today, and rightly so. We need to prepare measures to help Ukraine in short term after the end of the conflict, but also for the medium- and long-term modernization of Ukraine.

Some people suggest that Ukraine will need a new Marshall Plan. The name doesn't matter that much, there must be a strong substance and sustainability.

It should be a concerted approach of all friends of Ukraine, countries, international organizations, international financial institutions, our private companies, etc. Having said that, the active role of Ukrainian society in the whole process is of key importance.

Ukrainians need to build a new, successful European country that will be able to address the challenges, curing the ailments from the past. Ukraine that will be strong and resilient. The bulk of the work will be at Ukrainians themselves but we have to assist as much as possible.

Against this backdrop, it must not be forgotten who is responsible for human suffering and economic disaster in Ukraine. Russia must be held to account and share the main burden of reconstruction and bear the consequences for its military adventure in Ukraine.

Last but not least, a few words about the European future of Ukraine. The post-war reconstruction of Ukraine should go hand in hand with the reforms with a view to Ukraine's integration to the EU. In parallel with renewal of strategic infrastructure, the financial resources provided for implementing structural reforms and investments should be put in place in order to bring Ukraine into line with EU standards in all dimensions (political and economic) as well as to meet the accession criteria as soon as possible.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

to conclude, let me reiterate my country's readiness to assist Ukraine in its reconstruction, transitional, reform and integration effort. As a nation with a strong reform story, we do have a lot to offer. I have no doubt that at the end of the day Ukraine will succeed.

Thank you.

Slovenia

President Cassis,
President Zelensky,
Excellencies,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by commending the bravery and resolve of the Ukrainian people and of the country's leadership. We admire their enormous courage in defending their lives, but also fighting for universal values – freedom, independence and democracy.

As the Russian illegal and unjustifiable aggression continues unabated, we are appalled by the repeated attacks by the Russian armed forces on the civilian population. We have to ensure that the perpetrators are held to account for the violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.

Another cause of concern is the wide-ranging consequences of the Russian aggression on Ukraine – one of the worst humanitarian disasters, growing risks of instability and severe economic ramifications affecting food and energy security as well as the fragmentation of international community. Therefore, unity, solidarity and the spirit of partnership in the democratic world are and will remain crucial.

Excellencies,
Slovenia understands all too well what Ukraine is going through. We are thus determined to continue to help Ukraine not only to stand and withstand this unprovoked war, but also to recover stronger, better and more resilient.

The reconstruction of Ukraine will require a concerted and well-coordinated effort by the international community. This effort should be guided by Ukraine's needs and ownership, clear rules and an inclusive approach. I would like to echo my colleagues in emphasising the importance and the timeliness of this recovery conference.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Slovenia has donated more than 3.2 million euro in humanitarian assistance. At the last donor conference for Ukraine in Warsaw, Slovenia pledged one million euro for UNICEF. We stand ready to assist further, especially in the medical rehabilitation of victims and in mine action, including assistance to mine victims and post-conflict recovery activities.

Slovenia has always been a strong supporter of the Ukrainian reform agenda, and remains committed to contributing to its success. My country is a proud member of the U-LEAD programme, a Team Europe initiative assisting the Ukrainian authorities in the decentralisation and regional development reform. Most certainly, the Ukrainian local communities will be of utmost importance in Ukraine's recovery process and could greatly contribute to enhanced long-term resilience at the local level. Slovenia is ready to continue its active engagement, building on the numerous connections established between Slovenian and Ukrainian municipalities in the past.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
To conclude, I truly hope and wish for this conference to provide an impetus for Ukraine's comprehensive recovery and a reform path towards a strong, resilient and prosperous society. Slovenia is willing to be a most dedicated partner on this journey. Thank you.

Spain

Spain reiterates, once again, its condemnation of Russia's unjustified and unjustifiable armed aggression against Ukraine. Russia has undermined the foundations of global peace and stability, and its aggression against Ukraine constitutes a blatant and flagrant violation of international law and of the principles and values enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular those regarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine has had devastating effects, which we, the States present at this Conference, are committed to alleviating. The number of civilian victims is already in the thousands. The Russian army's attacks have indiscriminately targeted civilian infrastructure, including residential areas, hospitals and schools. These attacks not only cause a greater number of fatalities, as they prevent people from receiving the necessary medical care, but also constitute a direct attack against the future of Ukraine: children's and students' education is jeopardized, economic activity has come to a standstill, etc.

The European Union and its Member States have been quick to respond. Since Russia's aggression began, the EU has mobilized approximately 4 billion euros for economic, social and financial resilience, in the form of macrofinancial assistance, budget support, emergency assistance, crisis response, and humanitarian assistance for Ukraine. And a new line of exceptional financial assistance has been scheduled in 2022, with a tranche backed by all of the Member States, and to which Spain will, consequently, be firmly committed. When said assistance is formalized by the European Union, it will also be materialized in new contributions by the Member States, which shall be announced soon.

Moreover, aware of the tragic conditions under which millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee their country, we rapidly adopted the Temporary Protection Directive, which grants them protection and recognizes them the rights set forth therein. Spain, in this regard, ranks fifth among the European Union countries that have received the largest number of Ukrainians under this scheme (more than 125,000), and third in the number of Ukrainian minors attending schools (more than 26,000).

Spain has been aware of Ukraine's needs from the very beginning of Russia's aggression. This is why Spain has rolled out the largest humanitarian assistance package ever approved for a single context, allocating 34 million euros to humanitarian assistance for Ukrainians both inside and outside the borders of their country. Thus, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) has allocated 31 million euros to addressing the consequences of the war in Ukraine, of which 23 million euros are being implemented in Ukraine, and 8 million euros in neighbouring countries such as Moldova. The priority sectors are health, food security and nutrition, water and sanitation, protection and shelter, education, livelihoods, and logistics, coordination and communication. Part of the funds are channelled through international organizations and non-governmental organizations. Spain is aware that this situation could continue; therefore, it will keep providing humanitarian assistance as long as there are vulnerable people in Ukraine and in bordering countries.

While this humanitarian assistance is being rolled out in Ukraine and in bordering countries, the recovery of Ukraine must also be among our priorities. In this regard, Spain has identified the following potential sectors as priorities in the reconstruction phase:

Livelihoods, agriculture and food security, focused on ensuring that production continues; to evolve, when the context so allows, towards reconstructing the agricultural production system.

Support for the development of renewable energy sources which contribute to reconstructing the country's energy structure on the basis of alternative and sustainable supply sources that favour Ukraine's autonomy and energy security.

Continuity of humanitarian assistance in line with Spanish Cooperation's feminist approach: i) sexual and reproductive health, ii) prevention of and assistance for victims of gender violence, iii) education.

Furthermore, Spain proposes the identification of specific projects on cultural heritage reconstruction through the Spain-UNESCO heritage fund, on the one hand; and on the other, the identification of collaboration possibilities with international financial institutions, which could lead to the reconstruction of key sectors and infrastructure.

To meet the country's most urgent recovery needs, financially Spain could contribute nearly 250 million euros, to be broken down as follows:

47.9 million euros as a donation to the World Bank's multi-donor trust fund called the Peace Multi-Donor Trust Fund, aimed at offering direct budget support to Ukraine.

100 million euros from the Spanish Treasury in guarantees to the World Bank for direct loans to Ukraine.

100 million euros from the Spanish Treasury in guarantees for the EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), which would be allocated to two funds: 50 million euros to the Green Cities Project, and 50 million euros to food security, through the EBRD Crisis Response Facility.

The commitment that has been announced now shall be expanded, in turn, with Spain's contribution to back the financial assistance for Ukraine on which the European Union is working and which we trust will be approved shortly.

In addition, the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) and Spain's Local Governments express their full commitment to the response and assistance actions established by the Government of Spain, as well as to those agreed upon by the different international organizations in which we are present, both now and in the future, also with a view to the reconstruction scenario.

Spain has its eyes on the future of Ukraine, a prosperous, free and independent Ukraine. The international community must commit firmly to its reconstruction and recovery. This is why Spain welcomes this type of initiatives and conferences. The challenge is significant, but with our unity and solidarity we will be able to overcome it: only a prosperous and secure Ukraine will guarantee international stability and security.

Sweden

[President Cassis, President Zelensky,] Excellencies, Dear colleagues,

Let me start by thanking our Swiss colleagues, in cooperation with Ukraine, for following up on previous reform conferences at a pivotal time.

Against the backdrop of the horrendous Russian war against Ukraine, this meeting is more relevant than ever. Sweden's support is steadfast and long term, and we will stand by you through the war and beyond.

The resistance shown by Ukrainians since 24 February is nothing less than heroic. Welcoming Ukraine as an EU Candidate Country confirms our commitment to Ukraine belonging in Europe. Reform will remain key ahead.

With the war continuing, focus is on contributions to Ukraine's military, and on humanitarian support. But planning for reconstruction must also begin. This conference is an important starting point.

Sweden has contributed to Ukraine's reform efforts with around 20 million euros annually, and our support continues through a new seven-year strategy.

Since February 24, Sweden's support to Ukraine has substantially increased. Historic decisions have been taken on donations of weapons and defence material. We have provided substantial macro-economic support and more than 70 million euro in extra humanitarian aid.

We welcome refugees, and we have provided practical support such as medical supplies and assistance, fire-fighting equipment and sheltering. Our total support since February exceeds 350 million euros.

I am proud to announce that Sweden pledges another 6 million euros towards the recovery of Ukraine. Our pledge will be disbursed in consultation with the Ukrainian Government and the EU institutions to ensure that the funds are directed to the most prioritised sectors. Approximately one million euros are earmarked for equipment for nuclear safety and approximately half a million euros are earmarked for mine clearance, a prerequisite for reconstruction efforts.

Sweden will continue to stand by Ukraine, now and in the future.
Thank you.

Switzerland

Excellencies

Dear Colleagues

We have come together to kick off Ukraine's recovery.

Ukraine has to lead. But we, the states and international organisations gathered here in Lugano, will support Ukraine on its path.

Switzerland has been a partner to Ukraine for many years. We have been supporting reforms and sustainable development. We are providing humanitarian assistance, following our humanitarian tradition.

In the face of war - and with a view to recovery – we must increase our support:

Switzerland will double its funding towards bilateral cooperation with Ukraine to over 100 million Swiss francs until the end of 2023.

In addition, we are providing funding through Ukraine's multilateral partners: the UN, the OSCE, the ICRC, the World Bank, the EBRD, and others.

Following the call of Ukraine's Prime Minister, we will earmark at least 15 million Swiss francs for digital transformation.

Switzerland highly values private initiative. Swiss companies have made major investments in Ukraine, and civil society has provided support over decades.

But support takes many forms: the Lugano conference will deliver principles for recovery. These principles will help Ukraine implement its Recovery and Development Plan. They will also help mobilise support from international partners.

Switzerland will continue to promote international law and effective multilateralism as antidotes against the use of force.

Switzerland also provides good offices. The Lugano Conference is one such example. We are willing to follow up on that. And we stand ready to support talks to end the war - when the time comes.

Thank you all for supporting Ukraine and its people!

Türkiye

Esteemed Prime Ministers, Ministers,
Dear Colleagues,

It's a pleasure for me to represent Türkiye at "Ukraine Recovery Conference".

Let me first thank to Ukraine and Switzerland for holding this event at a tragic, yet critical time.

The war in Ukraine is heartbreaking. Each passing day, destruction visited upon Ukraine and its people deepens.

Today, as the members of international community, we are all united in our support to Ukraine.

Türkiye has been standing with Ukraine from the very beginning.

While expressing strong support to its sovereignty and territorial integrity, we have also extended robust and comprehensive assistance to Ukraine.

We believe that Ukrainians prevail in their heroic defense.

Yet, the end of the war will start another battle: the long and difficult road to recovery; building Ukraine anew.

Türkiye will continue to remain steadfast by Ukraine in addressing this challenge.

We look forward to working with our Ukrainian partners and all of you to rebuild Ukraine. Today's meeting is important to set the parameters of this process.

Healing the wounds of this war will start with ending the ongoing bloodshed.

Further extension of the war will worsen the tragedy. Global impact of the war will also grow.

Therefore, we see merits in revisiting the possibility of reactivating the diplomatic track.

Ukrainians deserve a just peace that will secure their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

I hope today we will begin to further clarify the framework of our cooperation and support for the recovery during and after the war.

Before ending my remarks, I would like to pay our respects to the Ukrainians who lost their lives in the epic effort to defend their country.

Thank you.

United Kingdom

President Cassis, Excellencies, the Ukrainian people have shown they can win this war as long as their supporters remain committed.

The United Kingdom is helping to ensure that by leading the charge in delivering military aid, debilitating the Russian economy through sanctions and providing Ukraine with economic and humanitarian support.

All of us need to help Ukraine end this appalling war and rebuild. Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery must be led by Ukraine itself.

The UK will use every tool at our disposal to provide immediate financial support and help accelerate the ambitious vision outlined by the Government of Ukraine's Reconstruction and Development Plan.

We will provide assistance to keep Ukraine's economy afloat, alongside life-saving humanitarian aid. We will encourage British businesses to contribute their expertise and investment to help accelerate Ukraine's economic trajectory and harness its full potential.

All of this will be supported by UK technical expertise within government and across the private sector, including in critical areas of science and technology to help Ukraine leapfrog up the value chain.

We will use our influence in international financial institutions, including the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development headquartered in the City of London, to drive financial assistance and loan guarantees.

We will support Ukraine's efforts to deepen democracy and drive modernisation and reforms so that Ukraine rebuilds as a 21st century tech power.

Now is the time for a landmark international effort to deliver a new Marshall Plan for Ukraine.

Every nation must play their part. Russia must pay for the immense damage caused, as provided for under international law.

We are actively exploring options for seizing the assets of those that have contributed to that damage to help the Ukrainian people rebuild their country.

We need to be in this for the long haul.

The UK is proud to support Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction by hosting the Ukraine Recovery Conference in 2023. We will work with the Government of Ukraine and allies to make that another decisive step in this journey.

Billions will be required for recovery. So we need to step up now.

Together, we can defy Putin's attempts to destroy Ukraine's future by helping it build back as a strong, thriving and united European nation. That is how we can ensure aggression fails and demonstrate the power of democracy over autocracy.

United States of America

As President Biden has made clear, the United States supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine – and we will continue to do so. We condemn Russia for its unprovoked, unjustified war against Ukraine and call on Russia to withdraw its troops from Ukrainian territory without delay.

The United States is the largest single-country donor to Ukraine. Since Russia's further invasion of Ukraine in February, we have provided \$10 billion in economic, humanitarian, and security assistance to help Ukraine fight Putin's aggression, support government functions, meet the needs of Ukrainian civilians, and protect critical infrastructure.

Much of this funding comes from the first supplemental appropriation that the United States Congress passed and President Biden signed into law. We are already providing additional support from a second supplemental and more is on the way. Together, these supplementals provide tens of billions of dollars in assistance – the most the United States has allocated for Europe since the Marshall Plan. This is a recognition of the historic nature of our engagement and the challenge that lies before all of us.

A principal goal of our economic assistance is to help keep the Government of Ukraine functioning and invest in the human capital that will be needed for Ukraine's future reconstruction. We are also working with the Government of Ukraine to ensure these funds are spent wisely and transparently. This type of accountability is crucial for the credibility and success of our joint efforts.

While we recognize the importance of preparing for Ukraine's future, all of us must also deliver on our commitments to help Ukraine meet its immediate and urgent needs. We have already provided \$2.3 billion in direct budget support. We are working closely with Congress, the GOU, and the World Bank to deliver an additional \$6.2 billion in the coming months.

But U.S. assistance extends beyond our direct support of Ukraine. We are also helping allies and partners in central and eastern Europe to bolster their security, counter Russia's malign activities and disinformation, and deliver humanitarian and economic assistance in the region.

Our assistance to date has been focused on urgent needs during a time of war. As the situation on the ground develops, we will transition to helping Ukraine create the conditions necessary for its recovery.

As we encourage Ukraine to strengthen its democratic governance and connection to the transatlantic community, the United States is committed to working with our Allies and international financial institutions to support a Ukraine-led reconstruction process that rebuilds its critical infrastructure and agricultural production and helps displaced Ukrainians return to their communities. The reconstruction process should reflect the principles and values that will enable Ukraine to achieve its full potential, including its European aspirations and climate ambitions.

In gathering for this fifth iteration of the Ukraine Conference, we must remain focused on reform, recovery, and renewal. Together, we stand with Ukraine in achieving these objectives.

Council of Europe

Presidents of the Swiss Confederation and Ukraine,

Distinguished guests,

The Council of Europe stands united with our member state, Ukraine, in the face of Russia's aggression.

And it is good to hear countries and international organisations offer help, including material support.

But Ukraine's recovery – in its fullest sense – requires good governance and European values to underpin this –

It needs democratic security –

As the basis of lasting peace –

So that stability, prosperity and progress take root.

In this, the Council of Europe is helping Ukraine, not least through supporting the country's EU aspirations.

A group of Council of Europe experts is advising Ukraine's Prosecutor General on investigations into gross human rights violations during the ongoing conflict –

At our May Ministerial Session, member states agreed an adjusted joint Ukraine Action Plan –

Better supporting displaced people –

The judiciary and media –

And democratic governance and public administration.

And we have a 50 million euro Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction package to be implemented as soon as possible –

This comes along with significant support provided by our Development Bank.

It is an important investment in Ukraine's strength and stability –

And I hope that countries here today will support it.

Ukraine's recovery will be a European recovery.

The Council of Europe will be proud to be part of it.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development EBRD

The EBRD is the largest international investor in Ukraine and we are committed to investing at least €1 billion in the country this year. We had already signed transactions for €600 million across the real economy. Especially to support vital infrastructure and the private sector, and to face the food and energy security challenges.

But we also need to prepare the reconstruction now.

We stand ready to mobilise our balance-sheet even more and to manage further donors funds.

As for designing an efficient recovery process, we see 3 key features: ownership, coordination, and reforms.

Ukraine ownership will be key. Any reconstruction platform will need to be aligned with Ukrainian aspirations.

Inclusive coordination between the Ukrainian authorities and the international community -the EU, the G7, IFIs- will be essential. No single institution will be able to deal with the immensity of the task alone. We will need to build on respective mandates and expertise of all partners, and ensure the highest transparency.

Finally, sustaining the reform momentum and building back better will be critical. The EU integration process will provide a strong anchor to reforms.

On all these dimensions, you can count on the EBRD.

Given our track record, we believe that the EBRD's place is in the inner circle of reconstruction, with Ukraine, the EU, the G7 and other stakeholders. We are ready to play an active role to organise this coordination, building in particular on our experience with the Ukraine Reforms Architecture and the Business Ombudsman.

European Investment Bank EIB

I have been honoured to take part in Lugano conference and to once again pledge our support to Ukraine and its citizens. Like everyone here, we have been deeply saddened by the loss of lives and by the sheer scale of destruction seen right across the country as a result of the full-scale Russian aggression.

EIB welcomes very much the first comprehensive reconstruction plan presented by the Ukrainian government, as well as the reconstruction principles embedded in the “Lugano Declaration”.

The magnitude of the reconstruction requires that Ukraine’s international supporters pull together under a common strategy to support the reconstruction efforts. Ukraine’s recovery plan presented yesterday by the government shall be the backbone of this strategy. As stated, the EU is called upon to take a leading role with Ukraine in coordinating international efforts. This is particularly relevant in view of Ukraine’s candidate status, which I am delighted has been formalized, and also in view of the necessary reforms that will have to take place.

The EU Bank is ready to play its role in Ukraine’s reconstruction as part of the EU family – working in partnership with Ukraine, and coordinating with our partner financial institutions

In this spirit, I was happy to announce yesterday EIB’s offer to set up an EU-Ukraine Gateway Trust Fund that would provide a mechanism to facilitate the EU’s reconstruction efforts. This trust fund could allow for contributions not only from EU Member States, but also from other countries and partners, further facilitating cooperation between donors, and ensuring the efficient and effective management of funds. The fund could be deployed in support of both the public and the private sector projects alike. The EIB could have such an instrument operational in a matter of weeks, taking advantage of existing mechanisms within the Bank, tailored to the political steer and control requirements of the Ukraine Reconstruction Platform envisaged by the EU.

I wish to conclude with reiterating one more time that we are committed to working closely with Ukraine, with the European Commission, and with our partner financial institutions, to do whatever we can to support Ukraine’s recovery and its journey towards EU Membership.

International Monetary Fund IMF

Your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

The war in Ukraine is resulting in tragic loss of life and human suffering. It is also taking a toll on the economy – in Ukraine but also globally.

The authorities' emergency policy response to the economic and financial repercussions of the war has been impressive. In support of their policy efforts and the significant financing needs they face, emergency financing was made available to Ukraine by its international partners. The IMF was part of that early response, with \$1.4 billion disbursed on March 9.

The IMF has also expeditiously set up an Administered Account to channel donor resources in the form of grants and loans, and funds from Canada and Germany have already been disbursed.

Supporting macroeconomic stability now, as a platform upon which to build the recovery and reconstruction, must remain a priority. The skillful economic management of Ukraine will need to be complemented with continued external financial support. Such financing is needed to help fund Ukraine's immediate needs without jeopardizing macroeconomic stability.

Efficient and transparent governance by Ukraine and effective and nimble coordination between donors and with the government are critical for the recovery. The implementation of reforms by Ukraine to strengthen institutions and public policy will support the transformation of the economy and lift growth and the living standards of the Ukrainian people.

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe OSCE

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor and a privilege to address this meeting on behalf of the OSCE Secretary General.

I wish to commend the Government of Switzerland for such a timely initiative and the kind invitation extended to the OSCE.

For over 25 years, the OSCE has established a solid partnership with the government and people of Ukraine.

At this dark hour, we are committed to redouble our efforts to support our Ukrainian partners respond to the immediate crisis, and address the needs of conflict management and post-conflict rehabilitation.

Thanks to our trusted relationship with local stakeholders in Ukraine and extensive experience with conflict environments, we can provide support to bolster the country's resilience, and the help the people of Ukraine today and into the future.

By bringing together governments, civil society, and international partners the OSCE can address cross-border challenges related to the environment, climate change, human trafficking and trafficking of small arms and light weapons in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

Much of this vital work is already underway. But in the weeks and months ahead, we will continue working with Ukraine and others in our region to achieve the following objectives.

Stabilize and strengthen Ukraine's institutions to continue to respond to people's needs. The OSCE will support its longstanding partners in national and local governments, civil society, and media to keep operating and to effectively incorporate the implications of armed conflict into their work. As Ukraine moves towards rehabilitation, OSCE will continue to collaborate with them to adapt responsively and sustainably.

Address evolving risks to the safety and security of Ukrainians. The OSCE will build on existing work with government agencies, civil society and communities to further assess and address a range of physical and environmental risks, including help responding to chemical, biological and conventional weapons. It will also support work across the region to protect Ukrainians across borders, e.g., combat trafficking of Ukrainians with a victim-centered approach, address transnational organized crime, etc.

Support Ukrainians to achieve inclusive and prosperous post-conflict rehabilitation. With its comprehensive approach and diverse toolbox, the OSCE can bolster the work of partners within Ukraine while also connecting stakeholders in the region. This combination can enable the OSCE to help strengthen good economic governance, promote inclusion of all Ukrainians at home and displaced abroad, and help transform Ukraine's energy security.

Facilitate co-operation to enhance stability in the broader OSCE region. The OSCE can mobilize the power of its partnerships in Ukraine and the region to advance coordinated approaches to address transnational challenges related food security, trafficking in cultural property, water management and disaster risk reduction.

In conclusion, I wish to welcome the principles of recovery entailed in the Lugano declaration. We are available to support the implementation of the declaration's principles for recovery whenever they are in line with the OSCE's mandate.

Thank you for your attention.

UNESCO

Excellencies,

Since 24 February, UNESCO has stood against the use of force by the Russian Federation, as a violation of the UN Charter and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

UNESCO is acting at three levels:

1. First, to remind all, including the Russian Federation, of their obligations before international law, including UNESCO Conventions.

2. To monitor the impact of the war:

- As of 1 July, UNESCO has recorded and documented damages to 156 cultural sites.
- As of 1 July, the Ukrainian Government has identified 2082 education institutions that have suffered damage (not UN verified).
- We have condemned publicly the killings of 10 journalists and media workers.

3. To support Ukraine where most needed, working with the Government, national institutions, civil society organisations and partners:

- We monitor and document damage to cultural heritage and provide protection equipment for affected sites and museums.
- We support the Ukrainian education authorities in ensuring continuity of learning by online learning through content development and equipment in and beyond Ukraine.
- We provide media professionals with protective equipment and conduct training on safety.

To spearhead the durable recovery of Ukraine, UNESCO and the Ukrainian authorities have initiated discussions to go beyond emergency measures and lead medium and long-term actions, with a view to coordinate international efforts and provide technical assistance to lead the rehabilitation and reconstruction of cultural heritage and enable the return to normal of the education system.

UNESCO will send a technical mission to Kyiv this week to further assess the needs and expectations of the Ukrainian authorities and define the modalities of its intervention.