

JOINT STATEMENT

In the interest of the people of Ukraine, who are currently facing one of the most severe crises in their history due to the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, the Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Protection of Property and Non-Property Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Other Persons Affected by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, along with Ukraine's international partners working within the Cash Assistance Working Group, make this statement.

The unjustified invasion by the Russian Federation is a gross violation of international law and the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, which obligate states to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other states. This unprecedented aggression has led to significant and ongoing violations of human rights as established in the European Convention on Human Rights. As the armed aggression in Ukraine continues with unrelenting intensity, the humanitarian crisis is only worsening. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) is growing due to constant shelling of settlements and infrastructure. Internally displaced and other affected persons urgently need our special attention and support today. Their needs are enormous and growing daily.

Given the European values and the protection of human rights, we emphasize the necessity and urgency of providing cash assistance to internally displaced persons.

The Ukrainian authorities must:

- Continuously assess the needs of IDPs;
- Increase the funds allocated for cash assistance to IDPs by redistributing internal resources and utilizing other sources;
- Take all appropriate measures to avoid instances of absence and/or duplication of cash assistance, promoting fair resource distribution;
- Engage in ongoing cooperation with international partners;

- Facilitate international partners providing cash assistance to IDPs in accordance with international humanitarian law and Ukrainian legislation, by providing informational and administrative support;
- Amend existing Ukrainian legislation to ensure the unimpeded provision of cash assistance to IDPs in the presence of shortcomings, contradictions, or gaps;
- Initiate and develop new regulatory acts;
- Exercise parliamentary control.

International partners, while continuing to provide assistance to IDPs, must:

- Adhere to international humanitarian law and Ukrainian legislation;
- Inform Ukrainian authorities about their activities, achievements, and the needs they encounter in their work to gain support from Ukraine.

The commitment of the Ukrainian authorities to the well-being of IDPs is unwavering, as is our gratitude to other countries and international partners who generously offer support to our people. The assistance of the international community is crucial for Ukraine, as is the need to increase funding and mobilize resources to address the humanitarian crisis caused by the aggression of the Russian Federation.

To uphold human rights principles and assist internally displaced persons, the Ukrainian authorities and international partners unite and agree to cooperate productively, mobilize, and expand resources to provide cash assistance.

Thank you!