

DELIVERING ON THE VILNIUS SUMMIT DECISIONS: ACCELERATING NATO'S ADAPTATION, SUPPORTING UKRAINE RESOLUTION 487*

The Assembly,

1. **Saluting** the demonstration of Allied unity, cohesion of purpose and commitment to shared values at the milestone Vilnius Summit on 11-12 July 2023, and **welcoming** the adoption of far-reaching decisions that will make the Alliance stronger in the face of the deepest security crisis in the Euro-Atlantic area since the end of the Second World War and other multiple and complex challenges of this era of renewed strategic competition;
2. **Applauding** the strong alignment between the Vilnius Summit decisions and the NATO PA's recommendations, laid out in its Declarations 481 and 482 adopted at the session in Luxembourg in May 2023, including the call for accelerating the full implementation of the new baseline for NATO's enhanced deterrence and defence posture and a recommitment to all aspects of Allied support for Ukraine;
3. **Fully sharing** the reaffirmation, at the Vilnius Summit, that the Russian Federation presents the most significant and direct threat to peace and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area, and that terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, is the most direct asymmetric threat to the Alliance;
4. **Condemning** in the strongest terms Russia's continuing conduct and escalation of its illegal, unprovoked and brutal war, including regularly and overtly targeting population centres and civilian infrastructure, such as food storage and transportation facilities, and systematically committing numerous and atrocious war crimes, crimes against humanity and reported acts of genocide in illegally occupied territories, and **reiterating** its position that the Russian state, under its current regime, is a terrorist one;
5. **Convinced** that NATO should have a clear vision on how the war in Ukraine must end and stand with Ukraine until Ukraine's victory is achieved;
6. **Rejecting** Russia's illegal attempts to annex parts of Ukrainian territory which will never be recognised or accepted by the international community;
7. **Reaffirming** its unwavering support for Ukraine's democracy, independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, self-defence and self-determination, and wholeheartedly **welcoming** the Vilnius Summit decision to offer a new substantial package of expanded political and practical support for Ukraine as well as the announcements of new bilateral support packages;
8. **Convinced** that Ukraine's membership of NATO is the best way to deter future Russian aggression, and that Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration would contribute to Allied collective defence, and **welcoming**, in this regard, the Vilnius Summit decision to streamline and upgrade Ukraine's NATO integration process by removing the requirement to obtain a Membership Action Plan and establishing the NATO-Ukraine Council;

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9. Also **welcoming** the commitment of G7 nations to negotiate bilateral security commitments and arrangements with Ukraine and to provide sustained military and economic support, while Ukraine commits to press ahead with the reform agenda;
10. **Looking forward** to Sweden's forthcoming accession to NATO, which will make both Sweden and NATO stronger and safer;
11. **Reaffirming** its steadfast support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the Republic of Moldova and for the Euro-Atlantic integration of Georgia and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
12. **Seconding** concerns expressed at the Vilnius Summit about the multiple and systemic challenges that the People's Republic of China poses to Euro-Atlantic security, as Beijing, in partnership with Moscow, attempts to undermine the rules-based international order;
13. **Stressing** the importance of further developing partnerships with like-minded partners in the Indo-Pacific region;
14. **Applauding** milestone decisions taken at the Vilnius Summit to strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence posture, including putting in place a new generation of regional defence plans, implementing the new NATO Force Model, streamlining command and control arrangements, announcing a renewed defence investment commitment and endorsing a Defence Production Action Plan;
15. **Supporting** the Alliance's 360-degree approach to security to retain the ability to address multiple and multifaceted challenges, including instability in the South, the implications of climate change, threats in space and cyber domains, threats to energy security, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, lethal autonomous weapons systems and emerging destructive technologies;
16. **Looking forward** to the 75th anniversary NATO summit in Washington, D.C. in 2024 as an opportunity to reaffirm the enduring strength of the transatlantic bond and to further entrench the Alliance as the bulwark of the rules-based international order, including by operationalising NATO's commitment to shared democratic values;
17. **URGES** member governments and parliaments of the North Atlantic Alliance:
 - a. to fully and promptly implement decisions taken at the Vilnius Summit, particularly with regards to ensuring the Alliance's ability to defend every inch of its territory and to deploy and sustain additional robust, combat-ready forward-deployed forces on NATO's Eastern flank;
 - b. to fully and swiftly deliver on their renewed defence investment commitment to invest at least 2% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually on defence, including at least 20% of defence budgets on major equipment, while recognising that the more contested security order will likely require expenditure beyond 2% of GDP;
 - c. to redouble efforts to mobilise the international community to push back against the attempts by revisionist authoritarian powers to undermine the rules-based global system, based on the principles of the UN Charter, and to operationalise the Allied commitment to shared democratic values, including by establishing, ahead of the 2024 Washington Summit, a Centre for Democratic Resilience at NATO Headquarters to serve as a platform for sharing resources and exchanging best practices among Allies and their partners;

- d. to agree on further bold strategic decisions regarding Ukraine's NATO membership;
- e. to further increase their military, intelligence, financial, training and humanitarian support to Ukraine, including by accelerating deliveries of sufficient quantities of advanced weapons that Ukraine needs to protect itself and to restore territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders of 1991, including long-range missiles and multi-purpose fighter aircraft, and to sustain this support for as long as it takes for Ukraine to prevail, while reaffirming the principle "nothing about Ukraine without Ukraine";
- f. to double down on efforts to sustain the transatlantic consensus on Ukraine's NATO membership, and to pro-actively use NATO-Ukraine partnership mechanisms, including the NATO-Ukraine Council, to help Ukraine meet the conditions for membership as soon as possible;
- g. to define clearly the reforms to be implemented by Ukraine to meet the conditions for NATO membership referred to in the Vilnius Summit Communiqué;
- h. to work towards the establishment of a special tribunal to prosecute Russia's crime of aggression, and to support national and international courts in documenting and prosecuting the numerous war crimes, crimes against humanity and reported acts of genocide committed during Russia's war against Ukraine;
- i. to expand and sustain sanctions on Russia aimed at crippling its ability to continue the war for as long as it takes until Russia ends its aggression and withdraws all its troops from all Ukraine's territory, and to step up national and multi-lateral mechanisms to prevent sanction circumvention;
- j. to continue enhancing the ability to counter, deter, defend and respond to threats posed by terrorist groups, as well as strengthening capacity-building cooperation with relevant partners and supporting the work of the NATO Special Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism;
- k. to dedicate adequate attention to the southern neighbourhood and to support the North Atlantic Council in producing a comprehensive study on the security challenges and opportunities for engagement with southern partners;
- l. to continue efforts to address China's systemic challenge, including raising shared awareness, resilience and preparedness, de-risking economic relations and working with new and existing Indo-Pacific partners, while continuing to seek conditions-based opportunities for constructive dialogue with Beijing, especially on strategic risk reduction and greater transparency with regard to China's nuclear weapon policies and capabilities;
- m. to further develop collaboration with NATO's unique and essential partner, the European Union, including by pursuing synergies in the area of military mobility, ensuring non-EU Allies' fullest involvement in EU defence efforts and supporting the work of NATO-EU Staff Coordination on Ukraine;
- n. to encourage partners at risk Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova to take full advantage of NATO's support tools in order to strengthen their resilience, increase security and conduct reforms, and to continue supporting the Euro-Atlantic integration of Georgia and Bosnia and Herzegovina while encouraging progress on necessary reforms;
- o. to sustain focus on the Western Balkans as a region of strategic interest for the Alliance, including by supporting the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) in its efforts to respond to recurrent tensions, while calling on Belgrade and Pristina to de-escalate and implement the agreement reached in Brussels and Ohrid in good faith;

- p. to continue fostering the Women, Peace, and Security agenda and integrating it across all NATO core tasks;
 - q. to fully use NATO as a platform to address the relationship between climate change and security, including by supporting the work of the Centre of Excellence for Climate Change and Security.
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