Joint statement on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic Countries

The Nordic and Baltic Countries (NB8) stand with Ukraine on the path towards peace and the end of Russia's war of aggression.

Ukraine wants peace. We, the Nordic and Baltic Countries, want peace. We reiterate our call for a full, unconditional, immediate ceasefire for 30 days, with the possibility of renewal. Only the aggressor, Russia, has refused to accept this approach.

We welcome progress towards negotiations in good faith, paving the way for a just and lasting peace. We commend president Zelenskyy of Ukraine for his readiness to meet in person. In the run up to the launch of the talks, we urge Russia to refrain from all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure. Together with the European Union, the United States and partners, we stand ready to impose further sanctions if the ceasefire is not respected.