

Appeal of the Committee on Energy, Housing and Utilities Services of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the Parliaments and Governments of the Countries of the World and International Organizations, Energy Companies of the Countries of Eastern Europe regarding the provision of urgent assistance to Ukraine with equipment for the restoration of energy infrastructure, hydro- and heat generation facilities damaged as a result of Russian missile terror, restoration of the stability and controllability of the energy system in the autumn-winter period of 2024-2025

In response to the intensified Russian terrorist attacks in 2024, the Committee on Energy, Housing and Utilities Services of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine urgently appeals to the Parliaments and Governments of Foreign States, International Organizations, and Energy Companies for increased support.

Threats resulting from Russian attacks impact the security of the entire European continent and demand effective measures from the global community as a whole. We, members of the Energy Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament, call for the expedited delivery of modern air-defense systems, assistance in procuring energy equipment, and the enhancement of sanctions imposed against Russia.

This appeal also includes the launch of the sub-regional initiative "Energy Infrastructure Rammstein" to support and manage the energy system during the upcoming 2024-2025 heating season. This initiative aims to address key issues in the restoration of hydro and thermal generation assets as well.

Furthermore, we urge governments, international organizations, and energy companies to take inventory of energy assets, such as older equipment, including soviet-era machinery. To mitigate the large-scale humanitarian crisis anticipated and to ensure the survival of Ukrainians during the upcoming winter period, idle, redundant, or about-to-be-decommissioned equipment should urgently be signed off, sold, or donated to Ukraine. This equipment can play a crucial role in rebuilding Ukraine's thermal and hydro-generation capabilities.

Urgent actions are needed

Recent data from the International Monetary Fund indicates that 80% of thermal and 40% of hydroelectric power capacity of Ukraine have been lost due to Russian attacks.

The Energy Parliamentary Committee conducted numerous field trips throughout Ukraine to further assess the damage and determine reconstruction options for the destroyed facilities. Coordination with Ukrainian government agencies and energy sector actors has revealed a pressing need for measures to facilitate international support under the Parliament's supervision.

Because of these efforts, the International Advisory Council of Energy Ministers met in Kyiv on May 6, 2024, and decided to build new cross-border power lines, increase support for the Energy Community's Ukraine Support Fund, and take other measures to strengthen Ukraine's energy resilience.

The Verkhovna Rada provides legislative oversight of the urgent steps agreed upon with Ukraine's energy sector stakeholders, focusing on management procedures, damage assessment, energy balance forecasts, and restoration priorities. Cooperation with the National Bank of Ukraine aims to review controls over currency transfers and remove barriers to commercial interaction with European partners, including tax breaks for imported critical equipment.

Ukraine's EU accession context – climate aspects and cooperation with the Energy Community

Energy has always been a central component of Ukraine's European integration. Acceding to the Energy Community Treaty in 2011 and becoming a member of ENTSO-E in the first days of Russian aggression demonstrate Ukraine's steadfast determination to implement energy reforms. The work of the Verkhovna Rada is critical to ensuring the continent's energy security and restoring Ukraine's energy viability.

On June 24, 2024, the Committee on Energy, Housing and Utilities Services of the Verkhovna Rada hosted a public discussion on the status of Ukraine's implementation of the EU energy acquis. Despite the ongoing war, the Secretariat of the Energy Community welcomed Ukraine's success in achieving a high level of market integration with the EU. Contributions to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund, managed jointly by the Energy Community Secretariat and USAID, are approaching half a billion Euros. The donor community to support Ukrainians in need of electricity and heat their households will use these funds. Furthermore, the

Committee on Energy, Housing and Utilities Services of the Verkhovna Rada and the Energy Community Secretariat signed a memorandum prioritizing the integration of electricity and gas markets, decarbonization of the energy sector, renewable energy development, and energy efficiency.

We emphasize once again, that Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine has led to unprecedented challenges in the energy sector. We appeal to the international community for support in protecting and restoring our energy infrastructure. Appropriate and timely assistance will ensure immediate recovery and strengthen our energy system's resilience for years to come.

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On behalf of the Committee members,

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