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JOINT DECLARATION

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT OF CANADA

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LITHUANIA

THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF
SWEDEN

AND THE MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND TERRITORIES
OF UKRAINE

ON THE PROMOTION OF ESTABLISHING THE UKRAINE TRANSPORT SUPPORT
FUND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM
COMMON INTEREST GROUP FOR TRANSPORT IN UKRAINE

The Department of Transport of Canada, the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure of Sweden and the Ministry for the Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Participants”,

RECOGNISING the devastating impact of Russia’s illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine as well as its impact on transport infrastructure, and the critical importance of urgently restoring connectivity for the preservation of Ukraine’s independence, its effective defense, ensured security, humanitarian aid, trade, and long-term economic recovery;

ACKNOWLEDGING Ukraine’s determination to modernize its transport sector and integrate into the European Union transport network, strengthening regional resilience, security, and sustainable development;

RECOGNISING, in consultation with Ukraine and International Financial Institutions such as the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, that there is a need for additional financial mechanisms for Ukraine’s needs for urgent transport sector reconstruction and the loans and investments from existing financial institutions and donor platforms;

RESPONDING to the call from like-minded International Transport Forum member countries for a transparent, efficient, and coordinated mechanism to channel international donor support to Ukraine’s transport recovery;



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AFFIRMING the need to launch the Ukraine Transport Support Fund within the framework of the International Transport Forum's coordinating platform, the Common Interest Group for Transport in Ukraine;

The Participants hereby declare their intention to cooperate closely to promote establishment of the Ukraine Transport Support Fund as a neutral, transparent, and donor-coordinated platform for Ukraine's urgent needs in rebuilding and modernizing its transport infrastructure across all modes – road, rail, ports, aviation, urban mobility, and logistics.

This new Ukraine Transport Support Fund will be fully operational in early 2026, and will:

- Operate under a multi-level governance model, with:
 - Strategic coordination and donor engagement facilitated by the International Transport Forum's Common Interest Group for Transport in Ukraine Secretariat,
 - Executive operations managed by the Central Project Management Agency of Lithuania, and,
 - Oversight roles for the Participants and other donor countries.
- Ensure the alignment of primarily small and medium-scale projects with European Union standards, Ukraine's long-term development goals, and other international recovery platforms, avoiding duplication and maximizing impact.
- Establish regular communication with leading International Financial Institutions, including the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to avoid duplication;
- Ensure principles of non-discrimination, mutual recognition, proportionality, transparency, confidentiality, impartiality, and equal treatment regarding the comprehensive technical and financial reporting to donors and to Ukrainian authorities.

This Joint Declaration expresses the shared political will of the Participants to cooperate on establishing the Ukraine Transport Support Fund and launching its initial projects.

It does not constitute an international treaty under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969 and will not affect the rights or obligations of the Participants under other international agreements.

Signed in Brussels on 3 December 2025.



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