

JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT
of
PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY
and
PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA NICUSOR DAN
CONCERNING THE CO-PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE MATERIEL IN ROMANIA

Recalling the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Romania on Military-Technical Cooperation of 5 September 2020;

Reaffirming the importance of the Agreement on Security Cooperation between Ukraine and Romania of 11 July 2024;

Reaffirming the Principles of the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, including the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, and the inviolability of the international frontiers, which are the backbone of European and worldwide security,

Considering Russia's illegal and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine to be a direct threat to international peace and security, a flagrant violation of international law, and in breach of the UN Charter,

Recognizing the imperative of providing the Security and Defence Forces of Ukraine with weapons of high priority to defend itself against the armed aggression of the Russian Federation;

Recognizing the benefits of targeted efforts to support defence production in Ukraine and Romania crucial for building a resilient and competitive defence industry and strengthening strategic autonomy to secure the safe and prosperous future of Ukraine, Romania, European continent and the Black Sea region;

Expressing their intent to further foster the strong bilateral partnership and their commitment to support defence industrial collaboration over the long term, the following was decided:

to lay the foundation for business-to-business collaboration and enable the production of Ukrainian defence systems and capabilities in Romania with the purpose of strengthening the defence industries of Ukraine and Romania;

to strengthen cooperation between the defence industries of Ukraine and Romania by facilitating the co-production of Ukrainian defence systems and capabilities within Romania ensuring that Romania benefits from Ukrainian experience and best practices in the development of new defence systems and capabilities;

to undertake joint production of defence systems and capabilities that will support Ukraine in defending itself against the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, while ensuring such materiel is available with priority to both Parties and agreed recipients, as appropriate;

to envisage that the majority of defence systems and capabilities produced in Romania will be prioritized for the needs of the Security and Defence Forces of Ukraine and the Romanian Armed Forces;

to provide the necessary types of support, including financial, to facilitate this cooperation, subject to their respective national approval processes and in accordance with their respective national laws and international commitments.

The Ukrainian Party will enable, in accordance with all applicable export control laws and regulations, the sharing of respective technologies, mutually protected intellectual property and data necessary for the establishment of defence production facilities for defence systems and capabilities in Romania for the benefit of the security of Ukraine, Romania, the Black Sea region and the European continent. The Ukrainian Party will make its best efforts to ensure that relevant entities are able to legally share technologies, determined by the Parties, in accordance with applicable legislation and the provisions

of this Joint Statement. The localization in Romania of drones production in shortest possible time will be considered by the Parties as first-phase projects of such cooperation funded, in particular, through EU's SAFE Initiative up to 200 million euros.

The Romanian Party will facilitate and promote the establishment of Ukrainian defence and security companies in Romania, including through joint ventures, partnerships, co-production arrangements, and other forms of investment between Ukrainian and Romanian entities, by identifying and mitigating barriers.

Such cooperation will be mainly implemented using available funding resources, including within the EU's SAFE Regulation. Romania will support joint long term defense industrial projects.

This Joint Statement does not constitute a legally binding commitment, neither under international law nor national law, between the Parties. Any legal, financial or any other type of commitment is subject to the establishment of separate arrangements, subject to the Parties' or their government's national approval procedures.

Signed in Bucharest on 12 March 2026.

For Romania

For Ukraine

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