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**Question for written answer E-000683/25
to the Commission
Roberto Vannacci (P/E)
(13 February 2025)**

Subject: The need to update Europe's policy on the Ukrainian conflict given recent diplomatic trends and the changing international landscape

On 12 February 2025, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, stated that he was aiming to put an end to the war in Ukraine in separate phone calls with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

In a meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group held on the same day, the US Secretary of Defence, Pete Hegseth, said that obtaining NATO membership for Ukraine and re-establishing its pre-2014 borders were 'illusory' goals ⁽¹⁾. He also ruled out sending US troops to the country.

The Commission's policy of unconditionally supporting Ukraine until it wins the war ⁽²⁾ and restores its territorial integrity ⁽³⁾ has always been heavy on ideology and short on pragmatism.

In the light of the above:

1. Given current diplomatic trends and the changing international environment, how will the Commission review its strategy, which has so far been predicated on restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity and supporting a prolonged conflict?
2. Does the Commission not think that sticking to its current position in spite of the United States' change of policy and recent trends on the international scene could jeopardise the coherence, effectiveness and sustainability of EU foreign policy?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(30 April 2025)**

The President of the Commission welcomed the proposal for a ceasefire which came out of the US-Ukraine talks in Jeddah on 11 March 2025, as a positive development that can be a step towards a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine. She declared that the EU is ready to take its full part in the upcoming peace negotiations ⁽¹⁾.

Similarly, the High Representative/Vice-President, in the statement on behalf of the EU, welcomed the ceasefire proposal, as well as humanitarian efforts and the resumption of the United States' intelligence sharing and security assistance.

She reiterated that the EU's objective is to support Ukraine to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, based on the principles of the United Nations' Charter and international law.

She declared that the EU is ready to play its full part in supporting the upcoming steps, together with Ukraine, the United States, and other partners. She underlined that it is now for Russia to show its willingness to achieve peace ⁽²⁾.

¹ <https://it.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/02/12/ucraina-segretario-difesa-usa-hegseth-confini-pre-2014-e-adesione-alla-nato-obiettivi-irre>.

² https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2024/11/13/devant-les-eurodeputes-kaja-kallas-defend-le-soutien-europeen-de-l-ukraine-jusqu-a-la-victoire_6391566_3210.html.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac_24_3363<https://x.com/kajakallas/status/1889800055303049695>.

⁽¹⁾ <https://x.com/vonderleyen/status/1899538326438261074>

⁽²⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/03/11/ukraine-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-following-the-ukraine-us-meeting-in-saudi-arabia/>