

**JOINT DECLARATION on
“GOOD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE:
ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD
IN POST-WAR PERIOD”**

We the undersigned

Believe that the High-Level Dialogue on Good Democratic Government in Ukraine held on 7-8 November 2022 can serve as a launchpad to finalise decentralisation in Ukraine and to prepare for elections -after the end of martial law- in the light of Ukraine's candidate status to the European Union and the relevant Council of Europe standards.

Agree that the conclusions reached through the High-Level dialogue contain the main challenges and measures to be taken by Ukraine.

Expect that the support of the Council of Europe on the one hand and the commitment of Ukraine on the other to implement the above initiatives will contribute to the further improvement of Ukrainian legislation based on the European Charter of Local Self-Government and European standards in the field of elections and will be instrumental in strengthening democratic institutions in Ukraine.

Undertake to elaborate the Road-map reflecting the results of the High-Level dialogue and identifying tasks for the next phase of the Decentralization reform and taking into account priorities in this area outlined in the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine “Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction” for 2023-2026.

Formulate the wish to continue the organisation of regular High-Level Dialogues in a similar format, bringing together the main Ukrainian stakeholders, European officials and experts in order to pursue our co-operation based on European standards and expertise and to examine progress of the reforms.

Express the hope for Ukraine’s speedy victory in the defence of our values, state sovereignty and territorial integrity, leading to a full and successful post-war reconstruction and development within the European community.



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