

# **Joint Declaration on Enhanced Security and Defence Cooperation**

We, Prime Minister of Sweden Ulf Kristersson and President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, met in Uppsala on 28 May 2026, at a moment of heightened geopolitical responsibility. Russia's continuing war of aggression against Ukraine has fundamentally altered the security landscape of Europe and underscored the urgent need for closer defence cooperation among like-minded partners.

We have agreed to advance our bilateral security and defence cooperation across key dimensions: security assistance and crisis consultation, exchange of experience and lessons learnt, supply of defence capabilities and solutions, defence industrial collaboration, and air defence – including our shared commitment to advancing multi-layered and anti-ballistic missile defence capabilities in Europe.

Recognising the critical importance of sustaining and furthering Ukraine's drone capability and technological edge, we will explore opportunities to deepen our cooperation, e.g. through the Drone Deal cooperation format. Ukraine's extensive combat experience in modern high-intensity warfare is a significant asset for the security of the Euro-Atlantic community, and both sides are committed to ensuring it informs our defence efforts.

We will emphasise the development of integrated, multi-layered air defence capabilities as fundamental to our security. We will work with partners to ramp up air defence production capacity and advance anti-ballistic missile capabilities.

Building on this foundation and the Agreement on Security Co-Operation between Sweden and Ukraine from 2024, we affirm our political intent to conclude a comprehensive bilateral Security and Defence Cooperation Agreement. The Agreement will establish a framework for sustained bilateral collaboration across priority areas, including, transfer of battlefield lessons learnt, defence industrial cooperation, and defence capabilities and capacity building, including air defence, unmanned systems, and emerging technologies.

**This Declaration marks a decisive step towards a deeper and enduring security and defence partnership between Sweden and Ukraine.**

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Prime Minister

**Volodymyr ZELENSKYY**  
President

**For the Kingdom of Sweden**

**For Ukraine**

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