

# UKRAINIAN NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

500 days ago, Russia began its brutal full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Experts predicted that the Ukrainian state would crumble in 3 days.

500 days later, Ukraine stands strong, free, and sovereign. In the face of incredible odds, the Ukrainian spirit has prevailed. Today, 500 days later, there remains no uncertainty about the future of an independent Ukrainian state.

Since the start of Russia's invasion, not only have Ukrainians defended their own sovereignty, but in doing so they have also ensured the territorial integrity of their neighbors. Ukrainians are fighting – and dying – so that NATO citizens don't have to. Yet after 500 days of full-scale war, even as it has proven its commitment to NATO values and methods on the battlefield day-in and day-out, Ukraine remains without a clear path to NATO membership.

On Friday, July 7th, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) posted a tweet calling upon his fellow senators to pass a resolution urging the admission of Ukraine into the NATO Alliance.

As we mark this somber milestone of 500 days of war, we must advocate for Ukraine's accession to the Alliance. The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), urges you to use social media to advocate for Ukrainian membership at the upcoming NATO summit in Vilnius.

Please find below sample language for social media posts urging NATO to create a formal roadmap for Ukrainian membership.



I will be working with Republicans and Democrats in the Senate to pass a resolution urging the admission of Ukraine into NATO.

The best way to prevent future wars and promote peace is to create security guarantees that make aggressor nations think twice before starting wars.

Ukrainian NATO membership is vital to the future security of Europe and the world. I believe

## SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- Today marks 500 days of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. As somber as this anniversary is, it is also an inspiring one: Ukrainians have resisted Russian imperialism. #UkraineInNATO
- For 500 days, Ukrainians have led the global fight for freedom and democracy – NATO's fundamental values. At the Vilnius Summit, the Alliance must ensure Ukrainian membership. #UkraineInNATO
- For 500 days, Ukrainians have died so that NATO citizens don't have to. And for 500 days, Ukrainians have remained without any roadmap for NATO membership. #UkraineInNATO
- Today is the 500th day of full-scale war in Ukraine. For 500 days, they have proven that there is no nation more deserving of NATO membership. #UkraineInNATO
- For 500 days, the Ukrainian people have faced unimaginable devastation, shown incredible resilience, resisted an imperial invasion, and proven NATO interoperability. #UkraineInNATO.

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- At the Vilnius Summit, NATO must create a clear pathway for Ukrainian accession to the alliance. After 500 days of war, it is time that the Alliance commits to membership for its most proven ally. #UkraineInNATO
- Today marks 500 days of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. At the Vilnius Summit, NATO must honor their sacrifice by confirming a clear path for Ukrainian membership. #UkraineInNATO



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