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Ukraine Recovery Conference



The Ukraine Recovery Conference

took place in Lugano, Switzerland from July 4-5. The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Ruslan Stefanchuk and the country's Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, high-ranking EU officials, representatives of international financial institutions, human rights organizations, Ukrainian ministers and deputies, and other stakeholders participated in the event.

The Ukrainian leaders told the major international summit that their devastated country needs \$750 billion USD for a three-stage reconstruction plan following Russia's full-scale invasion and destruction of its cities and infrastructure. [Denys Shmygal, Ukrainian Prime Minister](#), shared Kyiv's position that a substantial source of funding for the recovery should come through assets confiscated from Russian oligarchs, which he estimated at \$300 billion to \$500 billion. He added that Kyiv is planning a three-stage recovery process.

1. **A first stage** will be focused on fixing things that affect daily life, such as municipal water supplies;
2. **Second** would be a "fast recovery" stage to be launched as soon as fighting ends and would include items such as temporary housing, hospitals, and schools;
3. **A third stage** would be aimed at transforming the country over the long run.

Speaking through a video link from Kyiv, **President Volodymyr Zelenskiy** stated that rebuilding his country is a "common task of the whole democratic world" and would be a service to all nations. "Reconstruction of Ukraine is the biggest contribution to the support of global peace," he added.



Pavlo Sushko, Deputy Chairman of the Rada Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy, took part in the event "Parliament and Restoration" within the framework of the conference. The recording of the conference can be viewed at <https://ua.unc2022.com>

The Conference participants signed [the Lugano Declaration](#), 'committing to fully support Ukraine throughout its path from early to long-term recovery, and linking this to Ukraine's European perspective and EU candidate country status'.

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

On July 6, 2022, **Mr. Nikita Poturaev**, Chairman of the Rada Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy, and **Ms. Yevheniia Kravchuk**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee, participated in the work of the **OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Birmingham, UK**



Ms. Kravchuk met with Lord Ahmad Wimbledon from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. During the meeting, they discussed the issue of transferring assets of Russian oligarchs and sanctioned officials to Ukraine, of which there are quite a few on British territory.

She also appealed for support for the protection and restoration of Ukrainian cultural heritage, which continues to suffer from Russian aggression. "The visible part of the cultural damage is only the tip of the iceberg, the full extent of the loss will be assessed after the end of the war. We will be grateful for the help of partners in this important area as well. Lord Ahmad proved to be a sincere friend of Ukraine, assuring us of constant and unwavering support both from himself personally and from the entire Government and the British people until victory comes. We will win together," said Yevgenia Kravchuk.

Members of the Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy continue their efforts to support Ukraine on the diplomatic front.



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Background on the weekly update on activity of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada

Ukraine's democratically elected officials continue to perform their duties while enduring Russia's unprovoked and horrific invasion. These briefing notes provide the latest information about the legislative activities of the Verkhovna Rada.

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