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**Priority question for written answer P-002400/26
to the Commission
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(10 June 2026)**

Subject: Request for support — EU strategy for peace and the relaunch of negotiations on the war in Ukraine

Over recent years, the European Union has focused primarily on providing financial and military support to Ukraine. However, the prospects for peace appear increasingly distant, while the need for a credible diplomatic and political perspective becomes ever more urgent.

In this context:

1. What concrete strategy and diplomatic initiatives does the Commission support to achieve a ceasefire, relaunch peace negotiations and prevent further escalation of the conflict?
2. Does the Commission consider that the European Union should have a more active political and diplomatic role in supporting peace and European security?
3. How does the Commission monitor the implementation of EU funds allocated to Ukraine, and what criteria does it use to assess whether these financial resources effectively contribute to stability and security?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(16 July 2026)**

The EU remains committed to diplomatic initiatives aimed at ending Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace consistent with the principles of the UN Charter and international law, and which respects Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

The EU continues to support all credible diplomatic efforts that have emerged through different formats and channels, including US-led initiatives, the coalition of the willing, direct negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, as well as mediation efforts undertaken by third countries. But Russia still shows no interest in peace.

The Commission considers that peace can only be just and lasting if accompanied by credible security guarantees and by conditions that will prevent renewed aggression.

The EU's financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support for Ukraine, together with maintaining sanctions on Russia, and ensuring accountability for Russia's violations of international law, are therefore not an alternative to diplomacy, but an essential contribution to creating the conditions for peace and for long-term European security.

The EU already plays a role in these areas and will continue to step up engagement for creating conditions conducive to genuine peace negotiations.

The EU financial support to Ukraine is subject to monitoring, anti-fraud measures and controls of funds, with the possibility to take corrective action if needed.

The support is provided based on EU legal acts and for the achievement of objectives set in these acts. The implementation modalities ensure *inter alia* effective contribution of our assistance, including those related to security, as defined in the specific legal acts.
