

## Summit marking the third year of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

Kiev, 24 of February 2025

Dear Volodymyr

Dear Colleagues,

Today we mark the third anniversary of Russia's unprovoked and brutal war of aggression against Ukraine.

From day one, Ukraine and the Ukrainian people have demonstrated an outstanding resilience and courage.

Ukraine and the brave Ukrainian people have stood for their freedom, independence and European future.

From day one, Europe and our transatlantic partners have been side by side with Ukraine, providing political, military, economic and humanitarian support.

Our determination to continue supporting Ukraine has not changed.

We must never forget what is at stake in this war:

- The legitimate exercise of the right of self-defence;
- The respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- The fight for the very fundamental principles of international law and democracy.

A strong and independent Ukraine is vital for the stability and security of Europe and the transatlantic area.

On this third anniversary, Portugal reiterates its firm support for a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace for Ukraine.

In the current international context, we must be clear:

- An effective peace solution can never be achieved without the full participation of Ukraine;
- And an effective peace can never be achieved without the full participation of the European Union and its Member States.

We are ready to contribute to a just, inclusive and lasting peace solution, which safeguards effective security guarantees for Ukraine. The more united and coordinated we are, the more decisive our action will be.

Dear Volodymyr,

We remain by your side, and we will continue working for a better future for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Slava Ukraini!