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Joint Statement
by the Speakers of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
on continuing support for Ukraine and common priorities

We – the Speakers of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania – met in Tallinn on 20 August 2026.

During the years that have passed since we restored our independence, the Baltic States have created a solid foundation in politics, economics, security, and defence, which has contributed to stability in the region and in Europe. The success of the Baltic States has been based on our ability to agree on the most important strategic decisions. The lead of one country has encouraged the others to follow suit. The success of one country has strengthened all three. We are also fully committed to close Nordic-Baltic cooperation. Membership in the European Union and NATO has anchored our countries firmly within the European and transatlantic democratic world and has served to fortify sovereignty, security, and prosperity.

We reaffirm our steadfast and unwavering support for Ukraine, as the country is about to celebrate its 35th Independence Day on 24 August 2026. As firm supporters of the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, we reiterate our position on non-recognition, both de jure or de facto, of any seizures of Ukraine's territory, which have been and continue to be carried out by Russia through its war of aggression against Ukraine. We admire the courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people who continue to defend their homeland, freedom, dignity, and the right to determine their own future.

We remain focused on political, economic, financial, and military support for Ukraine and continue to oppose Russia's war of aggression by maximising the pressure from sanctions and applying new restrictions on its war economy. We encourage finding ways to use frozen Russian assets to support Ukraine.

We are looking forward to the next Ukraine Recovery Conference in Tallinn in a January 2027 to be hosted by Estonia and organised in collaboration with Ukraine and

the Nordic-Baltic countries. The Conference will be another dedicated support to Ukraine as well as peace, stability and prosperity in Europe.

Implementation of accountability for Russia's crime of aggression, war crimes and persistent violations of international law is essential to deter further Russian aggression and to ensure a just and sustainable peace in Europe.

We are committed to close cooperation with like-minded partners in order to counter Russia's attempts to attain international legitimacy for its war efforts, including by preventing the normalisation of its participation in international sporting and cultural events.

Ukraine is an integral part of the European and Euro-Atlantic family. Its progress in advancing towards European Union integration and implementing reforms under the difficult conditions of war are both remarkable and commendable. We underline the importance of the earliest opening of all the remaining negotiation clusters. We will continue to strongly advocate for Ukraine's full accession to the EU, and for its irreversible path to NATO.

Being mindful of the far-reaching consequences of Russia's illegal unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression, as well as the hybrid threats directed against Ukraine's supporters, we will continue to cooperate actively in pursuing initiatives to strengthen the European Union and NATO Eastern borders, counter persistent disinformation campaigns, and address the orchestrated migratory pressure on the EU external border.

We welcome the results of the NATO Ankara Summit, which reaffirmed the unity of the Allies and their commitment to our collective defence under Article 5, recognised the long-term threat that Russia poses to Euro-Atlantic security and stability, reinforced the purpose of a stronger Europe in a stronger NATO, and underscored that support to Ukraine must be equitable, predictable, and sustainable in the long term, all the while recognising Ukraine's contribution to transatlantic security.

We emphasise the need for Europe to assume greater responsibility in strengthening its own security and participating in NATO as reliable and capable Allies. Strong NATO presence, including that of the US forces in the Baltic region, is an essential element of effective and credible deterrence.

We will continue working together to reinforce the position of the Baltic States in negotiating the new EU Multiannual Financial Framework, particularly in the areas of defence, cohesion policy, connectivity, and agriculture.

We are looking forward to Lithuania's presidency of the EU Council from January 2027, and priority areas on the European Union agenda: security and defence of the EU and the Euro-Atlantic area, enlargement, competitiveness through innovation, technological advancement, sustainability and economic resilience, internal security

and effective management of migration and external borders, social security, and responding to demographic challenges.

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