



NATO Leaders Summit June 14, 2021 A Six-Point Plan to Counter Russia's Increasing Threat to World Peace

On June 14, the leaders of the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will meet in Brussels to discuss challenges facing the Alliance. First and foremost of these challenges is Russia's continued belligerence and escalation of aggression, which are an increasing threat to world peace.

Russia wages wars of aggression against Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. It engages in cyberattacks, chemical weapons attacks and other violent attacks against NATO allies on the soil of NATO countries.

Russia has demonstrated that it seeks neither accommodation nor cooperation with the democratic world. Russia seeks confrontation, and the NATO alliance must respond resolutely and forcefully.

Since 2014, Ukraine has served as the eastern flank of the West's defence against Russian aggression. For seven years, Ukraine has defended democratic values and the principles of self-determination and liberty.

In order to deter Russia's increasing aggression, we urge NATO leaders to adopt the following policies at the Leaders Summit:

1. Accelerate a NATO Membership Action Plan for Ukraine, in keeping with NATO's Open Door Policy and Ukraine's strategic decision to become a member of the Alliance.
2. Increase Ukraine's naval and air defence capacities in the Black Sea and Azov Sea and increase NATO air and naval presence in the region.
3. Increase the provision of real-time satellite imagery and intelligence to Ukraine on Russian military movements.
4. Strengthen sectoral sanctions against Russia, including removal of Russia from the SWIFT International Payments System.
5. Ensure that the Nord Stream 2 pipeline is never completed. Completion of Nord Stream 2 would significantly increase the risk of further Russian invasion of Ukraine's territory.
6. Designate the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk "Peoples' Republics" as terrorist organizations and list Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism.

History has shown us, time and again and at the cost of many innocent lives, that aggressors cannot be appeased. They must be confronted and opposed. At the NATO Leaders Summit, the Alliance must respond with unity and resolve to Russia's increasing threat to world peace.