WINNING THE PEACE

A seven-point plan for Ukraine to win the war and secure a sustainable peace

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As Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine rages, the human toll, destruction and regional instability have been substantial. The outcome of the war is not a foregone conclusion. It depends on international partners extending the necessary military, political, and economic support for Ukraine to win the war and secure a sustainable peace.

Ukraine has demonstrated that, with weapons and ammunition from Western partners, it can win the war. This means pushing out Russian forces from Ukraine, including Crimea and Sevastopol. But winning is not enough; Ukraine deserves a sustainable peace. To create it, Ukraine must have robust security guarantees and defensive capabilities, firmly anchored in its accelerated path towards membership of NATO.

Ukraine’s international partners must step up support for Ukraine’s recovery and reconstruction even now as the fighting continues. Rebuilding Ukraine is intimately linked to progress on reforms, notably fighting corruption, ensuring an independent judiciary, and strengthening the rule of law, as Ukraine moves towards EU membership. This transformation will also entrench Ukraine’s democratic foundation, for which Ukrainians are making daily sacrifices.

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The following seven points set out a vision of how Ukraine can win the war but also secure a sustainable peace. It presents a comprehensive vision of how to help Ukraine:

1. Timely, sustained, and open-ended military support to Ukraine, and a guarantee of its security until Ukraine joins NATO.

2. Full restoration of Ukraine’s territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders from 1991, including Crimea.

3. Withdrawal of all Russian troops from Ukrainian soil, and a declaration from Ukraine and the core group of states guaranteeing its security that they have no territorial claims against Russia.

4. Ensure accountability for war crimes and establish mechanisms to ensure reparations.

5. A grand plan for rebuilding and reconstruction of Ukraine.

6. Entrench Ukraine’s democratic foundations and accelerate necessary reforms.

7. A roadmap and firm commitment to Ukraine about membership of NATO and the EU.

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President Zelenskyy speaking at the 2022 Copenhagen Democracy Summit