LETTER OF INTENT: JOINT DONATION OF CZECH WEAPONRY TO UKRAINE INITIATIVE

Ministers of Defence (MoD) of Kingdom of Denmark – the Czech Republic - Kingdom of the Netherlands

A year and half after the illegal re-invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, key allies and international partners agree on the need to enhance and sustain the international longer-term military support to Ukraine in light of Russia's ongoing military aggression.

Ukraine has expressed an urgent need for additional weapons, tanks, armored vehicles, air defence capacities and ammunition. The Ministers of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands share the understanding that the continued provision of materiel from industry stocks and production would be of vital importance for the military capabilities of Ukraine over the next months.

The Czech weapons industry have indicated the availability of weapons, armored vehicles, air defense capacities and ammunition that could be purchased in battle ready condition and could be delivered within a few months. This also includes both modern Czech weaponry and refurbished equipment already in use by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The modern Czech weaponry is compatible with NATO-standards and is thus able to fire relevant NATO-standard munitions.

The MoDs of Kingdom of Denmark, the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands intend to enter into a cooperation where the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of the Netherlands provide the funding on a number of separate or joint donations and the Czech Republic provide access to Czech weapons industry and facilitate the contracting.

The joint intention to finance the donation of weaponry to be purchased from Czech industrial stocks has been considered against the following criteria:

- 1. Alignment with key capability requirements of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- 2. The speed at which they can be delivered, and the risks associated with delivery.

Recognizing that this Initiative may require a formal agreement duly approved by the participant countries' authorities, representatives and technical experts from the participating countries will use an existing or establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), including bureaucratic and financial administration of the financial donation, outlining:

- o Coordination and management;
- o The contractual and legal framework for the project & regulatory mechanisms;
- o Accountability: quality control, reporting requirements, and the need for external auditing;
- o Transparency about the origins of weaponry;
- o Financial aspects;
- o Training & logistics.

This Letter of Intent does not constitute any legally binding commitment. Each participant is to be responsible for funding its own costs incurred while securing the accomplishment of its objectives related to the implementation of this Letter of Intent.

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