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Zelensky Reveals New 20-Point Plan to End Ukraine War

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. **@V_Zelenskiy_official / Telegram**

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday revealed details of the latest U.S.-led plan to end the war with Russia, saying it had been agreed between negotiators from Kyiv and Washington and sent to Moscow for feedback.

Zelensky said the document would be supplemented by additional bilateral agreements between the United States and Ukraine on security guarantees and post-war reconstruction.

He did not publish a draft of the peace proposal, but described its contents point by point during a briefing with journalists in Kyiv.

Here is a verbatim transcript of Zelensky's description of the plan, translated from Ukrainian.

The 20-point plan

1. Ukraine's sovereignty will be reaffirmed. We state that Ukraine is a sovereign state, and all signatories to the agreement confirm this through their signatures.
2. This document constitutes a full and unconditional non-aggression agreement between Russia and Ukraine. To support long-term peace, a monitoring mechanism will be established to oversee the line of contact through space-based unmanned monitoring, to ensure early notification of violations and to resolve conflicts. Technical teams will agree on all details.
3. Ukraine will receive strong security guarantees.
4. The strength of the Armed Forces of Ukraine will remain at 800,000 personnel in peacetime.
5. The United States, NATO and the European signatory states will provide Ukraine with security guarantees that mirror Article 5.
    1. If Russia invades Ukraine, in addition to a coordinated military response, all global sanctions against Russia will be reinstated.
    2. If Ukraine invades Russia or opens fire on Russian territory without provocation, the security guarantees will be considered null and void. If Russia opens fire on Ukraine, the security guarantees will enter into force.
    3. Bilateral security guarantees are not excluded under this agreement.
6. Russia will formalize a policy of non-aggression toward Europe and Ukraine in all necessary laws and all required documents on ratification.
7. Ukraine will become a member of the European Union within a specifically defined period of time, and Ukraine will receive short-term privileged access to the European market.
8. A strong global development package for Ukraine, to be defined in a separate agreement on investment and future prosperity. This will cover a broad range of economic areas, including but not limited to:
    1. The establishment of a Ukraine Development Fund to invest in high-growth sectors, including technology, data centers and artificial intelligence.
    2. The United States and U.S. companies will cooperate with Ukraine and jointly invest in recovery, as well as in the development, modernization and operation of Ukraine's gas infrastructure, including its pipelines and storage facilities.
    3. Joint efforts will be made to reconstruct war-affected areas, with the aim of restoring, rebuilding, and modernizing cities and residential neighborhoods.
    4. Infrastructure development.
    5. The extraction of minerals and natural resources.
    6. The World Bank will provide a special financing package to ensure funding to accelerate these efforts.
    7. A high-level working group will be established, including the appointment of a leading global financial leader as a prosperity administrator to organise the implementation of the strategic recovery plan and to maximise opportunities for future prosperity.
9. Several funds will be established to address the recovery of Ukraine's economy, the reconstruction of damaged areas and regions and humanitarian issues.
    1. The United States and European countries will establish a capital and grants fund

with a target size of $200 billion for transparent and effective investment in Ukraine.
    2. A broad range of capital investments and other financial instruments will be deployed for Ukraine's post-war reconstruction. Global reconstruction institutions will use mechanisms to bolster and facilitate these efforts.
    3. Ukraine will implement best global standards to attract foreign direct investment.
    4. Ukraine reserves the right to compensation for the damage inflicted.
10. Following the conclusion of this agreement, Ukraine will accelerate the process of concluding a free trade agreement with the United States.
11. Ukraine confirms that it will remain a non-nuclear state in accordance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
12. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant will be jointly operated by three countries: Ukraine, the United States, and Russia.
13. Both countries commit to implementing educational programs in schools and across society that promote understanding and tolerance toward different cultures and that eliminate racism and prejudice. Ukraine will implement European Union rules on religious tolerance and the protection of minority languages.
14. In the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, the line of troop deployment as of the date of this agreement is de facto recognized as the line of contact.
    1. We de facto confirm as parties that this is the line of contact — where we are currently positioned.
    2. A working group will convene to determine the redeployment of forces necessary to end the conflict, as well as to define parameters for potential future special economic zones.
    3. After an equivalent basis for the movement of forces, international forces will be deployed along the line of contact to monitor compliance with this agreement. Should a decision be made to establish such a zone, it will require special approval by the Ukrainian parliament or a referendum.
    4. The Russian Federation must withdraw its troops from the Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Sumy and Kharkiv regions for this agreement to take effect.
    5. The parties agree to adhere to the rules, guarantees and obligations of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols, which apply in full to the territory, including universally recognized human rights.
15. After reaching an agreement on future territorial arrangements, both the Russian Federation and Ukraine undertake not to alter these agreements by force.
16. Russia will not obstruct Ukraine from using the Dnipro River and the Black Sea for commercial purposes.
17. A humanitarian committee will be established to resolve outstanding issues.
    1. All remaining prisoners of war, including those convicted by the Russian system from 2014 to the present, will be exchanged on an all-for-all basis.
    2. All detained civilians and hostages, including children and political prisoners, will be returned.
    3. Measures will be taken to address the problems and suffering of conflict victims.
18. Ukraine must hold elections as soon as possible after the agreement is signed.
19. This agreement is legally binding. Its implementation will be monitored and guaranteed by a Peace Council chaired by President Trump. Ukraine, Europe, NATO, Russia and the United States will be part of this mechanism. Sanctions will apply in case of violations.

20. Once all parties agree to this agreement, a full ceasefire will take effect immediately.

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