



Jean Monnet *dialogue*

Conclusions for the 8th Jean Monnet Dialogue

*Lublin, Poland
27-29 April 2023*

We, the Leadership of the Verkhovna Rada, and Heads and delegated representatives of Factions and Groups of the 9th Convocation of the Verkhovna Rada, met in the format of the Jean Monnet Dialogue for peace and democracy, for the eighth time since October 2016, the second time under the 9th Convocation of the Verkhovna Rada.

We strongly welcome the resuming of the in-person meetings after the long pause caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and by the unprovoked, full-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which is causing immeasurable human suffering.

We pay tribute to the incredibly brave people of Ukraine, the laureates of the 2023 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, for their courageous and tenacious defence of their country, their freedom, their democracy and European values. The people of Ukraine have our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies. We stand with them in solidarity and unity.

We are aware that the ultimate objective of the Russian Federation's vicious aggression is the elimination of Ukraine as an independent nation, the destruction of the rules-based international order, the resurgence of authoritarianism and the suppression of democracy worldwide, leading to the road to unfreedom.

We underline the importance of the solidarity and unwavering support extended to Ukraine by the European Union, so that our country and its citizens can defeat the aggressor and live in freedom and peace.

We know that the strongest weapons in the fight against unfreedom are the strength of liberal parliamentary democracies and the strong solidarity among them; weapons the aggressor will never have at its disposal.

We wholeheartedly welcome and embrace the status of EU-candidate country that was granted to Ukraine on 23 June 2022. This decision provides a unique opportunity for our country to join the European family of free nations. We are aware that the path to membership of the European Union also imposes important obligations and tasks upon Ukraine, and its democratic institutions.

We are fully committed to support European Integration as Ukraine's strategic priority in every possible way, in particular through an open and constructive dialogue in order to build and protect the widest possible political consensus. We want to ensure public confidence in the role and leadership of the Verkhovna Rada in this important process.

All factions and groups of the Verkhovna Rada confirm the readiness to actively facilitate the European Integration process of Ukraine on the condition that all draft laws on this process are in line with high standards of quality and effectiveness and ensure the development of the democratic and legal system of Ukraine in accordance with the European standards.

We are aware that the unprovoked, full-scale military aggression of the Russian Federation and the enactment of martial law in Ukraine have had a drastic impact on the conditions under which the Government is functioning. During wartime not only the government, but also the country's democratic institutions, most of all the Parliament, are exposed to significant risks. Despite these extraordinary and distressing circumstances, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has demonstrated great resilience. It not only continues to fulfil its role, but it also works on improving the organization of its functioning.

We acknowledge the historical importance of this development, but also the degree of responsibility for the 9th Convocation of the Verkhovna Rada to implement the will of the Ukrainian people and to fulfil their Euro-Atlantic aspirations. In our joint fight for democratic values as opposed to authoritarianism of the aggressor state, we achieved consensus on the following issues:

The Leadership of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, parliamentary political leaders, factions and groups on the 9th Convocation of the Verkhovna Rada will work as one political team for achieving victory over the aggressor, the full restoration of

the territory of Ukraine in its recognized international borders and gaining membership in the European Union and Euroatlantic alliance.

Despite the enormous challenges caused by the armed aggression, we will continue to work on strengthening Ukraine's parliament based on the principles of rule of law, democracy, openness, freedom of speech and pluralism.

We agreed to adopt all necessary measures for the implementation of the Association Agreement between Ukraine, on the one hand, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, on the other hand.

We are committed to unite efforts of the legislative and executive branches of Government, as well as civil society, in the process of the transformation of Ukraine on the path to building a legal, social, economically developed state, fulfilling the criteria for membership in the European Union.

We also note that the participation in the Jean Monnet Dialogues is an expression of our continued commitment to this process, based on equality, partnership, respect and the willingness to build consensus. With our continued and active participation in the Jean Monnet Dialogue process we therefore confirm our determination and commitment to drive forward the institutional reform of the Verkhovna Rada, in particular the Ethics code and the importance of effective parliamentary oversight.

As well as taking stock of the achievements from the previous seven Jean Monnet Dialogues, we commit to take institutional reforms and dialogue to a strategic level by taking our consensus-building approach into a more proactive and decisive phase of implementation.

We therefore confirm our commitment to move from constructive dialogue to effective and prompt implementation of the agreed positions before the next Jean Monnet Dialogue.

We agreed that the Jean Monnet Dialogue process provides a unique platform for strategic-level exchanges among the parliamentary factions and groups and with participation of the leadership of the Verkhovna Rada. It is important to use the regained momentum of the Dialogue to advance with the institutional reform of the Verkhovna Rada and resume the regular meetings in the framework of the Jean Monnet Dialogue.

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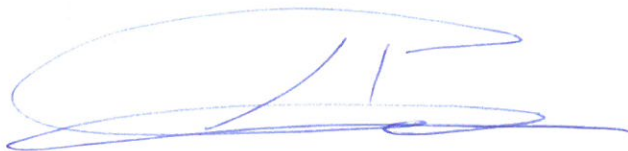
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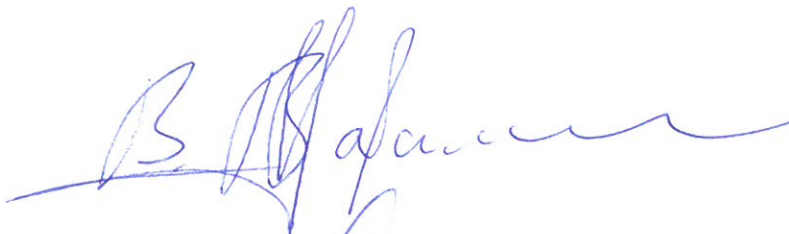
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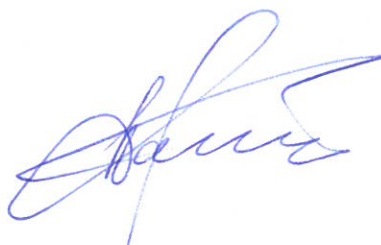


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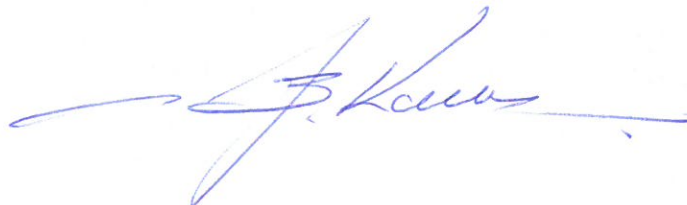


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