

Joint Statement
on the outcomes of the Intergovernmental consultations
between Ukraine and the Czech Republic

On October 31, 2022, the Joint Meeting of the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Czech Republic took place in Kyiv on the outcomes of which the Participants:

emphasized the significance of further strengthening ties between the Governments of Ukraine and the Czech Republic aimed at the development of cooperation between the two European countries and friendly nations on the basis of mutual respect and understanding;

discussed the current international political, economic and security situation;

condemned in the strongest possible terms Russia's attempted annexation of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and reaffirmed their readiness to continue working together to stop Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and restore Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty within its internationally recognized borders;

reaffirmed their joint efforts to further strengthen the activities within the International Crimea Platform aimed at achieving the de-occupation of Crimea;

stressed the importance of investigating the Russia's war crimes, of which there is growing evidence, as well as other crimes under international law, which could have been committed on the territory of Ukraine, with the aim to bring those responsible to account, in particular through the International Criminal Court;

supported the initiative to establish a Special Tribunal for crime of aggression committed against Ukraine;

called on the international community to sustain and increase sanctions' pressure on the Russian Federation to continue severely undermining the ability of the aggressor state to continue its war against Ukraine;

stressed the importance of increasing military, financial and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine amid Russia's war against the country;

acknowledged the support granted by the Government of the Czech Republic and the people of the Czech Republic to Ukrainian nationals who were forced to flee Ukraine due to the Russian aggression;

reaffirmed the intention to strengthen cooperation with the EU and world financial institutions in developing instruments to support Ukraine's reconstruction and modernization to overcome the consequences of destructive actions of the Russian army on the Ukrainian territory;

confirmed their readiness to actively participate in post-war reconstruction and recovery. The Czech Republic is ready to participate in rebuilding of Ukraine, in particular of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast;

confirmed the intention to strengthen cooperation to provide support to Ukrainian nationals who were forced to flee Ukraine due to the Russian aggression particularly to young Ukrainians that they find not only a safe place abroad, but that their rights are protected and they feel themselves as a part of society in the new country, able to work, continue their education and contribute to the development of those communities where they have found temporary shelter;

confirmed their readiness to support cooperation between youth centers, youth workers and young people of both countries to help young Ukrainians to mitigate consequences of war;

coordinated further steps of cooperation between the Governments of Ukraine and the Czech Republic on the international agenda, in particular within international organizations along with regional formats and initiatives;

noted the importance of continuing the joint efforts with the EU and NATO Member States in order to counter the threats and challenges to the European security;

welcomed the first meeting of the European Political Community, hosted by the Czech Republic on October 6, 2022 in Prague. The Parties highlighted the importance of this initiative to foster political dialogue and cooperation to address issues of common interest, in particular strengthen the security, stability and prosperity of the European continent;

The Government of Ukraine greatly **appreciated** the Czech Republic's efforts to ensure Ukraine remained among the main priorities of the EU agenda during the Czech Presidency of the EU Council and beyond;

The Government of Ukraine **welcomed** the Czech Republic's Program of humanitarian, stabilization, reconstruction and economic assistance to Ukraine in 2023-2025 amounting to almost 20 million USD annually and aimed at recovery from war damages, assistance to the internally displaced persons, demining of territories and reconstruction of critical infrastructure.

The Government of the Czech Republic **reaffirmed** its unwavering support for Ukraine on its path to the European Union and NATO accession as a free democratic choice of the Ukrainian people. The Czech Republic stands behind the historic decision of the European Council on granting Ukraine the candidate status for the European Union membership;

The Government of the Czech Republic **reinforced** its commitment to support Ukraine in its integration into the EU Internal Market with its four freedoms and further deepening its sectoral

integration (e.g. with the European Digital Single Market, European Energy markets, EU Customs Union and further alignment with the European Green Deal);

The Government of Ukraine **appreciated** the effective practice of involving Ukraine in the EU ministers informal meetings launched during the Czech Republic's Presidency of the EU Council;

The Government of the Czech Republic **welcomed** the progress achieved by Ukraine in the implementation of the seven recommendations envisaged in the European Commission's Opinion on Ukraine's application for membership of the European Union and supported the start of the accession negotiations once the European Commission adopts the positive assessment in this regard;

The Government of the Czech Republic **reaffirmed** its willingness to support work on the EU's regular and structured budget support to Ukraine for the course of 2023 to brace Ukraine's macroeconomic stability and overall resilience in the context of Russia's military aggression and the ensuing economic challenges of Ukraine;

The Government of the Czech Republic also **reaffirmed** its further involvement in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the damage caused by Russian full-scale aggression against Ukraine, including through the forthcoming Rebuild Ukraine Platform;

expressed its clear willingness to continue supplying Ukraine with military equipment and to upgrade the mutual defense industrial cooperation to the strategic level;

The Government of Ukraine **confirmed** its readiness to support Czech businesses in establishing offices and manufacturing facilities in Ukraine;

The Participants **agreed** to set up priorities of the bilateral cooperation, in particular in good governance and education, trade and economic cooperation, energy and green transition, military and civil security, healthcare, social issues, cyber and digital, and other areas, including through the implementation of joint bilateral and multilateral projects;

welcomed the establishment of the Ukrainian-Czech Chamber of Commerce (UKRCHAM) and agreed to organize trade missions exchange, business forums and exhibitions beneficial to both countries;

discussed issues on assisting Ukrainian producers in entering foreign markets and ways of supporting Ukrainian exporters by the Czech Government;

declared that cooperation and coordination of actions in the energy sector of all involved parties is important for the security of both countries and Europe as a whole;

noted the need to cooperate on mitigating risks to regional and global food security, also by facilitating agricultural exports at EU level through EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes;

discussed challenges and prospects for the future in the agro-industrial complex;

noted the need to intensify cooperation in the fields of cybersecurity, digitalization, countering misinformation and various types of hybrid threats;

agreed to hold the 10th session of the Ukrainian-Czech Joint Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (date is to be agreed).

Prime Minister of Ukraine

DENYS SHMYHAL

Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

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Appendix to the Joint Meeting

Examples of government cooperation planned for the upcoming months

The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

...will closely coordinate mutually beneficial steps in the sphere of combating crimes cooperation among all relevant institutions and agencies;

...will cooperate on providing assistance to the internally displaced persons,

...will cooperate together with other relevant ministries and authorities on demining of territories and reconstruction of critical infrastructure;

...will open a separated division Citizen's Service Center "Passport Service" of the State Enterprise "Document", which is under authority of the State Migration Service of Ukraine.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

...will focus efforts on ensuring interests and rights of the Ukrainian nationals in the Czech Republic, who are under temporary protection status, including their access to the Czech labor market;

...will inform each other on the future plans for social benefits of the Ukrainian nationals in the Czech Republic, who are under temporary protection status.

The Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine

...will focus on providing financial budgetary support to Ukraine financially via macro-financial assistance of the EU and other relevant international institutions;

...will work together on the issue of so-called Yamburg debt settlement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

...will cooperate closely and share know-how in order to ensure swift EU accession process;

...will progress in the effort to find a new building for the Czech Embassy in Kyiv;

...will work on opening Czech Consulate General in the city of Dnipro;

...will coordinate Czech humanitarian assistance to Ukraine;

...will be holding regular consultations on all relevant levels.

The Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic and Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

... will closely coordinate mutually beneficial defense cooperation among all relevant institutions and agencies;

...will cooperate closely in supplying military equipment in response to the actual Ukrainian demands;

...will take use of training capacities offered by the Czech Republic and the EU joint training mission EUMAM;

...will upgrade the defense industrial cooperation to the strategic level;

...will be holding regular consultations on all relevant levels through the established structural cooperation.

The Ministry of Transportation of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine

...will strive together to expand the TEN-T corridors to Ukraine;

...will cooperate with Czech companies to rebuild transport infrastructure in Ukraine.

The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine

...will focus on strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in Ukraine and coordinate activities of Czech companies and other relevant entities in reconstruction and modernization of Ukrainian health care system within the framework of the Plan of Recovery of Ukraine;

...will focus on strengthening the medical evacuation of Ukrainian patients to health care facilities of the Czech Republic;

...will develop and exchange experience in the field of telemedicine;

...will open the issue of qualifications of healthcare workers of Ukraine in the Czech Republic;

...will promote the development of joint training of human resources in the field of health care and the development of cooperation between institutions of higher medical education.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine

...will hold the 10th session of the Ukrainian-Czech Joint Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation in early 2023 in Prague;

...will coordinate, together with other government actors, involvement of the Czech companies in the reconstruction of Ukraine, especially in the field of transportation, energy including nuclear energy, decontamination, demining, and healthcare infrastructure;

...will inform about investment opportunities and support such investment if relevant for Czech companies on the Ukrainian market as well as Ukrainian companies on the Czech market;

...will jointly support cooperation of Czech and Ukrainian companies in order to boost mutual trade and investment;

...will closely coordinate the Czech participation in rebuilding the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast;

... will discuss the possible ways to strengthen the cooperation between steel industries of both sides, in particular to increase the supply of Ukrainian mining and metallurgical products in the production of steel products in the EU;

... will support the preparation of common Ukraine-EU step-by-step plan for ensuring seamless integration of Ukraine into internal market for roaming to be endorsed at EU-Ukraine summit.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

...will strive to establish a register of achieved education and profession qualification carried out in Ukraine of the Ukrainian nationals in the Czech Republic, who are under temporary protection status;

...will harmonize online teaching of the Ukrainian children, who are under temporary protection status, and the Czech education system.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine

...will develop cooperation in the field of physical culture and sports, prepare for signing the Agreement on cooperation in the field of physical culture and sports between the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, as well as develop coordination of the efforts of relevant institutions and national sports federations to increase sanctioning pressure on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in sports.