



## НАРОДНИЙ ДЕПУТАТ УКРАЇНИ

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Dear Chairs of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs, National Security and Defense Committees of the EU member-states Parliaments!

Dear distinguished colleagues,

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a war against Ukraine using ground forces, aircraft, missile systems, shelling Ukrainian cities, and killing civilians, including children. We could not even imagine that the price of our aspirations would be so high when the inevitability of the course towards joining the EU and NATO was declared in our Constitution.

We are grateful for the support of Ukraine's application for membership in the European Parliament, but the current situation requires immediate and effective further actions.

In this regard, we call for the following:

- Ukraine's membership bid should be addressed in accordance with a special fast-track procedure. Historic challenges require historic decisions.

- Ukraine should be granted a candidate status already on the 11th March of 2022 at the EU informal summit in Paris.

- The EU Commission is currently assessing Ukraine's application to join the EU. This assessment should be prepared shortly and take into account the work already done by the EU and Ukraine. Last year, Ukraine presented the evaluation of the achievements of the Association Agreement based on Copenhagen criteria.

- Ukrainian people give their lives shielding the European Union from Russian aggression; they fight for freedom and democracy in Europe. Ukrainian struggle will define the future of the European Union. The decision on Ukraine's accession is crucial for European security.

- Ukraine's membership bid should be considered separately. There could not be one-fit-for-all approach to Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia.

On top of political support on its European integration track, Ukraine urgently needs massive military reinforcement. As the unprecedented brutal war waged by Russian Federation continues on the Ukrainian soil, we are allowing ourselves to address you with specific military needs of Ukrainian Armed Forces and Territorial Defense.

We are calling on your assistance to get the EU member-states' governments to provide us with any of the following:

- Anti-missile systems and surface-to-air missile systems of long range, man-portable air-defense systems. We need everything from SAM Patriots to Stingers to create a no-fly zone by ourselves. - Military aviation (fighter jets and strike aircrafts) in big numbers. Ukraine has pilots to fight, but we are outnumbered in aircraft.

- Anti-tank guided missiles (e.g., Javelin, NLAW, etc).

- All artillery pieces that could be provided - MLRS, Mortars, self-propelled artillery.

- Tanks, armored combat vehicles, infantry fighting vehicles.

- 152 mm shells.

- Bulletproof vests and helmets - up to 200K, military uniform.

- Fuel.

Ukraine is ready to buy all listed weaponry, but for that, we need all willing countries to sell them to Ukraine.

We will be grateful for your feedback and direct engagement! We stand ready to work with you on details of such assistance, we are in direct touch with the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and will be able to forward to them your specific offers with indication - either military aid or payment (invoice) - along

with the list of weaponry and ammo with information of quantity and date of production.

We are looking forward to you addressing these issues with your governments and sincerely counting on full support of both, European aspriatons of Ukraine, as well as military reinforcement needed for our efficient defense of the country and Ukrainian people.

Taking this opportunity to once again express our gratitude for solidarity with Ukraine in our struggle for democratic values of the entire civilized world.

Sincerely,

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