

**Joint Declaration
by the G7 Interior and Security Ministers
on the consequences of the war in Ukraine
24 March 2022**

We, the Interior and Security Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, and the European Union Commissioner for Home Affairs condemn Russia's aggression against Ukraine, which is a blatant violation of international law and is being overwhelmingly condemned by the international community. Russia has been directing its indiscriminate attacks also at the civilian population and civilian targets such as hospitals, medical facilities, schools and shelters. We will hold accountable those responsible for war crimes.

We are witnessing the gravest humanitarian catastrophe in Europe since the Second World War. According to UNHCR and IOM, at least 3.5 million people have fled Ukraine since the beginning of the invasion. Another 6.5 million people are now internally displaced within Ukraine. The war refugees consist mainly of women, children and elderly people.

On 24 March 2022, the Interior and Security Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, and the European Union Commissioner for Home Affairs met for a video conference chaired by Federal Minister Nancy Faeser to discuss the impacts of the war in Ukraine.

- We stand united with Ukraine and express the solidarity of democratic states with the people in Ukraine.
- We reaffirm our support to war refugees from Ukraine and their readiness to provide them with the immediate assistance needed. This enormous humanitarian task must be tackled together.
- We also reaffirm the strengthening of internal security in the light of the multi-vectorial threats posed by Russia. To this end, we will intensify cooperation and

information-sharing, particularly in the field of cyber security and law enforcement. We reaffirm our commitments as made during the London 2021 Summit concerning these issues.

- We strongly condemn Russian disinformation campaigns aimed at polarising our societies, undermining our fundamental values and weakening our democracies. We will continue to counter disinformation with transparent and fact-based communication, using, among other tools, the G7 Rapid Response Mechanism.
- We recognise the threat to Ukrainian war refugees posed by organised crime, particularly trafficking in human beings. Protecting the war refugees has the highest priority.

The consequences of the Russian aggression against Ukraine will be long-felt, and it is to be feared that Russia's behaviour, if not altered, will lead to increased suffering among the Ukrainian population. We therefore express our firm intent to remain seized of this grave situation and will explore further steps to support Ukraine and the Ukrainian population while guaranteeing security in the G7 countries and beyond.