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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has consistently supported a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine, grounded in the international law. It joined Ukraine and international partners, including the United States, in calling for a full, unconditional ceasefire of 30 days, as a vital step to reduce civilian suffering and to allow space for meaningful talks on genuine peace, aimed at ending Russia's war of aggression¹. Russia has so far not shown willingness to engage in real negotiations and continues to escalate its systematic campaign of air attacks against Ukrainian civilian infrastructure and civilians².

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, including its repercussions for European and global security, constitutes an existential challenge for the EU³. Thus, Europe is ready to boost its defence spending, including also to support Ukraine⁴. The EU is helping Ukraine to defend itself through the delivery of military support and deepening cooperation and integration between the EU's and Ukraine's defence industry.

The EU will continue to work closely with Ukraine to support its reform efforts on its European path⁵. Through the EUR 50 billion Ukraine Facility, the EU provides stable and predictable assistance for the 2024-2027 period, supporting Ukraine's financing needs and reconstruction, mobilising investments and promoting reforms necessary for EU accession. The EU continues to deliver on its EUR 18.1 billion contribution under the Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration loans to Ukraine.

¹ Statement by the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) on behalf of the European Union on call for ceasefire, 10 May 2025: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/05/10/ukrainerussia-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-call-for-ceasefire/>.

² Statement by the President of the Commission with HR/VP on the 18th package of sanctions against Russia: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/statement-president-von-der-leyen-hrvp-kallas-18th-package-sanctions-against-russia_en?s=232; Foreign Affairs Council: press remarks by (HR/VP) after the informal videoconference meeting: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/foreign-affairs-council-press-remarks-high-representative-kaja-kallas-after-informal-videoconference_en.

³ European Council conclusions on European defence, 6 March 2025: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/03/06/european-council-conclusions-on-european-defence/>.

⁴ Press statement by President von der Leyen on the defence package of 4 March 2025: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_673.

⁵ European Council conclusion, 19 December 2024: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/jhlenhaj/euco-conclusions-19122024-en.pdf>.