



**OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President
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Honourable Speakers,

Members of Parliament,

Excellencies,

Let me begin by expressing my profound gratitude to the Swedish Parliament for its unwavering support at such a pivotal moment. Your leadership matters, and it is deeply appreciated.

Ukraine stands today at a decisive crossroads—looking toward a future peace, even as it continues to defend itself on the battlefield.

And when Ukraine is tested, so too are we all: every European, and indeed every democrat.

I said it before the Rada just a few weeks ago:

We hold the strength of arguments, while others rely only on the arguments of force.

President Zelensky and Speaker Stefanchuk have expressed this truth with great clarity in their interventions this morning.

Because this is about our shared future—our shared destiny—when we speak of defending Ukraine.

It is about a continent where borders are respected.

It is about a continent anchored in the rule of law, in solidarity, in social justice, and in peace.

Our shared objective is simple, but it is not easy: a peace in Ukraine that is real, that is lasting, and that cannot be shattered by future aggression.

This must shape every negotiation, every proposal, every vision for tomorrow.

As Chair Stefanchuk has said, the red lines are already written in the suffering of a nation.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly brings together more than 300 parliamentarians representing more than one billion people from over 55 countries,

And as its President, I want to be absolutely clear as red lines are concerned.

We stand with Ukraine—its sovereignty, its independence, its territorial integrity.

No compromise.

No ambiguity.

Only conviction—conviction in democracy, in justice, and in a peace grounded not in the will of the strongest, but in the rule of law.

Our resolutions speak with one voice:

No recognition of Russia's occupation.

No limits on Ukraine's right to defend itself.

No vetoes on its alliances or its European aspirations.

And let us speak with honesty: agreements forged under illegal force are not agreements—they are wounds.

Last week, the OSCE PA joined the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children.

Because some truths are universal: every child taken must be returned.

This is not diplomacy.

This is humanity.

Families torn apart, communities under bombardment, lives altered by choices they never made—our solidarity with them must be measured in actions, not just words.'

Looking ahead, Ukraine's recovery will depend on transparency, on free elections, on strong reforms.

And the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly stands ready to help—to make sure assistance is effective, accountable, and reaches those who need it most.

Excellencies,

When we stand with Ukraine, we defend something bigger than any one nation—

we defend the idea of Europe itself: its liberty, its dignity, and the right of every nation to choose its future.

So let us leave this summit with renewed purpose.

And let our message be clear:

Democratic Europe does not waver.

Democratic Europe does not falter.

Democratic Europe stands with those who stand for freedom.

Thank you.