

TRANSCRIPCIÓN

INTERVENCIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ, EN LA SESIÓN PLENARIA: "UNITY, DEFENCE AND SECURITY STRATEGY. ACTION PLAN", EN EL MARCO DE LA CUMBRE INTERNACIONAL DE APOYO A UCRANIA

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Thank you, Thank you, dear Volodymyr, dear friends,

Since the 24th of February of 2022, already three years ago, we have witnessed a systematic violation of the most basic principles of humanity here in Ukraine.

The war crimes committed by Putin's regime cannot go unpunished.

Spain condemns once again with the utmost resolve this merciless war started by Putin. An irrational and unjust war that has caused immense suffering, pain and despair to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

The Spanish people admire the courage with which Ukrainians are defending freedom and democracy. An example of dignity and resistance against Putin's brutal aggression.

At these critical times, let me highlight three messages.

The first one is that Spain is committed to the full sovereignty of Ukraine. Only Ukraine can decide its future.

Spain welcomes all efforts to work towards peace. But peace must be fair, sustainable and comprehensive.

For peace to be just, Ukraine needs to sit at the negotiation table. For peace to be sustainable, Europe has to participate in it. For peace to be comprehensive, it cannot be a mere ceasefire.

Second, we will continue supporting Ukraine as long as it takes. We will not let you down when you need us the most.

Spain will continue to provide military support and equipment with even more determination than what we have done in the past.

In this regard, I am proud to announce a new military assistance package for Ukraine worth €1 billion in 2025.

We will also work hand in hand with Ukraine in its reconstruction, creating the necessary structure to boost the process and encouraging Spanish companies to actively engage in plans and projects.



We must also address the needs of the Ukrainian diaspora. That is why I am also happy to share that Spain and Ukraine will establish a Ukrainian hub "Casa Ucrania" in the province of Alicante.

And third, we must ensure that Ukraine joins the European Union as soon as we can.

Whatever happens in the coming months, Ukraine's accession to the European Union is the most important victory for the Ukrainian people.

Ukraine's hope is in Europe, but Europe's, hope is also in Ukraine. You are giving us hope by defending the values and ideas of freedom for which many Europeans gave their lives in the past.

Allow me to conclude precisely with this idea of hope.

Difficult months lie ahead, but I am convinced that at the end of this terrible period, freedom and democracy will prevail over violence and authoritarianism.

The Ukrainian people can count on Spain. Rest assured, we will be with you as long as it takes and as much as you need.

Slava Ukrayini!

¡Viva Europa!

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