



Official Statement from the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce (CUCC) on President Zelenskyy's Meeting with Donald Trump

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Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce (CUCC) is deeply disappointed by the outcome of today's meeting between President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Donald Trump. At a time when Ukraine is fighting for its very survival against Russia's brutal aggression, this meeting should have reinforced commitments to Ukraine's security, victory, and a just peace—instead, it was marred by arrogance and a failure to grasp the stakes of this war.

Ukraine does not need to prove its case to anyone—its soldiers, civilians, and leaders have already demonstrated extraordinary courage, resilience, and sacrifice. What Ukraine needs from its allies is clear: security guarantees, unwavering military and economic support, and an unyielding stance against Russian aggression.

It is unacceptable to distort the reality of this war, to entertain false narratives, or to suggest that Ukraine should accept anything less than a full restoration of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Any attempt to pressure Ukraine into concessions that reward Russia's war crimes and violations of international law is not diplomacy—it is betrayal.

Arrogance, indifference, and appeasement cannot be tolerated. This war is not a political game; it is a fight for democracy, freedom, and the security of the entire world. Leaders who fail to recognize this risk being on the wrong side of history.

The Canada-Ukraine business community remains steadfast in its support for Ukraine, advocating for stronger economic cooperation, investment, and innovation that will ensure Ukraine's long-term security and prosperity.

We call on all democratic nations, including the United States, to reaffirm their commitments to Ukraine's victory and a just, lasting peace. Anything less emboldens the aggressor and weakens the principles that underpin the free world.

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