

Lucerne Declaration

for a Comprehensive, Just and Lasting Peace for Ukraine

Representatives of civil and political society met in Lucerne, Switzerland, on June 15, 2024, to discuss the path leading to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine. The meeting took place on the margins of the Summit on Peace for Ukraine, convened by the government of Switzerland at Bürgenstock on June 15 and 16, 2024. The participants adopted the following declaration:

We, the undersigned, representatives of civil and political society, appalled by the horrors caused by the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine:

- call on all actors to spare no effort in working towards a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine;
- hold the deep conviction that peace must be based on international law, including the Charter of the United Nations;
- recall that all States are obliged to respect international law, including international human rights law (IHR) and international humanitarian law (IHL), at all times;
- recall that all States are obliged under the Charter of the United Nations to refrain from threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State;
- recall that the United Nations General Assembly adopted on February 23, 2023, Resolution A/Res/ES-11/6 on '*Principles of the Charter of the United Nations underlying a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine*' with an overwhelming majority of 141 Member States, with 7 Member States opposing the resolution;
- condemn the use of force by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, in breach of the Charter of the United Nations;
- condemn the threat of use of force by the Russian Federation, especially with nuclear weapons, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations;
- condemn the atrocities perpetrated by the Russian Federation against civilians in Ukraine, including extrajudicial killings, torture, sexual violence, forcible deportations of civilians, including children, and attacks on civilian infrastructure such as residences, hospitals, schools, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, cultural heritage sites, energy, transport and water infrastructure, in breach of IHL;

- condemn the military actions conducted by the Russian Federation against civilian nuclear facilities, such as the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, and hydroelectric infrastructure, thus creating major risks for the region;
- condemn the military activities conducted by the Russian Federation against the environment in Ukraine, including flooding and dispersion of pollutants, thus rendering large areas uninhabitable;
- condemn the military activities conducted by the Russian Federation against Ukrainian agriculture, including mining of arable land, destruction of irrigation infrastructure and blocking food exports from Ukraine, thus creating major risks for global food security;
- demand that the Russian Federation honor its obligations under international law;
- demand that the Russian Federation immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, in conformity with international law;
- demand the immediate release of all unlawfully detained persons and the return of all civilians forcibly transferred and deported, including children;
- demand that all prisoners of war be treated in accordance with IHL and that a mechanism be established in view of their rapid return;
- call for an international peace process to be established without delay, with the aim of creating a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and restoring the rules-based international order;
- call on all actors to support the preservation and recovery of Ukraine as a State and society;
- call for the prosecution of the crimes committed in and against Ukraine, in breach of international law, including IHR and IHL;
- call for an international process to determine the reparations owed by the Russian Federation to Ukraine for the destruction it has caused in violation of international law;
- call for an international process aimed at strengthening the normative framework for the security of civilian nuclear facilities in armed conflict;
- call for civil and political society, including local governments and communities, to be included in the peace process and in the process of reconstructing Ukraine, in line with the principles adopted at the international Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC 2022) held in Lugano, Switzerland, in 2022 ('Lugano Principles').

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15 June 2024

Ukraine Forum

Summit on Peace for Ukraine

Civil Society Side-Event

Ukrainian Society of
Switzerland

June 15, 2024



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Conference Room Lucerne II

10:00-10:40 - Dialogue on the Summit on Peace for Ukraine

Opening Remarks Andrej Lushnycky

Nicolas Walder (MP, Swiss Federal Assembly)

Yevheniia Kravchuk (MP, Verkhovna Rada)

11:00-11:40 - Panel Discussion

I. Energy & Nuclear Security

Herman Halushchenko (Minister of Energy, Ukraine), **Paul Grod** (Ukrainian World Congress), **Oleksii Krasov** (MP), **Jean-Daniel Praz** (Senior Advisor for Nuclear Issues)

Moderator Olena Chernezhenko

12:00-12:40 - Panel Discussion

II. Returning POWs & Forcibly Removed Children

Illia Illiashenko (Former POW), **Mykola Kuleba** (Save Ukraine)

Moderator Christian Schoenenberger

13:00-13:40 - Panel Discussion

III. What More Can Switzerland Do?

Toni Frisch (Former Ambassador), **Christa Markwalder** (Former Swiss MP)

Moderator Margarita Antoni



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14:00-14:40 - Panel Discussion

IV. Sustainable Peace Manifesto/ Peace Formula

Oleksandra Matvichuk (Nobel Laureate, Center for Civil Liberties), **Bob Deen** (Institute for International Relations Clingendael), **Yevhen Hlibovytsky** (Frontier Institute), **Hennadiy Maksak**, (Ukrainian Prism)

Moderator Andrej Lushnycky

15:00-15:40 - Panel Discussion

V. Food Security & Black Sea Security

Artem Chornomorov (MP, Verkhovna Rada), **Yörük Işık** (Bosphorus Observer)

Moderator Sasha Volkov

15:40-16:00

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Alec von Graffenried (Mayor, Bern)

Closing Statements

16:00-17:00

Standing Action for the return of POWs (Lucerne train station)

17:00-18:00

Musical Flash Mob for Ukraine in front of the **Jesuit Church (Jesuitenkirche)**



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PARTNERS

Ukrainian Society of Switzerland, Ukrainian-Swiss Parliamentary Friendship Group, Swiss-Ukrainian Parliamentary Friendship Group, Legato Bern-Odesa, Ukrainian Parliamentary Institute, Ukrainian World Congress

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