

Joint Statement
Leaders' Meeting on Defence of Ukraine
Prague, 28 May 2024

We come together to confirm our commitment to continued military support to Ukraine that is fighting a courageous but uneven battle against Russia's aggression. We have listened closely to President Zelensky's call for increased and rapid support, in particular with regard to ammunition and air defense, which are vital for the protection of the people of Ukraine, cities and critical infrastructure as well as on the battle field.

To answer President Zelensky's call for more ammunition, The Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Denmark launched the 'Programme of Joint Procurement of Artillery Ammunition to Ukraine' in March 2024. The aim was to enable joint funding and joint procurement of ammunition from global as well as European stocks. The support for the procurement of ammunition for Ukraine via this initiative has been impressive with a substantial number of countries stepping forward with their support. Current financing amounts to over 1,6 billion Euro, and we therefore expect to ensure the donation of half a million rounds of artillery ammunition before the end of the year. And we will continue the initiative for as long as necessary.

At the same time, we strongly welcome, initiatives such as Germany's launch of the 'Immediate Action on Air Defense (IAAD)', and the creation of the capability coalitions within the Ukraine Defence Contact Group, [and others] as important and valuable contributions to Ukraine's defensive fight and we are strongly committed to supporting these initiatives.

Finally, we must also engage Ukraine's defence industrial base to strengthen Ukraine's self-defence against Russia's full-scale war of aggression. Supporting the transformation of Ukraine's defence industry into a strong and effective tool that provides the capacity and capability for Ukraine to restore its territorial integrity and enable effective deterrence of future aggression.

We – the undersigned – will do everything we can to support Ukraine's brave fight for freedom.”

Petr Fiala, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland

Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark

Evika Silina, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands