

Hungary's diplomatic efforts and financial contribution in response to the war in Ukraine

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On 24 of February 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary summoned the Russian ambassador and on behalf of the Hungarian Government condemned the Russian military action against Ukraine. The same day Prime Minister Viktor Orbán said: “together with our allies from the European Union and NATO, we condemn Russia’s military intervention”.

1. International Organizations

EU

- In the European Union Hungary has condemned the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine and supported EU unity on the issue and the joint responses to the situation.
- We have supported every restrictive measure against Russia and Belarus since 23. February 2022, including the exclusion of certain Russian banks from the SWIFT system and the listing of high ranking officials.
- We have accepted the assistance measures through the European Peace Facility (EPF) for Ukraine, and the closing of the air space to Russian aircraft.
- However, Hungary does not supply lethal military equipment to Ukraine. Our priority is preventing any kind of incidents that may threaten the security of the Hungarian people, also taking into account the significant Hungarian community in Transcarpathia. The latter was confirmed by legislation on 7 March 2022 in the form of a government decision.
- EUBAM Moldova and Ukraine: On 24 February 2022, the Hungarian expert seconded to the Mission arrived safely in Chişinău. Since the mandate of the mission includes operating in Moldova, the mission continues its work on the Moldovan side of the Ukrainian-Moldovan border.
- EUAM Ukraine: On 25 February 2022, the Hungarian expert seconded to the mission has been successfully evacuated from Ukraine to Moldova.
- Hungary joined the open letter of 28 February in which the presidents of the eight EU Member States (the three Baltic countries, Poland, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Slovenia and Slovakia) published a joint initiative to promote Ukraine's European integration.
- Hungary has traditionally been among the strongest supporters of the EU’s enlargement policy. We also support the strengthening of Ukraine’s European perspective.
- We are looking forward to the opinion of the European Commission about Ukraine’s request for the EU candidate status. Based on this, we will support Ukraine in the Council.

NATO

- Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine was unanimously condemned by NATO Foreign Ministers during their extraordinary meeting held on March 4, 2022. In alignment with Hungary’s position, it was clearly stated by Secretary General Stoltenberg, that NATO is not a part of this conflict.
- As a sign of good faith, Hungary has revisited its original position on Ukraine’s request to join the Tallinn-based NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence as a

Contributing Participant. Members of the Steering Committee of the CCD CoE unanimously agreed to Ukraine's membership.

- In line with our commitments as a NATO Ally, Hungary has issued the necessary government decision that enables the possible future transit of NATO Response Force units through Hungary, as well as their deployment to certain parts of Hungary.

Council of Europe

- In view of the military conflict in Ukraine, the Committee of Ministers (including Hungary) has decided to suspend the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe.
- The evacuation of staff members of the Council of Europe office in Kiev has been realised in close coordination with the European Youth Centre in Budapest (EYCB).

OSCE

- All Hungarian mission members of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine were successfully evacuated from Ukraine to Moldova.
- On 6 March 2022 the Mission completed its temporary evacuation of international mission members from the Mission's area of operations; in parallel all SMM reporting activities has been suspended.

International Atomic Energy Agency

- The safe and secure operation of Ukraine's power plants is a major concern, especially for neighbouring countries. As Director General Grossi stressed, any military or other action that could threaten the plant's safety or security must be avoided. Hungary supports the Director General's initiative to hold direct talks with both the Ukrainian and Russian side on this issue.

Human Rights Council

- Hungary participated in the urgent debate on Ukraine and joined the common Statement by the EU delivered at this debate. Hungarian diplomats, together with other EU and other diplomats, left the venue of the HRC session during the video speech of the Russian foreign minister.

Community of Democracies

- Hungary joined the Statement of the Governing Council on Ukraine and delivered a national statement condemning the Russian military action against Ukraine and supporting Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence within its international borders during the virtual extraordinary Governing Council Meeting.

OECD

- Hungary joined the Statement of the **OECD** Council on the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

UNESCO

- Hungary supported the convening of the special session of **UNESCO's** Executive Board on the situation in Ukraine and the adoption of a decision in this regard. Hungary supported the admission of Ukraine to the Central European and Baltic States Group (CEBS) within the World Intellectual Property Organization (**WIPO**).

UN Security Council

- On 25 February Hungary co-sponsored a UN Security Council resolution condemning the Russian violence against Ukraine. We also immediately informed the Ukrainian Embassy in Budapest about this decision through a note verbale.

UN General Assembly

- On 28 February, at the emergency special session of the United Nations General Assembly, Hungary voted in favour of the resolution condemning the Russian violence against Ukraine. The statement noted that peace and stability is threatened in Europe and worldwide.

Bilateral meetings in the UN

- On 26 February 2022, Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, held bilateral talks with Rosemary DiCarlo, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs; and also with Abdulla Shahid, President of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly (PGA). The topic of the meetings was the war in Ukraine and the possibility of a settlement of the conflict.

European Space Agency

- Member States of the European Space Agency unanimously agreed that the cooperation with Russia can't continue in its current form. As a symbolic step ESA Member States, including Hungary, agreed to issue an unprecedented statement about the full implementation of all sanctions already imposed on Russia without exempt. ESA, together with its Member States will assess the consequences on each of the ongoing programmes conducted in cooperation with the Russian state space agency Roscosmos.

2. Energy sector

- IEA Member Countries agreed on 1 March 2022 that through a collective action, they will make collectively 60 million barrels of their emergency oil stocks available to the market. Hungary has joined the action by releasing the amount suggested by the IEA, meaning 266.000 barrels of oil stocks.
- Upon the request of the governor of the Transcarpathia region in Ukraine, the Government of Hungary delivered 100,000 litres of refined oil (68,000 litres of gasoline and 32,000 litres of diesel) to Ukraine by the Hungarian leading oil and gas company, MOL Group on 27 February 2022. This fuel will support the necessary operation of hospitals, emergency services, humanitarian aid organisations and disaster relief.

3. Humanitarian aid

- **Hungary has launched its largest humanitarian aid operations yet in response to the crisis in Ukraine.** Accordingly, the Government of Hungary has decided to provide more than **11 million euros** with the aim of alleviating the consequences of the humanitarian disaster.
- **On February 27, 2022,** Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó met the governor of Transcarpathia Viktor Mikita and handed over a donation of **100.000 liters of refined oil** (68.000 liters of gasoline and 32.000 liters of diesel). The donation also included **28 tons of food.**

- Following the decision by the Government of Hungary, in addition to the 120 ventilators already provided to Ukraine, **another 120 ventilators** were donated to the country through the Hungarian Interchurch Aid Organization.
- On March 1, 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade allocated **1.57 million euros** to the aid program of the Hungarian Interchurch Aid Organization. This sum will cover 1000 tons of food, hygiene and health products to those in need.
- **200 respirators, 250 patient monitors, 25 central monitors and 100 infusion pumps from the rescEU stockpile** stored in Hungary were delivered to Ukraine. The value of this delivery was in the sum of 3.7 million euros.
- The Hungarian Defence Forces are providing **medical supplies** in the value of more than **360 000 euros** to be distributed by the Hungarian Interchurch Aid in Ukraine.
- Hungary has also offered to provide **comprehensive health care services to Ukrainian children** in need of hospital treatment. The technical arrangements for the reception and treatment of **128 children** are currently under way.
- **Hungary operates all border-crossing points with full capacity. We have taken measures to be able to receive refugees who may need shelter, and we have opened a humanitarian corridor for citizens of third countries whom we allow to enter without visa or any major restrictions.**
- From February 24 to March 9, more than **195 000** people entered the territory of Hungary from Ukraine, an overwhelming majority of them being Ukrainian citizens.