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“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

G7 summits are a moment for people to judge whether aspirational intent is met by concrete commitments. The G7 Research Group provides a report card on the implementation of G7 and G20 commitments. It is a good moment for the public to interact with leaders and say, you took a leadership position on these issues — a year later, or three years later, what have you accomplished?

Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme,
in *G7 Canada: The 2018 Charlevoix Summit*



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Introduction

This compliance report begins with the 2022 Elmau Summit hosted by Germany on 26-28 June 2022. It assesses actions taken by the G7 members to fulfil 21 priority commitments of the 323 commitments made at Elmau during the period of 28 June 2022 to 17 April 2023.

To conduct these assessments, researchers rely on publicly available information, documentation and media reports of actions taken beginning the day after the summit.

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Summary

The G7 Research Group's Final Compliance Report on the 2022 Elmau Summit assesses the compliance of the G7 members with 21 priority commitments selected from the total of 547 made at the Elmau Summit on 26-28 June 2022. It evaluates members' implementing actions taken between 28 June 2022 and 17 April 2023 and builds on the interim report, which covered actions only up to 6 January 2023 (see Table A). This selection of commitments reflects the breadth and focus of the Elmau Summit's agenda, including the outbreak of war in Ukraine, continued economic, social and health-related recovery from COVID-19, climate change, and long-term inclusive development strategies as the world begins a return to post-pandemic normalcy. The 2022 agenda covered the usual issues addressed by the G7 alongside the pressing international security concern of the conflict in Ukraine.

Previous compliance reports are available for review at <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance>.

The Final Compliance Score

Compliance is measured on a three-point scientific scale. A score of +1 (100%) indicates full compliance with a commitment, a score of 0 (50%) indicates partial compliance or a work in progress, and a score of -1 (0%) indicates non-compliance or a failure to comply or action taken that is counter to the commitment. Table B contains the compliance scores.

For the period of 28 June 2022 to 17 April 2023, average compliance for the 21 commitments assessed is +83 (91%). Compared to previous final reports, it is higher than the final 2021 Cornwall Summit score of +0.68 (84%) and lower than the final 2020 Virtual Summit score of +0.89 (95%). It is also higher than the 2022 interim compliance score of +0.70 (85%).

Table C contains the scores from previous years.

Compliance by Member

The European Union, Germany and the United Kingdom ranked first with an average compliance score of +0.95 (98%), followed by Canada and the United States at +0.90 (95%). These members were followed by Japan at +0.76 (88%), France at +0.71 (86%) and Italy at +0.52 (76%). This is a different configuration from the 2022 interim compliance report where the United Kingdom and United States were the sole highest scoring member. In the 2021 final compliance report, Italy was also the lowest scoring member.

Compliance by Commitment

Of the 21 commitments assessed, seven had compliance of +1.00 (100%). These commitments were two on regional security (global effects of the war on Ukraine, and military and financial support for Ukraine), securing energy supply, human rights in the digital sphere, democracy and the rules-based multilateral order, free trade, and macroeconomic growth. The commitment with the lowest compliance – +0.50 (75%) – was on pandemic preparedness. See Table D for more information.

The Compliance Gap Between Members

These final results from the 2022 Elmau Summit show a difference of 0.43 between the highest and lowest scores of members.

Future Research and Reports

The information contained within this report provides G7 members and other stakeholders with an indication of the G7 members' compliance with 21 commitments for the period beginning immediately after the 2022 Elmau Summit on 28 June 2022 until 17 April 2023. As with previous compliance reports, this report has been produced as an invitation for others to provide additional or more complete information on G7 members' compliance. Comments are always welcomed and would be considered as part of an analytical reassessment. Please send your feedback to g7@utoronto.ca.

Table A: 2022 Priority Commitments Selected for Assessment*

	Commitment
1	“We will continue to impose severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime for its unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine, while stepping up our efforts to counter its adverse and harmful regional and global impacts, including with a view to helping secure global energy and food security as well as stabilising the economic recovery.”
2	“We will continue to provide [military], [financial] support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.”
3	“We acknowledge the key role of the health sector in climate adaptation, and commit to making our health systems environmentally sustainable and climate neutral at the latest by 2050, as well as more resilient.”
4	“We commit to ... a fully or predominantly decarbonised power sector by 2035 ... prioritising concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.”
5	“We will take immediate action to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.”
6	“[Guided by the conviction that democratic values make us stronger in tackling global challenges, we will cooperate with civil society and our partners beyond the G7 to] ... promote human rights online and offline”
7	“As open democracies adhering to the rule of law, we are driven by shared values and bound by our commitment to the rules-based multilateral order
8	“[In order to avoid devastating consequences of future pandemics, regain lost ground and attain universal health coverage (UHC) per the 2030 Agenda, we reaffirm our commitment to] ... step up our efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach.
9	“We are committed to mobilising resources from all sources and to substantially increasing our national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.”
10	“We will ensure that our response to the current challenges also strengthens the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and Glasgow Pact, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity, including via increasing our support to smallholder farmers.”
11	“We affirm our commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.”
12	“We commit to: Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls’ access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies (gender).”
13	“We remain committed to upholding fair and transparent competition in the global economy and strengthening international rules in this regard.”
14	“We will maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable, and rules-based open global economic system.”
15	“[We are strongly committed to] ... continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services (health).”
16	“To further ensure the security of our citizens, we will intensify our fight against transnational organised crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as Interpol and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”
17	“To address these effects, we will accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all by 2030 in line with the UN Secretary-General’s initiative for a “Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transition,” which aims to create 400 million jobs and to extend social protection.”
18	“Through our Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, we aim to mobilise USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.”

19	“[In view of the 10th Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in August 2022, we are united in our resolve to] ... advance implementation of the Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.”
20	“We will intensify our cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.”
21	“We reaffirm our commitment to promoting transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.”

*For the full list of commitments, please contact the G7 Research Group at g7@utoronto.ca.

Table B: 2022 G7 Elmau Final Compliance Scores

Commitment	Canada	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
1 Regional Security: Global Effects of the War in Ukraine	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
2 Regional Security: Military and Financial Support for Ukraine	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
3 Climate Change: Health Sustainability	0	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.63	81%
4 Climate Change: Decarbonising the Power Sector	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
5 Energy: Securing Supply	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
6 Human Rights: The Digital Sphere and Beyond	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
7 Democracy: Rules-Based Multilateral Order	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
8 Health: Pandemic Preparedness	+1	0	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	+0.50	75%
9 Environment: Funding and Resources	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.63	81%
10 Food and Agriculture: Resilience	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
11 Digital Economy: Empowering Citizens	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
12 Gender: Access to Education	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
13 Trade: Free Trade	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
14 Macroeconomics: Safe, Resilient, Equitable, Rules-Based Growth	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
15 Health: Noncommunicable Diseases	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.88	94%
16 Crime and Corruption: Transnational Crime	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.88	94%
17 Labor and Employment: Social Protection	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+0.88	94%
18 Infrastructure: GPII	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.88	94%
19 Non-proliferation: Non-proliferation Treaty	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
20 Terrorism: Cooperation on Extremism	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
21 Development: Debt Transparency	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
2022 Final Compliance Average	+0.90	+0.71	+0.95	+0.52	+0.76	+0.95	+0.90	+0.95	+0.83	91%
	95%	86%	98%	76%	88%	98%	95%	98%		

Table C: 2022 G7 Elmau Final Compliance Scores by Member

	2022 final		2022 interim		2021 final		2021 interim		2020 final		2020 interim		2019 final		2019 2nd interim		2019 1st interim		2018 final		2018 interim	
European Union	+0.95	98%	+0.81	90%	+0.95	98%	+0.82	91%	+0.71	86%	+0.95	98%	+0.71	86%	+0.67	83%	+0.52	76%	+0.90	95%	+0.85	93%
Germany	+0.95	98%	+0.81	90%	+0.91	95%	+0.82	91%	+0.81	91%	+0.90	95%	+0.86	93%	+0.76	88%	+0.48	74%	+0.50	75%	+0.40	70%
United Kingdom	+0.95	98%	+0.86	93%	+0.86	93%	+0.77	89%	+0.86	93%	+0.85	93%	+0.81	90%	+0.76	88%	+0.43	72%	+0.85	93%	+0.70	85%
Canada	+0.90	95%	+0.76	88%	+0.91	95%	+0.77	89%	+0.62	81%	+0.80	90%	+0.62	81%	+0.48	74%	+0.05	53%	+0.80	90%	+0.70	85%
United States	+0.90	95%	+0.86	93%	+0.91	95%	+0.82	91%	+0.29	65%	+0.85	93%	+0.29	64%	+0.19	60%	+0.05	53%	+0.47	74%	+0.24	62%
Japan	+0.76	88%	+0.48	74%	+0.64	82%	+0.59	80%	+0.48	74%	+0.85	93%	+0.48	74%	+0.38	69%	+0.38	69%	+0.68	84%	+0.58	79%
France	+0.71	86%	+0.67	83%	+0.68	84%	+0.59	80%	+0.67	84%	+0.90	95%	+0.67	83%	+0.67	83%	+0.33	67%	+0.65	83%	+0.45	73%
Italy	+0.52	76%	+0.33	67%	+0.59	80%	+0.36	68%	+0.19	60%	+0.75	88%	+0.19	60%	+0.10	55%	-0.29	36%	+0.50	75%	+0.15	58%
Average	+0.83	91%	+0.70	85%	+0.81	90%	+0.68	84%	+0.58	79%	+0.86	93%	+0.58	79%	+0.50	75%	+0.24	62%	+0.66	83%	+0.51	75%
Spread	0.43		0.52		0.36		0.45		0.67		0.10		0.67		0.67		0.81		0.45		0.7	

Table D: 2022 G7 Elmau Final Compliance Scores by Commitment

	Commitment	Score	
1	Democracy: Rules-based Multilateral Order	+1.00	100%
	Energy: Securing Supply		
	Human Rights: The Digital Sphere and Beyond		
	Macroeconomics: Safe, Resilient, Equitable and Rules-Based Growth		
	Regional Security: Global Effects of the War in Ukraine		
	Regional Security: Military and Financial Support for Ukraine		
	Trade: Free Trade		
8	Crime and Corruption: Transnational Crime	+0.88	94%
	Health: Noncommunicable Diseases		
	Infrastructure: GPII		
	Labor and Employment: Social Protection		
11	Climate Change: Decarbonising the Power Sector	+0.75	88%
	Development: Debt Transparency		
	Digital Economy: Empowering Citizens		
	Food and Agriculture: Resilience		
	Gender: Access to Education		
	Non-proliferation: Treaty		
	Terrorism: Cooperation on Extremism		
19	Climate Change: Health Sustainability	+0.63	81%
	Environment: Funding and Resources		
21	Health: Pandemic Preparedness	+0.50	75%

1. Regional Security: Global Effects of the War in Ukraine

“We will continue to impose severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime for its unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine, while stepping up our efforts to counter its adverse and harmful regional and global impacts, including with a view to helping secure global energy and food security as well as stabilising the economic recovery.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched an illegal invasion of Ukraine in violation of international law; an act which has both destabilized the region and had immense global ramifications. 141 members of the United Nations, including all G7 members have strongly condemned this invasion and demanded the immediate withdrawal of Russian military forces. The EU and US have led the charge against Russia by implementing multiple waves of sanctions targeted against the Russian government, economy, and private sector. Subsequently, counteractions by Russia have exacerbated an energy crisis that is global in nature, but with particular impact on Western Europe. Coupled with agricultural export blockages and transportation restrictions, the invasion has worsened a global food crisis. Nevertheless, G7 members have committed to maintain the economic pressure on Russia while also pledging action to address these deleterious impacts of the conflict.

Prior to the 2014 Brussels Summit, G8 leaders released a statement that condemned the illegal annexation of and proposed referendum in the region of Crimea.¹ The G7 also reminded Russia of its decision to suspend any G8 activities until Russia met their demands. Furthermore, G8 leaders announced that the proposed G8 summit in Sochi would be relocated to Brussels and that Russia would be suspended from the group, making it the G7, until Russia ceased its illegal actions.²

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G8 leaders recognized that the crisis in Ukraine made clear that “energy security must be at the centre of our collective agenda ... [requiring] ... diversifying energy supplies and modernising our energy infrastructure.”³ Particularly, leaders placed an emphasis on leveraging private sector resources to support the resilience and self-sufficiency of European energy production with a low-carbon, sustainable

¹ Statement by G7 Leaders on Ukraine: G7 Summit 2014, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 March 2014. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014sochi/ukraine_140312.html

² G7 The Hague declaration: G7 Summit 2014, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 March 2014. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/hague-declaration.pdf>

³ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 29 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

approach. Leaders also pledged to “intensify targeted sanctions and to implement significant additional restrictive measures to impose further costs on Russia” should the situation in Crimea escalate.⁴

Under the 2015 Elmau Summit year, G7 foreign ministers reiterated that “energy security remains an important issue ... [and we] ... commend efforts ... to diversify energy supply and to increase energy efficiency.”⁵ The G7 energy ministers expanded this by identifying four key areas for joint action in response to the crisis in Crimea: securing energy systems; supporting most vulnerable countries, including Ukraine; promoting energy efficiency; and using existing energy resources and innovative energy sources.⁶

Under the 2022 Elmau Summit presidency, G7 leaders strongly condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the atrocities committed against Ukrainian citizens.⁷ The leaders also outlined the steps they are taking to punish Russia which include trade embargoes, terminating investments into the Russian economy, removing Russia from the global financial system and additional sanctions. Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to provide humanitarian assistance to the entire affected region, address the food crisis that has emerged because of the war, and to increase economic and political pressure on Russia through sanctions and other restrictions.^{8,9}

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau summit, leaders committed to “continue to impose severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime for its unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine, while stepping up our efforts to counter its adverse and harmful regional and global impacts, including with a view to helping secure global energy and food security as well as stabilising the economic recovery.”¹⁰ This commitment can be interpreted as having two main goals: imposing severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime and stepping up efforts to counter the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts. The latter target includes three dimensions to step up: securing global energy, securing food security and stabilizing economic recovery in areas affected by the war.

“Impose” is understood to mean to establish or apply by force.¹¹ In the context of the commitment, members can “impose” economic costs on President Putin’s regime by applying economic sanctions or other means which would impact Putin’s regime in an economically negative way.

“Severe” is understood to mean strict in judgment, discipline or government, rigorous in restraint, punishment or requirement, strongly critical or condemnatory and to cause discomfort or hardship.¹² In the context of this commitment, members can be “severe” through imposing economic costs in a way that will cause economic discomfort and hardship for Putin’s regime.

⁴ G7 Leaders’ Communique on Foreign Policy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 June 2014. Access Date: 29 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/foreign-policy.html>

⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting Communique, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 April 2015. Access Date: 29 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin150415.html>

⁶ G7 Hamburg Initiative for Sustainable Energy Security, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 May 2015. Access Date: 29 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/energy/150512-hamburg.html>

⁷ G7 Leaders’ Statement: G7 Summit 2022, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220407-statement.html>

⁸ Statement on Russia’s War against Ukraine: G7 Summit 2022, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 14 May 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220514-ukraine.html#top>

⁹ G7 Leaders’ Statement on the Invasion of Ukraine by Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 February 2022. Access Date: 29 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220224-statement-on-invasion.html>

¹⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Executive Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication-summary.html>

¹¹ Impose, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/impose>

¹² Severe, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 16 September 2022. Access Date 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/severe>

“Immediate” is understood to mean occurring, acting or accomplished without loss or interval of time, being near at hand, near to or related to the present and of or relating to the here and now.¹³ In the context of this commitment, members can impose “immediate” economic costs on Putin’s regime by doing so in at least one to two weeks after pledging action.

“Economic costs” are understood to mean the cost in money, time, and other resources needed in order to do something or make something.¹⁴ Members can impose “economic costs” on Putin’s regime by imposing policies which will result in the loss of money or other resources.

“Stepping up” is understood to mean to increase, augment or advance especially by one or more steps and to undergo an increase.¹⁵ Members can “step up” their efforts to counter the adverse and harmful regional and global impacts of the war by taking actions towards the commitment’s three subsequent dimensions.

“Efforts” are understood to mean conscious exertion of power, a serious attempt, something produced by exertion or trying and the total work done to achieve a particular end.¹⁶

“Counter” is understood to mean acting in opposition or asserting in answer.¹⁷

“Helping” is understood to mean giving assistance or support, providing something that is useful or necessary in achieving an end, to make more pleasant or bearable, to further the advancement of, to change for the better or to keep from occurring.¹⁸ In the context of this commitment, members can “help” secure global energy and food security through providing technical, material or political assistance to states, areas or peoples affected by the adverse and harmful impacts of the war.

“Securing” is understood to mean to relieve from exposure to danger or to put beyond the hazard of losing or of not receiving.¹⁹ In the context of this commitment, members can “secure” global energy and food security by implementing initiatives which ensure access to energy and food which otherwise would be under threat, is provided or that sanctions do not adversely impact energy and food security.

“Energy” is understood to mean usable power such as heat or electricity.²⁰ In the context of this commitment, energy can encompass but is not limited to: fuel sources such as oil, gas, nuclear or electric energy which power transportation, industry, infrastructure etc.

“Food security” is understood to mean the ability to consistently access or afford adequate food.²¹

¹³ Immediate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 21 September 2022. Access Date 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/immediate>

¹⁴ Economic Cost, Cambridge Dictionary, n.d. Access: Date September 25 2022. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/economic-cost>

¹⁵ Step up, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stepping%20up>

¹⁶ Efforts, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/efforts>

¹⁷ Counter, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/counter>

¹⁸ Help, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 18 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/help>

¹⁹ Secure, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 18 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/securing>

²⁰ Energy, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/energy>

²¹ Food secure, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/food%20security>

“Stabilizing” is understood to mean to make stable, steadfast or firm and to hold steady.²² In the context of this commitment, members can “stabilize” the economic recovery through mitigating and preventing further negative economic impacts while ensuring a return to economic “normalcy” without further disruptions.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members who have imposed severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime and have taken demonstrably strong action in all three dimensions of stepping up efforts to counter the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts. Given the particular focus on regional and global impacts of the war, actions be of an international nature.

For full compliance, the above economic actions must also ensure energy, food and economic security. Thus sanctions should not target key food or energy supply chains that would lead to price increases and hardships on citizens. Additional measures can also be taken. On securing global energy actions include distributing sources of energy or building, protecting or maintaining energy infrastructure. On ensuring food security actions include providing food supplies or developing food production infrastructure. On stabilizing economic recovery, actions include stimulus packages or temporary restriction of imports in sensitive markets.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members who have imposed severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime and have taken action in two of the three dimensions of countering the war’s impacts. These actions can be both strong and weak. Examples of weak actions include but are not limited to: attending meetings, verbal reaffirmation of the commitment or international information sharing.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member has either failed to impose severe and immediate costs on President Putin’s regime or has taken strong action in only one of the three dimensions of countering the war’s regional and global impacts. Additionally, if a G7 member has taken actions directly against this commitment, such as the withdrawal of funding, this would be included in non-compliance.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT imposed severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime NOR stepped up their efforts to counter the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts through securing global energy and food security and stabilizing the economic recovery OR has taken action in only one of these three dimensions.
0	The G7 member has imposed severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime AND taken some action in two of the three dimensions of countering the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.
+1	The G7 member has imposed severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin’s regime AND has taken action in all THREE dimensions of countering the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin’s regime and address the war’s adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

On 7 July 2022, Canada amended the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations to prohibit the import of certain gold products from Russia.²³ The amendment also added 29 Russian agents and 15 entities to the economic sanctions list for their contributions to Russian disinformation campaigns and propaganda.

²² Stabilizing, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stabilizing>

²³ Canadian Sanctions Related to Russia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/sanctions/russia-russie.aspx?lang=eng

On 15 July 2022, in the Chair's Summary of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting a majority of G20 members condemned the war in Ukraine and affirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine and mitigating the global impacts of the war.²⁴ Canada is a member of the G20 and used this platform to renew its commitment.

On 2 August 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly announced Canada's economic sanctioning of 43 military officials and 17 defence entities connected to President Putin's war against Ukraine.²⁵ The new round of sanctions comes in light of increased violence in Bucha.

On 19 August 2022, Canada added 62 individuals to the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations.²⁶ The added sanctions target Russian federal governors, regional heads, and senior defense officials as well as their families. One additional defense sector organization was also added to the sanctions list.

On 2 September 2022, Canada alongside other G7 members met to discuss the economic costs of the Russian war on Ukraine and the disproportionate effects of inflation on vulnerable groups globally.²⁷ A joint plan to prohibit the maritime transport of Russian crude oil and petroleum globally sold above a 'price cap' was announced. The introduction of a 'price cap' aims to reduce Russian profit and, therefore, ability to fund the military and defense sector. The 'price cap' also seeks to limit the impact of the war on global energy prices, especially for low- and middle-income countries.

On 25 September 2022, senior officials from Canada alongside representatives from France, Switzerland, Italy, the UK, Ukraine, Germany, Korea, the US and the EU expressed concern over Russia's seizure of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station in Ukraine.²⁸ Canada expressed support for the efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear safety and security assistance plan for Ukraine and reaffirmed the importance of their Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Security.

On 27 September 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a statement affirming Canada's refusal to recognize the Russian Federation's "sham referendums" in the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia.²⁹ Prime Minister Trudeau also announced Canada's plan to impose further sanctions targeting those complicit in Russia's illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory.

On 28 September 2022, Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra met with the Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine, the Ambassador of Ukraine, and representative of the Railway Association of Canada to discuss rail assistance for Ukraine.³⁰ This meeting established a working group to help reconstruct Ukrainian railways and transportation

²⁴ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

²⁵ Minister Joly announces additional sanctions on Russian military officials and defence entities, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-joly-announces-additional-sanctions-on-russian-military-officials-and-defence-entities.html>

²⁶ Canadian Sanctions Related to Russia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/sanctions/russia-russie.aspx?lang=eng

²⁷ G7 Finance Ministers' Statement on the united response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Berlin) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/g7-finance-ministers-statement-on-the-united-response-to-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine.html>

²⁸ Joint Statement: High-level meeting on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/joint-statement-high-level-meeting-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts.html>

²⁹ Statement by the Prime Minister on the results of Russia's sham referendums in occupied regions of Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Ottawa) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/09/27/statement-prime-minister-results-russias-sham-referendums-occupied>

³⁰ The Government of Canada and the Canadian Railway Industry to provide rail assistance to Ukraine, Transport Canada (Montreal) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/09/the-government-of-canada-and-the-canadian-railway-industry-to-provide-rail-assistance-to-ukraine.html>

infrastructure. The working group is a collaboration between Ukraine's National Railway and the Government of Ukraine with the Government of Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway. The working group aims to rebuild Ukrainian rail systems, maximize their capacity, utilize Canadian Rail's expertise, and facilitate the transport of Ukrainian goods by rail despite challenges posed by the war.

On 29 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a joint condemnation of Russia's attempt to incorporate various Ukrainian regions through a sham referendum.³¹ In addition to vowing that the referendum will never be recognized, the G7 Foreign Ministers promised further sanctions and called on the wider international community to condemn Russia's actions.

On 16 October 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit Sajjan reaffirmed Canada's commitment to address global food insecurity worsened by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.³² Minister Sajjan's statement announced that Canada must develop long-term solutions for food-chain resilience, including a move towards sustainable agriculture, inclusive governance, and the production of safety nets. The statement urged for innovative solutions to increase food productivity, waste reduction, income equality, nutrition, sustainability, and food safety globally.

On 17 October 2022, Minister Joly announced further economic sanctions that would target 34 individuals and one entity who work to spread Russian disinformation and propaganda.³³ The sanctions come in light of Russian state media and disinformation agents spreading false claims and ahistorical accounts in an attempt to undermine Ukrainian sovereignty and justify President Putin's war on Ukraine.

On 14 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an additional 23 sanctions on members of the Russian security and justice sectors.³⁴ These sanctions build upon the 1400 already sanctioned individuals deemed as having systematically violated human rights.

On 21 November 2022, the Government of Canada launched the CAD500 million Ukraine Sovereignty Bond, to assist the Government of Ukraine in providing essential services to Ukrainians.³⁵ The fund seeks to provide Ukrainians with assistance in purchasing fuel as well as restoring energy infrastructure.

On 22 November 2022, Minister Joly announced sanctions on 22 Belarusian officials and 16 Belarusian companies complicit in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.³⁶ The sanctions target those who have provided military aid to Russia and seek to put pressure on Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko's regime to stop its facilitation of Russia's attempted annexation of Ukraine.

³¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

³² Statement by Minister Sajjan on World Food Day, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/statement-by-minister-sajjan-on-world-food-day.html>

³³ Canada sanctions additional Russian propaganda agents, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-sanctions-additional-russian-propaganda-agents.html>

³⁴ Prime Minister announces additional military assistance for Ukraine and additional sanctions against Russia (Bali) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/14/prime-minister-announces-additional-military-assistance-ukraine-and>

³⁵ Ukraine Sovereignty Bond now available for Canadians to purchase, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/11/ukraine-sovereignty-bond-now-available-for-canadians-to-purchase.html>

³⁶ Canada imposes additional sanctions on Belarusian regime, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-imposes-additional-sanctions-on-belarusian-regime.html>

On 25 November 2022, Minister Sajjan announced that Canada would donate CAD30 million to the World Food Programme.³⁷ This donation will help facilitate Ukraine's shipment of grain through the Black Sea Grain Initiative for countries suffering from food insecurity.

On 13 December 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland announced Canada's intention to donate CAD115 million to Ukraine for the repair of Kyiv's power grid.³⁸ The donation includes revenues collected by Canada's imposed tariffs on imports from Russia and Belarus.

On 19 December 2022, Minister Joly announced Canada's seizure of USD26 million from Granite Capital Holdings Ltd.³⁹ The company is owned by Roman Abramovich, a Russian oligarch who sanctioned in the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations. Minister Joly will consider applying for this sum to be forfeited to the Crown, and then used for the reconstruction of Ukraine and compensation to victims of the war.

On 3 February 2023, Minister Joly announced sanctions on 38 individuals and 16 entities for the distribution of propaganda and disinformation on behalf of the Russian regime.⁴⁰ These sanctions add to the 1,600 individuals and entities sanctioned by Canada in relation to the Russian invasion of Ukraine so far.

On 23 February 2023, G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.⁴¹ Canada will work to stabilize global markets, meet exchange rate commitments, address market vulnerabilities, and minimize economic costs of the war on low-income countries. Canada will also continue to aid Ukraine in the repair of critical infrastructure damaged by the war and enforce economic sanctions on individuals and entities supporting the Russian invasion.

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the imposition of additional sanctions on 122 individuals and 13 entities in the Russian government who have supported the invasion as well as sanctions on seven individuals and 50 entities involved in the Russian defence sector.⁴² Prime Minister Trudeau also announced a prohibition on chemical element exports to Russia and the import of Russian weapons and ammunition.

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders held a summit with guest Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express their enduring support for Ukraine on the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.⁴³ They also committed to escalating the consequences for Russia and its supporters, as well as countering the harmful effects of the conflict on vulnerable communities worldwide.

³⁷ Canada announces funding for World Food Programme to address global food security crisis, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-announces-funding-for-world-food-programme-to-address-global-food-security-crisis.html>

³⁸ Canada provides Ukraine \$115 million from Russian and Belarusian tariff revenues to repair Kyiv's power grid, Department of Finance Canada (Paris) 13 December 2022. Access date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/12/canada-provides-ukraine-115-million-from-russian-and-belarusian-tariff-revenues-to-repair-kyivs-power-grid.html>

³⁹ Canada starts first process to seize and pursue the forfeiture of assets of sanctioned Russian oligarch, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-starts-first-process-to-seize-and-pursue-the-forfeiture-of-assets-of-sanctioned-russian-oligarch.html>

⁴⁰ Canada sanctions additional Russian propagandists, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-sanctions-additional-russian-propagandists.html>

⁴¹ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

⁴² Supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes, Prime minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Toronto) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/02/24/supporting-ukraine-long-it-takes>

⁴³ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Joly announced the donation of seven electrical transformers to Ukraine.⁴⁴ The transformers will be utilized to help repair Ukraine's power grid from the damage of the Russian invasion. Canada will also provide CAD3 million, in furthering the past donation of CAD32 million, for mine security efforts in Ukraine.

On March 24 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau and US President Joe Biden issued a joint statement to reaffirm each country's commitment to making life more affordable, creating middle class jobs, growing the clean economy, tackling climate change, and upholding security and democracy globally.⁴⁵ Both Canada and the United States are dedicated to protecting the democratic values and the international, rules-based order threatened by the war between Russia and Ukraine, and reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine.

On 11 April 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced additional support for Ukraine during a meeting with Ukraine's Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.⁴⁶ This support will include a CAD2.4 billion loan to the Government of Ukraine for fuel purchases, infrastructure repair, and pensions payments. Additionally, both Prime Ministers signed a joint declaration on the modernization of the Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement. This agreement looks to create jobs in Canada whilst strengthening Ukraine's economy and supporting their recovery. Both countries signed a Youth Mobility Agreement, which will give youth from both countries an opportunity to travel and work. This agreement will also allow Canadian youth to participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine after Russia withdraws.

On 11 April 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced additional sanctions on 14 Russian individuals and 34 entities tied to the Russian war effort and nine entities in the Belarusian financial sector.⁴⁷

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe and immediate economic costs on Russia. This has been achieved by imposing severe restrictions on Canadian imports and exports with Russia and growing economic sanctions on both individuals and entities who have contributed to Putin's war effort. Canada has also committed financial assistance to global food security initiatives and Ukrainian energy infrastructure rebuild projects. Additionally, Canada has committed to assist Ukraine in rebuilding transportation infrastructure necessary for rebuilding Ukraine's ability to export goods.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

⁴⁴ Minister Joly announces new multifaceted support for Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-joly-announces-new-multifaceted-support-for-ukraine.html>

⁴⁵ Working with the United States to grow our clean economies and create good, middle-class jobs on both sides of our border, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Ottawa) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/24/working-united-states-grow-our-clean-economies-and-create-good-middle>

⁴⁶ Prime Minister Announces More Support for Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Toronto) 11 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/04/11/prime-minister-trudeau-announces-more-support-ukraine>

⁴⁷ Prime Minister Announces More Support for Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Toronto) 11 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/04/11/prime-minister-trudeau-announces-more-support-ukraine>

On 5 July 2022, French representatives attended the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano.⁴⁸ The primary focus of French restoration efforts was the heavily damaged region of Chernihiv, where France pledged to continue humanitarian, economic, financial, diplomatic and military aid “as long as is necessary.”

On 15 July 2022, in the Chair’s Summary of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting a majority of G20 members condemned the war in Ukraine and affirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine and mitigating the global impacts of the war.⁴⁹ France is a member of the G20 and used this platform to renew its commitment.

On 2 September 2022, Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister for Energy Transition, stated that Eléctricité de France, the country’s largest energy supplier, has committed to restarting all of its nuclear reactors by this winter.⁵⁰ This commitment was made in order to assist the country in overcoming a general energy crisis made worse by the conflict in Ukraine. Minister Agnès Pannier-Runacher stated that the government is taking action to avoid restrictive measures regarding energy use during the coldest part of the winter. According to the schedule made, a new nuclear plant will operate every week starting in October 2022.

On 2 September 2022, France alongside other G7 members committed to imposing a price cap on the purchase of Russian crude oil and petroleum products globally.⁵¹ The price cap seeks to mitigate increasing energy prices and their negative impacts on “low and middle-income countries.”

On 9 September 2022, Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire alongside representatives from Italy, Netherlands, Germany and Spain announced a joint statement addressing a plan to implement a global effective taxation by 2023.⁵² The tax is aimed at corporations to lighten the burden of inflation caused by the global energy crisis.

On 25 September 2022, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna alongside partner states reiterated the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s “Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Energy.”⁵³ The statement comes in light of Russian militarization of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant.

⁴⁸ Ukraine – As the Russian aggression against Ukraine continues, France welcomes the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-as-the-russian-aggression-against-ukraine-continues-france-welcomes-the>

⁴⁹ G20 Chair’s Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023.

https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

⁵⁰ France to restart all nuclear reactors by winter amid energy crunch, France 24 (Paris) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/france/20220902-france-to-restart-all-nuclear-reactors-by-winter-amid-energy-crunch>

⁵¹ G7 Finance Minister’s Statement on the united response to Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Berlin) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/g7-finance-ministers-statement-on-the-united-response-to-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine.html>

⁵² Statement by the finance ministers of Italy, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain on global minimum effective taxation, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 9 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translation. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/Dichiarazione-dei-ministri-delle-Finanze-di-Italia-Francia-Germania-Olanda-e-Spagna-sulla-tassazione-minima-effettiva-globale/>

⁵³ Joint Statement: High-level meeting on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/joint-statement-high-level-meeting-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts.html>

On 28 September, the Crisis and Support Center of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs oversaw the launch of a ship carrying over 1,000 tons of humanitarian relief to Ukraine.⁵⁴ Among the contents of the ship were 15 fire and rescue vehicles, medical supplies, food supplies and repair equipment.

On 29 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a joint condemnation of Russia's attempt to incorporate various Ukrainian regions through a sham referendum.⁵⁵ In addition to vowing that the referendum will never be recognized, the G7 Foreign Ministers promised further sanctions and called on the wider international community to condemn Russia's actions.

On 6 October 2022, Minister for Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher announced the energy sobriety plan.⁵⁶ The plan seeks to develop a communication campaign aimed at raising awareness among the French population regarding the need to reduce energy consumption.

On 7 October 2022, President Emmanuel Macron announced the establishment of a fund worth EUR100 million to facilitate the direct purchase of weaponry and other supplies Ukraine requires in its conflict with Russia.⁵⁷ The new fund seeks to facilitate cooperation with France's "defence industry base."

On 23 November 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs began the delivery of 100 generators, each with a power of 50-100 kilowatts, to Romania.⁵⁸ The generators would then be delivered to the Ukrainian government. This assistance was given in reaction to Russia's purposeful bombing of Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, which affected the provision of electricity to homes.

On 30 November 2022, the Ministry of Europe and International Affairs declared their legal resistance against the continuation of impunity for atrocities committed in Ukraine.⁵⁹ In order to ensure that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable, France stated that it mobilised its support for the Ukrainian legal system as well as the International Criminal Court. In order to strengthen their cooperation with Ukraine in the struggle against impunity, the ministry declared that they had begun working with France's European and Ukrainian allies.

On 1 December 2022, President Macron and US President Joe Biden conducted a joint press conference at the White House to announce their cooperation in protecting fundamental international ideals of "freedom and the rule of law" across the world, particularly in sensitive geographic regions.⁶⁰ Among these were shared goals to stop Russian aggression in Ukraine and promote the use of clean energy.

⁵⁴ Ukraine – Catherine Colonna to attend the launch of solidarity operation Un Bateau pour l'Ukraine [a ship for Ukraine], Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-catherine-colonna-to-attend-the-launch-of-solidarity-operation-un>

⁵⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

⁵⁶ Energy sobriety: a plan to reduce our energy consumption, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 6 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 November 2022. ecologie.gouv.fr/sobriete-energetique-plan-reduire-notre-consommation-denergie

⁵⁷ Macron announces €100-million fund for Ukraine to buy arms, France24 (Paris) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20221007-macron-announces-%E2%82%AC100-million-fund-for-ukraine-to-buy-arms>

⁵⁸ Ukraine – Delivery of Generators for the Ukrainian People, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, (Paris) 23 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-delivery-of-generators-for-the-ukrainian-people-23-nov-2022>

⁵⁹ Ukraine – Special Tribunal on Russian Crimes of Aggression, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, (Paris) 1 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-special-tribunal-on-russian-crimes-of-aggression-30-nov-22>

⁶⁰ U.S., French Presidents State Support for Ukraine, Global Security, U.S. Department of Defense (Washington D.C) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3233683/us-french-presidents-state-support-for-ukraine-global-security/>

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On 13 December 2022, the city of Paris, in coordination with the French Ministry of Armed Forces, hosted the “Solidarity of the Ukrainian people” conference.⁶² Co-chaired by President Macron and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, 46 states and 24 international organisations participated in the event. EUR1 billion were raised by the end of the conference to support the Ukrainian people over the winter. EUR415 million was earmarked for the energy sector, followed by EUR25 million for water, EUR38 million for food, EUR22 million for transportation and EUR17 million for health.

On 16 December 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery extended Decree No. 2022-1575 until December 2023.⁶³ The decree offers assistance to businesses who are disproportionately impacted by the economic and financial repercussions of the conflict in Ukraine due to rising power or gas supply costs, system reinforcement, and simplification.

On 19 January 2023, France and Germany issued a joint declaration, pledging their steadfast support for Ukraine in all possible areas and committing to stand by the country for as long as necessary on the 60th anniversary of their friendship treaty.⁶⁴ The two countries also promised to work collaboratively to build a more resilient, sustainable, and independent European Union. They acknowledged that despite differences on issues such as defense, energy, and economics, they would strive to overcome them to achieve their shared goals.

On 23 February 2023, G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.⁶⁵ France will work to stabilize global markets, meet exchange rate commitments, address market vulnerabilities, and minimize economic costs of the war on low-income countries. France will also continue to aid Ukraine in the repair of critical infrastructure damaged by the war and enforce economic sanctions on individuals and entities supporting the Russian invasion.

On 24 February 2023, G7 Leaders held a summit with guest Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express their enduring support for Ukraine on the one-year anniversary of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.⁶⁶ They also committed to escalating the consequences for Russia and its supporters, as well as countering the harmful effects of the conflict on vulnerable communities worldwide.

⁶¹ Questions and Answers: G7 agrees oil price cap to reduce Russia’s revenues, while keeping global energy markets stable, European Commission (Brussels) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 9 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/QANDA_22_7469

⁶² Paris Conference: one billion euros for Ukraine, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/conference-paris-milliard-deuros-lukraine>

⁶³ Decree No. 2022-1575 of December 16, 2022 amending Decree No. 2022-967 of July 1, 2022 instituting aid aimed at offsetting the increase in natural gas and electricity supply costs for companies particularly affected by the economic consequences and finances of the war in Ukraine, Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Recovery (Paris) 17 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 December 2022. <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000046751197>

⁶⁴ France, Germany Renew Alliance Strained amid War in Ukraine, AP NEWS (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-politics-france-government-european-union-germany-a9c9475ec75e58773cac38d2ccb7b4bf>

⁶⁵ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Statement on Russia’s War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

⁶⁶ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

On 30 March 2023, President Macron presented a strategy to conserve water in response to a protracted drought.⁶⁷ Included among these are strategies for sharing, reusing, and conserving water. The plan's 53 separate actions concentrate on preventing leaks, sharing, and reusing water. The President claims that they are directed at "energy, industry, tourism, and recreation," yet everyone will be expected to play a part.

France has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe and immediate economic costs on Russia and stepped up efforts to counter the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts. France has imposed severe economic costs on President Putin's regime. France has raised funds to assist the Ukrainian energy sector and food crisis. Further, France has raised funds to assist in the reconstruction of Ukrainian transportation which is integral for the global trade of wheat.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Antonette De Los Reyes

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

On 15 July 2022, in the Chair's Summary of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting a majority of G20 members condemned the war in Ukraine and affirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine and mitigating the global impacts of the war.⁶⁸ Germany is a member of the G20 and used this platform to renew its commitment.

On 21 July 2022, Germany's state-owned railway, Deutsche Bahn, announced it will start freight train services to carry Ukrainian grain to German ports so it can be brought to market.⁶⁹ Grain exports from Ukraine are less than half pre-war levels, threatening starvation in the Middle East and Africa which rely significantly on Ukrainian grain imports.

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On 9 September 2022, Minister of Finance Sigrid Kaag alongside representatives from Italy, France, Netherlands and Spain announced a joint statement addressing a plan to implement a global effective taxation by 2023.⁷¹ The tax is aimed at corporations to lighten the burden of inflation caused by the global energy crisis.

⁶⁷ Macron Reveals 'Water Sobriety' Plan to Tackle Drought. Euronews (Saine-Savine-Le-Lac), 31 March 2023, Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/03/30/macron-unveils-frances-plan-to-share-reuse-and-save-water-in-the-face-of-drought>

⁶⁸ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023.

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⁶⁹ Germany's Deutsche Bahn plans trains for Ukraine's grain exports, Reuters (London) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/germanys-deutsche-bahn-plans-trains-ukraines-grain-exports-2022-07-21/>

⁷⁰ G7 Finance Minister's Statement on the united response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Berlin) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/g7-finance-ministers-statement-on-the-united-response-to-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine.html>

⁷¹ Statement by the finance ministers of Italy, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain on global minimum effective taxation, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 9 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translation. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/Dichiarazione-dei-ministri-delle-Finanze-di-Italia-Francia-Germania-Olanda-e-Spagna-sulla-tassazione-minima-effettiva-globale/>

On 25 September 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock alongside partner states reiterated the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s “Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Energy.”⁷² The statement comes in light of Russian militarization of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant.

On 29 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a joint condemnation of Russia’s attempt to incorporate various Ukrainian regions through a sham referendum.⁷³ In addition to vowing that the referendum will never be recognized, the G7 Foreign Ministers promised further sanctions and called on the wider international community to condemn Russia’s actions.

On 18 October 2022, Lars Klingbeil, one of the two leaders of Germany’s Social Democratic Party, said that the party’s traditional theme of European security and stability “only with Russia” was wrong.⁷⁴ Klingbeil admitted that the party failed to see Russia’s aggressive intentions, ignored warnings from Eastern Europe, resulting in Germany being placed into a dangerous state of energy dependency.

On 19 October 2022, the German government announced its decision to continue the operation of the nuclear power stations, Emsland, Isar 2 and Neckarwestheim 2 until 15 April 2023 at the latest.⁷⁵ While these plants were scheduled to close sooner, a stress test in September 2022 found a series of measures, including the continued operation of the plants, were necessary to avoid Germany placing undue strain on the international supply of energy and potentially facing energy shortages in the winter.

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On 17 December 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced the opening of Germany’s first floating gas terminal.⁷⁷ The terminal was built in under a year and will supply gas for 50,000 households for a year. Chancellor Scholz stated that the speed at which the terminal was built is unprecedented and represents one of the ways Germany is acting swiftly to reduce its dependence on Russian gas and stabilise the global energy supply.

On 17 January 2023, Germany provided EUR148 million to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.⁷⁸ The funding aims to further support the establishment of resilient and sustainable global agri-food systems in light of the ongoing food crisis sparked by the invasion of Ukraine.

On 19 January 2023, Germany and France issued a joint declaration, pledging their steadfast support for Ukraine in all possible areas and committing to stand by the country for as long as necessary on the 60th

⁷² Joint Statement: High-level meeting on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/joint-statement-high-level-meeting-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts.html>

⁷³ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

⁷⁴ ‘We failed’ on Russia: Top German Social Democrat offers mea culpa, Politico (Washington D.C.) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022. <https://www.politico.eu/article/we-failed-germany-depended-on-russia-social-democrat-said/>

⁷⁵ Energy Supply Security is Key, German Federal Government (Berlin) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/nuclear-power-continued-operation-2135918>

⁷⁶ Russian oil: EU agrees on level of price cap, European Council (Brussels) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/03/russian-oil-eu-agrees-on-level-of-price-cap/>

⁷⁷ Breakneck LNG build-out shows Germany can move fast, Scholz says, Reuters (Wilhelmshaven) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/breakneck-lng-build-out-shows-germany-can-move-fast-scholz-says-2022-12-17/>

⁷⁸ Germany announces additional EUR 148 million contribution to Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (Berlin) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.gafsfund.org/news/germany-announces-additional-eur-148-million-contribution-global-agriculture-and-food-security>

anniversary of their friendship treaty.⁷⁹ The two countries also promised to work collaboratively to build a more resilient, sustainable, and independent European Union. They acknowledged that despite differences on issues such as defense, energy, and economics, they would strive to overcome them to achieve their shared goals.

On 21 February 2023, Deputy Chancellor Robert Habeck announced Germany's intention to push for added proposals to be incorporated into the EU's 11th sanction package against Russia.⁸⁰ Included amongst the proposals is the threat of criminal prosecution for those who make false export declarations to bypass sanction measures.

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Germany has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on President Putin's regime and address the war's international impacts. Germany has instituted strong sanctions on those close to President Putin and on the Russian economy, and has extended nuclear power plant operations in hopes of alleviating regional energy crises. Furthermore, Germany has committed funds alongside European partners to combat the food crisis in Ukraine and across the world. Additionally, Germany has launched freight train services to assist in the transport of goods in hopes of maintaining the resilience of the global economy.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nathan Feltmate

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

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⁷⁹ France, Germany Renew Alliance Strained amid War in Ukraine, AP NEWS, 22 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

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⁸⁰ Germany to crack down on companies evading Russia sanctions, Financial Times (Berlin) February 23 2023. Access Date: March 24 2023. <https://www.ft.com/content/6489d5a4-9c66-40be-bd3b-55b31e94542f>

⁸¹ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

⁸² G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

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On 2 September 2022, Italy alongside other G7 members committed to imposing a price cap on the purchase of Russian crude oil and petroleum products globally.⁸⁴ The price cap seeks to mitigate increasing energy prices and their negative impacts on “low and middle-income countries.”

On 9 September 2022, Minister of the Economy and Finance Daniele Franco released a joint statement alongside representatives from Spain, Netherlands, Germany and France.⁸⁵ The statement outlines the shared aim to implement a global minimum effective taxation in 2023, which will force companies to share the burden of inflation felt by individuals worldwide that has been compounded by the energy crisis and Russian war.

On 16 September 2022, Minister of Agricultural, Food, and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli commissioned the Aid Decree to counteract the high prices of diesel and petrol caused by the war in Ukraine.⁸⁶ The decree provides a tax credit at the rate of 40 per cent for high-energy level consumers and 30 per cent who use over four and a half kW. Agricultural, fishing, and agro-mechanical companies are also able to utilize the tax credit for 20 per cent compensation of fuel expenses.

On 25 September 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Luigi Di Maio alongside France, Germany, the UK, Ukraine, South Korea, Switzerland, the US and EU, reiterated the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s “Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Energy.”⁸⁷ The statement comes in light of Russian militarization of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant.

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On 19 October 2022, Minister of Agricultural, Food, and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli signed a decree which allocated EUR25 million to develop and support the fishing, aquaculture, and agricultural sectors.⁸⁹ This scheme is meant to mitigate the impacts of the rising energy prices on the horticultural sector due to the Russian war on Ukraine.

On 25 October 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed the administration’s support of Ukraine in the war against Russia, in order to uphold Ukraine’s sovereignty and advance Italy’s national interests.⁹⁰ Prime Minister Meloni called for a common international response to rising gas and energy prices caused by President Putin’s war, arguing that individual national policies can undermine the competitiveness of internal markets. Prime Minister Meloni asserted that Italy’s priority is to lower prices and diversify sources of energy. The gas

⁸⁴ G7 Finance Ministers Statement on the united response to Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Berlin) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/g7-finance-ministers-statement-on-the-united-response-to-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine.html>

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⁸⁸ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

⁸⁹ Decree signed for 25 million euros in favor of companies in the horticultural sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry (Rome) 19 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/florovivaismo>

⁹⁰ The programmatic statements of the Meloni government, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 25 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 October 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/le-dichiarazioni-programmatiche-del-governo-meloni/20770>

fields in Italy's seas and the renewable energy found in the South of the country were identified as potential sources. The President also announced that the labor tax burden on families and firms would be reduced while the flat tax would be extended to cover income up to EUR100,000 annually in an effort to bolster economic stability.

On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Meloni had a phone call with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky.⁹¹ During this conversation, she reaffirmed Italy's full support for Ukraine to be continued through diplomatic efforts to end Russia's war. Prime Minister Meloni shared her hope that a food crisis will be averted through a renewed agreement on the exportation of grain from Ukrainian ports.

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On 6 December 2022, the Italian Cooperation transported and delivered 9 tonnes of humanitarian supplies such as winter tents, stoves, and blankets, to Chernivtsi for the Ukrainian population.⁹³ The supplies look to address the needs of Ukrainians in the coming winter in light of the ongoing energy crisis.

On 13 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni delivered an address to the Chamber of Deputies before the European Council meeting.⁹⁴ The address reaffirmed Italy's intention to continue supporting Ukraine through foreign policy, diplomacy, and aid.

On 15 February 2023, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani reaffirmed Italy's full support of Ukraine's resistance to Russia and defence of its independence.⁹⁵ The Minister also affirmed that Italy will support efforts towards peace and will continue to impose sanctions against supporters of the Russian regime.

On 22 February 2023, Italy's ambassador to Ukraine Pierfrancesco Zazo discussed Prime Minister Meloni's recent visit to Kyiv, which was used as an opportunity to reaffirm Italy's continued support of Ukraine and for humanitarian efforts in the region.⁹⁶ The Ambassador also provided insight on the recently announced Conference on Reconstruction, which will discuss Italy's role as a large economy in helping Ukraine rebuild.

⁹¹ Phone call between President of the Council of Ministers Giorgia Meloni and President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 28 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/phone-call-between-president-council-ministers-giorgia-meloni-and-president-ukraine>

⁹² Russian oil: EU agrees on level of price cap, European Council (Brussels) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/03/russian-oil-eu-agrees-on-level-of-price-cap/>

⁹³ Ukraine. New supply of humanitarian goods for the vulnerable population by the Italian Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 6 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/12/ucraina-nuova-fornitura-di-beni-umanitari-a-favore-della-popolazione-vulnerabile-da-parte-della-cooperazione-italiana/

⁹⁴ President Meloni's address to the Chamber of Deputies ahead of the European Council meeting on 15 December, The President of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-address-chamber-deputies-ahead-european-council-meeting-15-december>

⁹⁵ Tajani: "Weapons and sanctions, Italy remains at Kiev's side, but for now no new decrees", Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, (Rome) 15 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/interviste/2023/02/tajani-armi-e-sanzioni-litalia-resta-al-fianco-di-kiev-ma-per-ora-no-a-nuovi-decreti-la-repubblica/

⁹⁶ Ukraine, Ambassador Zazo: "Kiev appreciates Prime Minister Meloni's continuous support" (Adnkronos), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2023/02/ucraina-ambasciatore-zazo-kiev-apprezza-continuita-sostegno-meloni-adnkronos/

Italy will continue to push for the integration of Ukraine into the EU and urges Ukraine to reform rules of law and tackle corruption to serve as a favourable place of investment for Italian companies.

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On 24 February 2023, G7 Leaders held a summit with guest Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express their enduring support for Ukraine on the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.⁹⁸ They also committed to escalating the consequences for Russia and its supporters, as well as countering the harmful effects of the conflict on vulnerable communities worldwide.

On 8 March 2023, the Italian Trade Agency implemented an alert system for donations from multilateral development banks, the United Nations, and international institutions for repairs and aid for Ukraine.⁹⁹ This action is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation working Group on Multilateral Development Banks.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to impose economic costs on Russia and to counter the regional and global impacts of the war in Ukraine. Also, Italy has introduced measures to strengthen its national agricultural sector, soften the impacts of rising energy prices, and reduce tax burdens on its citizens. Further, alongside its European partners, Italy has imposed severe and immediate costs on President Putin's regime.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alannah McMillan

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

On 5 July 2022, Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Koichi Hagiuda announced the formation of the GX Implementation Council, seeking to develop policies to ensure Japan is climate neutral.¹⁰⁰ This comes as a direct response to the volatility of the oil supply following the Russian invasion of Ukraine and seeks to dramatically reduce Japan's reliance on oil.

On 5 July 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced USD200 million that would be used to address ongoing global food insecurity, which has been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine.¹⁰¹ The financial assistance

⁹⁷ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

⁹⁸ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

⁹⁹ Ukraine Tenders – Multilateral Tenders for the Ukraine Emergency, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 8 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2023/03/tender-ukraine-bandi-di-gara-multilaterali-per-lemergenza-ucraina/

¹⁰⁰ Press Conference by Minister Hagiuda (Excerpt), Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Tokyo) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2022/0705001.html

¹⁰¹ Response to the Global Food Security affected by the Situation in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000304.html

would be given to various non-governmental organizations and agencies to ensure its global deployment, while the Ministry vowed to continue aiding the international community.

On 12 July 2022, the Ministry of Finance issued a joint statement with the US Treasury Department where they both reiterated their support for Ukraine during the war and committed to continue supporting the country in any way they could.¹⁰² Additionally, they addressed the global impacts of the war and remained committed to tackling them while also calling on various international actors to do the same.

On 15 July 2022, in the Chair's Summary of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting a majority of G20 members condemned the war in Ukraine and affirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine and mitigating the global impacts of the war.¹⁰³ Japan is a member of the G20 and used this platform to renew its commitment.

On 20 July 2022, the Ministry of Finance issued a statement alongside the Group of Creditors of Ukraine to suspend debt service due from August 2022 to mid-2023.¹⁰⁴ This suspension seeks to help alleviate the economic pressure placed on Ukraine due to the war.

On 23 July 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement welcoming the multilateral agreement to resume grain export from Ukraine via the Black Sea.¹⁰⁵ Japan renewed its commitment to combat food insecurity and recognized this significant step towards addressing the food crisis.

On 23 August 2022, Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi announced Japan's intent to follow G7 partners in maintaining and furthering sanctions on the Russian regime.¹⁰⁶ The announcement looks to build upon pre-existing freezing of Russian assets and exclusion of major Russian lenders from SWIFT.

On 1 September 2022, G7 Finance Ministers released a statement which announced the creation and implementation of a comprehensive price cap on Russian oil through maritime transport.¹⁰⁷ This price cap would further damage the Russian oil sector and potential revenue, while ensuring that vulnerable countries still have access to energy.

On 15 September 2022, Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Yasutoshi Nishimura attended the G7 Trade Ministers' Meeting where he announced that the Japan External Trade Organization has established a support team to increase exports and boost Ukraine's information technology sector.¹⁰⁸ Additionally, Minister Nishimura emphasized the importance of rebuilding Ukraine's agricultural sector and reaffirmed Japan's commitment to help.

¹⁰² Japan-U.S. Finance Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023.

https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/bilateral_meetings_between_finance_ministers/20220712.pdf

¹⁰³ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023.

https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

¹⁰⁴ Group of Creditors of Ukraine Statement, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023.

https://www.mof.go.jp/policy/international_policy/economic_assistance/others/ukraine_saimu_20220720_en.pdf

¹⁰⁵ Agreement among the United Nations, Turkey, Ukraine and Russia to resume grain export from Ukraine through the Black Sea (Statement by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 23 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000311.html

¹⁰⁶ Japan to maintain sanctions on Russia as Ukraine War drags on, Kyodo News (Tokyo) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 8 January 2023. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2022/08/eb0550007421-urgent-japan-says-to-keep-russia-sanctions-in-place-amid-ukraine-war.html>

¹⁰⁷ G7 Finance Ministers' Statement on the united response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g7/g7_20220902.pdf

¹⁰⁸ Minister Nishimura Visits Germany, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Neuhardenberg) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0915_003.html

On 29 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a joint condemnation of Russia's attempt to incorporate various Ukrainian regions through a sham referendum.¹⁰⁹ In addition to vowing that the referendum will never be recognized, the G7 Foreign Ministers promised further sanctions and called on the wider international community to condemn Russia's actions.

On 22 November 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the extension of the Emergency Aid Grant of USD2.57 million to support winterization efforts in Ukraine.¹¹⁰ This grant would help provide lanterns, generators, and other support for the electric power sector.

On 22 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs deployed 25 generators to Ukraine.¹¹¹ These generators will provide much needed support to the people of Ukraine and ensure that Ukraine has stable access to water and heating.

On 23 February 2023, G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.¹¹² Japan will work to stabilize global markets, meet exchange rate commitments, address market vulnerabilities, and minimize economic costs of the war on low-income countries. Japan will also continue to aid Ukraine in the repair of critical infrastructure damaged by the war and enforce economic sanctions on individuals and entities supporting the Russian invasion.

On 24 February 2023, G7 Leaders held a summit with guest Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express their enduring support for Ukraine on the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.¹¹³ They also committed to escalating the consequences for Russia and its supporters, as well as countering the harmful effects of the conflict on vulnerable communities worldwide.

On 2 April 2023, Japan began buying Russian oil at prices 16 per cent above the price cap imposed by G7 members.¹¹⁴ An exception to the agreement, Japan cited its energy needs and security regarding natural gas usage would have to be fulfilled by this purchase.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on President Putin's regime and address the war's international impacts. Japan has instituted strong sanctions on those close to President Putin and on the Russian economy. However, Japan is also the first member to have broken the G7 members' agreement to impose a price cap on Russian oil. Moreover, Japan helped facilitate a multilateral agreement which helped Ukrainian wheat exports critical to combating the global food crisis and economic downturn. Further, Japan announced initiatives which seek to limit Japanese dependence on oil in favour of other, more sustainable energy sources.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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¹⁰⁹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

¹¹⁰ Emergency Grant Aid for winterization assistance in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003183.html

¹¹¹ Provision of Generators to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000525.html

¹¹² G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

¹¹³ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

¹¹⁴ Japan Breaks with U.S. Allies, Buys Russian Oil at Prices Above Cap, Wall Street Journal (New York) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 23 April 2023. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/japan-breaks-with-u-s-allies-buys-russian-oil-at-prices-above-cap-1395accb>

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

On 29 June 2022, a UK government spokesperson announced new sanctions targeting President Putin's inner circle.¹¹⁵ Those sanctioned included Russia's second richest man, Vladimir Potanin, and the President of the Russian coal mining company JSC Kolmar Group, Anna Tsivileva. Along with sanctions on individuals, the UK implemented new measures to restrict Russian access to the UK trust services sectors.

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On 26 July 2022, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss announced new sanctions on Russian officials supporting Putin's proxy administrations in Ukraine.¹¹⁷ Those sanctioned included officials of the secessionist Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, 29 regional governors throughout Russia and Russian Minister of Justice Konstanin Chuychenko.

On 25 August 2022, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps signed a pact with Ukraine's Minister of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov, committing to support Ukraine's efforts to rebuild its war damaged infrastructure, with a focus on infrastructure critical to the export of grain.¹¹⁸ The agreement included a pledge by the United Kingdom to send engineering experts to Ukraine and purchase equipment necessary to repair runways, reconstruct ports and repair bridges damaged by the war. This would support the United Nations Black Sea Grain Initiative which allows for the passage of Ukrainian grain and food exports through protected shipping corridors.

On 2 September 2022, the United Kingdom alongside other G7 members committed to imposing a price cap on the purchase of Russian crude oil and petroleum products globally.¹¹⁹ The price cap seeks to mitigate increasing energy prices and their negative impacts on "low and middle-income countries."

On 25 September 2022, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly alongside partner states reiterated the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency's "Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Energy."¹²⁰ The statement comes in light of Russian militarization of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant.

¹¹⁵ UK sanctions Russia's second richest man, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-russias-second-richest-man>

¹¹⁶ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

¹¹⁷ UK sanctions Russian officials propping up Putin's proxy administrations in Ukraine, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-russian-officials-propping-up-putins-proxy-administrations-in-ukraine>

¹¹⁸ New UK-Ukraine transport partnership to rebuild war-torn infrastructure, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-ukraine-transport-partnership-to-rebuild-war-torn-infrastructure>

¹¹⁹ G7 Finance Ministers Statement on the united response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Berlin) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/g7-finance-ministers-statement-on-the-united-response-to-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine.html>

¹²⁰ Joint Statement: High-level meeting on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/joint-statement-high-level-meeting-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts.html>

On 26 July 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List, which provides “details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act.”¹²¹ The new list included the sanction of Russian Minister of Justice Konstantin Chuychenko and Deputy Minister of Justice Oleg Sviridenko. The act was a response to their “suppression of Russian society after introducing further legal measures targeting those speaking out against the war.” In addition, 29 regional governors from Russia were sanctioned due to their role in transferring funds to the so-called “Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics” under directions by the Kremlin, which aimed to facilitate Russia’s occupation of Ukraine.

On 30 September 2022, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announced new sanctions on Putin’s regime to target Russia’s economic vulnerabilities in response to the annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia.¹²² The action included banning the export of almost 700 goods critical to Russian technological capabilities and preventing Russia from accessing services they are highly dependent on western countries for including information technology consultancy, architectural, engineering, advertising, transactional legal advisory and auditing services.

On 31 October 2022, United Nations Ambassador Barbara Woodward gave a statement to the Security Council on the importance of continuing the Black Sea Grain Initiative amidst Russia’s temporary suspension of the initiative.¹²³ The Ambassador noted how 60 per cent of the wheat exported under the program went to low and middle-income countries, preventing 100 million people from falling into extreme poverty. Ambassador Woodward concluded her statement by urging Russia to permit the flow of grain to avoid an unprecedented wave of famine.

On 2 November 2022, Foreign Secretary Cleverly announced sanctions on four oligarchs who have supported the mobilisation of the extractive, transportation, and construction industry towards Putin’s war efforts.¹²⁴ The four oligarchs targeted by the sanctions have significant assets in the UK and a combined net worth estimated to be in excess of EUR7 billion. The sanctions include travel bans, asset freezes and transport restrictions.

On 30 November 2022, Foreign Secretary Cleverly announced a new package of sanctions targeting Russian officials who have promoted and enforced the conscription of civilians to fight President Putin’s illegal war in Ukraine.¹²⁵ Those sanctioned include Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Denis Valentinovich Manturov, Russian governors from regions that have been significant sources for conscripts, and the Director of the Federal Penitentiary Service, Arkaday Gostev.

On 13 December 2022, Foreign Secretary Cleverly announced a new package of sanctions targeting individuals responsible for the continued Russian attacks on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure.¹²⁶ Those targeted include senior Russian officials and commanders of military units involved in the missile strikes.

¹²¹ Sanctions against Russia, House of Commons Library (London) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9481/CBP-9481.pdf>

¹²² Sanctions in response to Putin’s illegal annexation of Ukrainian regions, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sanctions-in-response-to-putins-illegal-annexation-of-ukrainian-regions>

¹²³ Ending the Black Sea Grain Initiative would unleash an “unprecedented wave of hunger and destitution”: UK statement to the UN Security Council, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/ending-the-grain-initiative-would-unleash-an-unprecedented-wave-of-hunger-and-destitution>

¹²⁴ UK sanctions Russian steel and petrochemical tycoon funding Putin’s war, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 3 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-russian-steel-and-petrochemical-tycoons-funding-putins-war>

¹²⁵ UK sanctions Russian officials behind conscription, mobilisation and criminal mercenaries, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 7 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-russian-officials-behind-conscription-mobilisation-and-criminal-mercenaries>

¹²⁶ New UK sanctions target senior Russian commanders following strikes on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 14 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-senior-russian-commanders-following-strikes-on-ukrainian-civilian-infrastructure>

On 24 February 2023, Foreign Secretary Cleverly announced a new package of internationally coordinated sanctions, banning the export of every item used by Russia in the battlefield thus far.¹²⁷ Amongst items included are aircraft parts, radio equipment, and electronic components.

On 8 February 2023, Foreign Secretary Cleverly announced further sanctions on Russian elites and military officials.¹²⁸ The sanctions look to undermine Russian financial networks based abroad as well as equipment used to produce Russian drones.

On 23 February 2023, G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.¹²⁹ The UK will work to stabilize global markets, meet exchange rate commitments, address market vulnerabilities, and minimize economic costs of the war on low-income countries. The UK will also continue to aid Ukraine in the repair of critical infrastructure damaged by the war and enforce economic sanctions on individuals and entities supporting the Russian invasion.

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The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on President Putin's regime and address the war's international impacts. The United Kingdom has implemented strong economic consequences that have severely impacted the Russian economy. The UK provided support for the reconstruction of Ukrainian wheat exports which are important for combating the global food crisis and economic downturn. Further, the UK has imposed price caps on Russian oil in hopes of securing global energy.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nathan Feltmate

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's adverse and harmful regional and global impacts.

On 28 June 2022, the Department of the Treasury banned imports of Russian gold and placed further sanctions on 70 Russian entities and 29 Russian individuals.¹³¹ The sanctions look to hinder Russian weapon development and deployment capabilities.

¹²⁷ New sanctions ban every item Russia is using on the battlefield, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sanctions-ban-every-item-russia-is-using-on-the-battlefield>

¹²⁸ New sanctions target Putin's war machine and financial networks as UK accelerates economic pressure on Russia, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 17 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sanctions-target-putins-war-machine-and-financial-networks-as-uk-accelerates-economic-pressure-on-russia>

¹²⁹ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

¹³⁰ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

¹³¹ U.S. Treasury Sanctions Nearly 100 Targets in Putin's War Machine, Prohibits Russian Gold Imports, US Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0838>

On 29 June 2022, the Department of the Treasury's Russian Elites, Proxies, and Oligarchs Task Force froze over USD30 billion of Russian assets.¹³² Alongside sanctioned assets, Russian access to technologies used to further its war in Ukraine has been further restricted.

On 9 July 2022, US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken announced an additional USD368 million in support of Ukrainian humanitarian assistance.¹³³ This includes assistance for communities in Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugee-hosting countries. In cooperation with UNICEF, this aid was used to help deliver health supplies, food, shelter, and water.

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On 18 July 2022, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced an additional USD243 million of aid to Ukraine after a meeting with First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska.¹³⁵ This aid will be used for ongoing support in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the water sanitation and hygiene program.

On 2 August 2022, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control imposed a number of sanctions on individuals with close ties to President Putin.¹³⁶ Among targeted individuals are Andrey Guryev, a former member of the Russian government and Victor Rashnikov, a businessperson and chair of one of the world's largest steel producers.

On 16 August 2022, USAID provided USD68 million to the WFP to assist in the purchasing and storing of Ukrainian wheat in response to the Ukrainian wheat crisis.¹³⁷ This package included the shipment and storage of 150,000 metric tons of wheat in the Ukraine region.

On 2 September 2022, G7 Finance Ministers agreed to finalize and implement a price cap on petroleum products.¹³⁸ This price cap would restrict the maritime transportation of Russian Oil, thereby limiting the revenue Russia could generate from the oil industry. Additionally, the conditions of this price cap would ensure that the global market and other Russian dependent countries would not be adversely impacted.

On 15 September 2022, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security imposed further sanctions on materials that could be used for military purposes in the Russian and Belarusian armies in an

¹³² Russian Elites, Proxies, and Oligarchs Task Force Joint Statement, US Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0839>

¹³³ Ukraine – Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #23, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-complex-emergency-fact-sheet-23-fiscal-year-fy-2022>

¹³⁴ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

¹³⁵ Ukraine – Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #24, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/2022-07-27_USG_Ukraine_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_24.pdf

¹³⁶ Treasury Sanctions Elites and Companies in Economic Sectors that Generate Substantial Revenue for the Russian Regime, US Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0905>

¹³⁷ The United States Supporting The UN World Food Program to Purchase up to 150,000 Metric Tons of Ukrainian Wheat, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-16-2022-united-states-supporting-un-world-food-program-to-purchase-ukrainian-wheat>

¹³⁸ Updates Related to Price Cap on Russian Oil, US Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/recent-actions/20220902_33

attempt to deprive them of the resources needed to sustain a war of attrition with Ukraine.¹³⁹ In particular, sanctions were extended to items that could be used to develop biological and chemical weapons alongside dual-use technologies that could be used to develop quantum computing related-hardware.

On 30 September 2022, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctioned 14 key members of Russia's military industrial complex, adding them to the Entity List of US export controls.¹⁴⁰ This is in addition to the sanctioning of 278 members of Russia's legislature in response to Russian attempts to organize a false referendum in Ukraine to gain sovereign access to Ukrainian territory.

On 8 November 2022, US Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield announced USD25 million in funding for the International Organization for Migration for winterization following Russian attacks on civilian energy infrastructure in Ukraine. This action includes funding for including power generators and radiators as well as humanitarian aid, shelter support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services to nearly 75,000 vulnerable households, particularly those located in areas of eastern Ukraine.¹⁴¹

On 21 November 2022, USAID announced that it would provide an additional USD20 million in humanitarian funding to the WFP as part of the Grain From Ukraine initiative, in response to rising global food insecurity.¹⁴² The initiative looks to provide food for those who have been adversely affected as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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On 24 March 2023, President Joe Biden and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a joint statement to reaffirm each country's commitment to making life more affordable, creating middle class jobs, growing the

¹³⁹ Commerce Takes Further Actions to Expand and Tighten U.S. Export Controls on Russia and Belarus, Bureau of Industry and Security (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/about-bis/newsroom/press-releases/3135-2022-09-15-bis-press-release-further-expansion-and-tightening-of-russia-belarus-export-controls/file>

¹⁴⁰ Treasury Imposes Swift and Severe Costs on Russia for Putin's Purported Annexation of Regions of Ukraine, US Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0981>

¹⁴¹ Ukraine – Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #2, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/2022-11-08_USG_Ukraine_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf

¹⁴² The United States Announces Additional Funding to Deliver Ukrainian Grain to the World's Most Vulnerable, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/united-states-announces-additional-funding-deliver-ukrainian-grain-worlds-most-vulnerable>

¹⁴³ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

¹⁴⁴ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

clean economy, tackling climate change, and upholding security and democracy globally.¹⁴⁵ Both Canada and the United States are dedicated to protecting the democratic values and the international, rules-based order threatened by the war between Russia and Ukraine, and reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continue to impose severe and immediate economic costs on President Putin's regime, increasing its efforts to counter the harmful regional and global impacts of Putin's unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine and helping to secure global energy and food security and stabilise economic recovery. The US has imposed varying sanctions targeting individuals and industries linked with President Putin's war. Further, the US has funded projects which look to alleviate the food crisis and stabilize economic recovery. Also, the US has followed its global partners in imposing price caps on Russia oil in order to combat the global energy crisis.

Thus the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Simren Sharma

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime and address the war's international impacts.

On 23 June 2022, the Council of the European Union demonstrated its support for the defense of Ukraine against Russian aggression through a commitment to provide military support and macro-financial assistance.¹⁴⁶ The Council further recognized Ukraine as a European state through declaring it a candidate country for membership to the European Union alongside the Republic of Moldova. The Council announced a plan to enact additional sanctions against Russia in support of ameliorating Ukraine's financial and military situation. This action demonstrates the EU's commitment to aiding Ukraine on all fronts necessary for as long as it takes.

On 30 June 2022, the Council of the European Union requested from the European Parliament the designation of sanction violation as a recognized crime.¹⁴⁷ This action was requested primarily to support the existing EU sanctions against Russia in the face of the state's aggression campaign against Ukraine. The Council reiterated that the context of the Russian-Ukrainian war makes these adjustments essential and necessitates that they be implemented in a rapid manner.

On 15 July 2022, members of the G20 released the Chair's Summary of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, which saw a majority of G20 members condemn the war in Ukraine and affirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine and mitigating the global impacts of the war.¹⁴⁸ The EU is a member of the G20 and used this platform to renew its commitment.

¹⁴⁵ Working with the United States to grow our clean economies and create good, middle-class jobs on both sides of our border, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Ottawa) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/24/working-united-states-grow-our-clean-economies-and-create-good-middle>

¹⁴⁶ European Council conclusions on Ukraine, the membership applications of Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, Western Balkans and external relations, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/23/european-council-conclusions-on-ukraine-the-membership-applications-of-ukraine-the-republic-of-moldova-and-georgia-western-balkans-and-external-relations-23-june-2022/>

¹⁴⁷ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

¹⁴⁸ G20 Chair's Summary, Ministry of Finance (Bali) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/g20/g20_20220716-2.pdf

On 21 July 2022, the European Council adopted “maintenance and alignment” measures intended to perfect the implementation and strengthen the effectiveness of existing economic sanctions against Russia.¹⁴⁹ This package introduced new restrictions on Russian imports, reinforced export controls of dual use goods and expanded the list of sanctioned Russian individuals and entities, freezing their assets within the EU.

On 26 July 2022, the EU renewed its economic sanctions for another six months, until 31 January 2023.¹⁵⁰ These sanctions are related to finance, energy, technology, dual-use goods, industry, transport, and luxury goods.

On 9 September 2022, the Council of the European Union suspended the visa facilitation agreement it had with Russia.¹⁵¹ This suspension was to be adopted on 12 September 2022, resulting in a price increase of EUR45 for Russians who apply for a visa within the EU and a raise in the restrictions on receiving visas and processing times.

On 14 September 2022, the European Council decided to prolong sanctions targeting individuals identified as responsible for threatening the sovereignty of Ukraine for another six months, until 15 March 2023.¹⁵² These sanctions are related to travel and finances for 1206 individuals and 108 entities.

On 24 September 2022, the European Commission approved the allocation of EUR600 million from the European Development Fund to help alleviate the global food crisis, aggravated by Russia’s invasion, in vulnerable countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific.¹⁵³ The war in Ukraine has negatively impacted food security for millions of people, increasing costs throughout the food supply chain, destabilising the agricultural markets, and disrupting trade flows to and from Ukraine and Russia. The funding seeks to provide immediate access to food aid, food production and improve the resilience of food systems.

On 25 September 2022, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Barrell alongside partner states reiterated the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s “Seven Indispensable Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Energy.”¹⁵⁴ The statement comes in light of Russian militarization of the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant.

¹⁴⁹ Russia’s aggression against Ukraine: EU adopts “maintenance and alignment” package, European Council (Brussels) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/21/russia-s-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-maintenance-and-alignment-package/>

¹⁵⁰ Russia: EU renews economic sanctions over Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine for further six months, European Council (Brussels) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/26/russia-renews-economic-sanctions-over-russia-s-military-aggression-against-ukraine-for-further-six-months/>

¹⁵¹ Timeline – EU response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

¹⁵² Russian aggression against Ukraine: EU individual sanctions over territorial integrity prolonged for a further six months, European Council (Brussels) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/14/russian-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-individual-sanctions-over-territorial-integrity-prolonged-for-a-further-six-months/>

¹⁵³ Food security: EU allocates funds to the most vulnerable African, Caribbean and Pacific countries hit by food crisis, European Commission (Brussels) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/food-security-eu-allocates-funds-most-vulnerable-african-caribbean-and-pacific-countries-hit-food-2022-09-24_en

¹⁵⁴ Joint Statement: High-level meeting on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/joint-statement-high-level-meeting-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts.html>

On 30 September 2022, EU Energy Ministers agreed on a proposal for a Council Regulation to reduce high energy prices.¹⁵⁵ The regulation provides measures to reallocate the energy sector's surpluses to European citizens and industry, as well as reduce electricity demand.

On 6 October 2022, the EU adopted additional sanctions against Russia.¹⁵⁶ Among included sanctions are a price cap for the maritime transport of Russian oil to third countries, restrictions to additional items which may contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement and further restrictions on trade.

On 6 October 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted an eighth set of sanctions targeting products and individuals which are furthering the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁵⁷ These penalties target military leaders, propagandists, and those who conduct illegal referendums. The European Union is now prohibited from importing certain Russian exports under new sectoral restrictions, including steel and chemicals worth EUR7 billion. Additionally, they forbid the export of goods from the European Union to Russia that are strategically important to Russian industry, particularly defence, such as coal, electronic components and aviation parts.

On 18 October 2022, the European Commission proposed a new emergency regulation targeting rising gas prices and supply security during the winter.¹⁵⁸ The regulation aims to achieve these goals "through joint gas purchasing, price limiting mechanisms on the Title Transfer Facility gas exchange, new measures on transparent infrastructure use, solidarity between Member States, and continuous efforts to reduce gas demand." These measures seek to provide stability to the energy market and allow countries to prepare for the winter. With this regulation, the European Commission emphasized the importance of international cooperation in effectively tackling the current energy crisis.

On 21 October 2022, the European Council called for the acceleration of existing measures related to the energy crisis.¹⁵⁹ EU leaders also stressed the need for concrete decisions from the Council and Commission on additional measures regarding energy demand and supply. These additional measures include voluntary joint purchases of gas, an updated price benchmark, improvements to energy market functions, and other measures to save energy and control gas consumption.

On 28 November 2022, the European Council moved to include the violation of restrictive measures or sanctions in the list of 'EU crimes' in the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.¹⁶⁰ This decision will help to regulate the enforcement of sanctions and deter the violation of restrictive measures throughout the EU.

¹⁵⁵ Council agrees on emergency measures to reduce energy prices, European Council (Brussels) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/30/council-agrees-on-emergency-measures-to-reduce-energy-prices/>

¹⁵⁶ EU adopts its latest package of sanctions against Russia over the illegal annexation of Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, European Council (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/06/eu-adopts-its-latest-package-of-sanctions-against-russia-over-the-illegal-annexation-of-ukraine-s-donetsk-luhansk-zaporizhzhia-and-kherson-regions/>

¹⁵⁷ Eu – Adoption of an 8th package of sanctions against those responsible for the Russian aggression in Ukraine, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/russia/news/article/eu-adoption-of-an-8th-package-of-sanctions-against-those-responsible-for-the>

¹⁵⁸ Commission makes additional proposals to fight high energy prices and ensure security of supply, European Commission (Strasbourg) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6225

¹⁵⁹ European Council, 20-21 October 2022, European Council (Brussels) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2022/10/20-21/>

¹⁶⁰ Sanctions: Council adds the violation of restrictive measures to the list of EU crimes, European Council (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/sanctions-council-adds-the-violation-of-restrictive-measures-to-the-list-of-eu-crimes/>

On 3 December 2022, the European Council set a price cap of USD60 per barrel on oil from Russia.¹⁶¹ The price cap is applicable as of 5 December 2022 and will help stabilise global energy prices and market conditions while limiting price surges. Additionally, the price cap seeks to greatly reduce Russian revenues from oil.

On 8 December 2022, the European Council formally decided that they will not recognise or accept Russian travel documents which have been issued in, or for persons in, occupied regions of Ukraine or Georgia.¹⁶² This decision follows Russian attempts to issue international passports within these territories and aims to ensure proper border security and the functioning of common visa policies.

On 10 December 2022, the European Council agreed on a legislative package of EUR18 billion to financially support Ukraine in 2023.¹⁶³ This package aims to support rehabilitation and relief efforts in Ukraine, helping to finance the country's immediate needs as well as their post-war reconstruction.

On 15 December 2022, the European Council discussed the need to intensify humanitarian aid and civil protection assistance through the winter months and encouraged greater support for restoration efforts of Ukraine's critical infrastructure.¹⁶⁴ This Council also reinforced the importance of enforcing restrictive measures and applying collective pressure on Russia to end the war in Ukraine.

On 16 December 2022, the European Council imposed its ninth package of sanctions against Russia. This package contains measures regarding the export of drone engines, dual-use goods and technology, mining investments, and transactions with the Russian Regional Development Bank.¹⁶⁵ Additionally, these sanctions aim to disrupt the Russian Federation's global campaign of disinformation, suspending the broadcasting licenses of four additional Russian outlets.

On 27 January 2023, the European Council extended sanctions against specific sectors of the Russian economy by six months.¹⁶⁶ This includes restrictive measures on trade, finance, technology and dual-use goods, industry, transport and luxury goods as well as the import of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia and the broadcasting activities and licenses of disinformation outlets. These measures will now be in place until 31 July 2023.

On 4 February 2023, the European Council agreed upon and set two price caps for Russian petroleum products.¹⁶⁷ These price caps will apply to any petroleum products which originate in or are exported from Russia. The price cap is USD45 per barrel for petroleum products traded at a discount to crude oil and USD100 per barrel for products traded at a premium to crude oil. The Council will meet every two months to review the price cap mechanism for crude oil.

¹⁶¹ Russian oil: EU agrees on level of price cap, European Council (Brussels) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/03/russian-oil-eu-agrees-on-level-of-price-cap/>

¹⁶² Council adopts decision not to accept Russian documents issued in Ukraine and Georgia, European Council (Brussels) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/08/council-adopts-decision-not-to-accept-russian-documents-issued-in-ukraine-and-georgia/>

¹⁶³ Council adopts €18 billion assistance to Ukraine, European Council (Brussels) 10 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/10/council-adopts-18-billion-assistance-to-ukraine/>

¹⁶⁴ European Council conclusions, 15 December 2022, European Council (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/15/european-council-conclusions-15-december-2022/>

¹⁶⁵ Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: EU adopts 9th package of economic and individual sanctions, European Council (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/16/russia-s-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-9th-package-of-economic-and-individual-sanctions/>

¹⁶⁶ Russia: EU prolongs economic sanctions over Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, European Council (Brussels) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/27/russia-eu-prolongs-economic-sanctions-over-russia-s-military-aggression-against-ukraine/>

¹⁶⁷ EU agrees on level of price caps for Russian petroleum products, European Council (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/04/eu-agrees-on-level-of-price-caps-for-russian-petroleum-products/>

On 20 February 2023, the European Council extended various restrictions on the Ukrainian areas of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson by one year.¹⁶⁸ These areas have either been illegally recognized, occupied or annexed by the Russian Federation and face bans on imports, exports, and certain advisory and consultancy services.

On 23 February 2023, G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.¹⁶⁹ The EU will work to stabilize global markets, meet exchange rate commitments, address market vulnerabilities, and minimize economic costs of the war on low-income countries. The EU will also continue to aid Ukraine in the repair of critical infrastructure damaged by the war and enforce economic sanctions on individuals and entities supporting the Russian invasion.

On 24 February 2023, G7 Leaders held a summit with guest Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express their enduring support for Ukraine on the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.¹⁷⁰ They also committed to escalating the consequences for Russia and its supporters, as well as countering the harmful effects of the conflict on vulnerable communities worldwide.

On 25 February 2023, the European Council adopted an additional sanctions package.¹⁷¹ This package prohibits the export of critical technologies and industrial goods, the import of asphalt and synthetic rubber, the transit of exported dual use goods and technology from the EU through Russia, and the provision of gas storage capacity to Russia. Additionally, the EU barred Russian nationals from acquiring positions in the governing bodies of critical EU infrastructures and entities and implemented new reporting obligations on asset freeze prohibitions. The EU also revoked the broadcasting licenses of RT Arabic and Sputnik Arabic.

On 13 March 2023, the European Council renewed its sanctions against the listed Russian individuals or entities responsible for undermining Ukraine's sovereignty and independence and threatening the country's territorial integrity.¹⁷² This decision will extend all restrictive measures, including the freezing of assets and banning access to economic resources, for another six months, or until 15 September 2023.

The EU has fully complied with its commitment to impose severe economic consequences on President Putin's regime and address the war's international impacts. The EU has instituted strong sanctions on those close to President Putin and on the Russian economy. Through implementing price controls on oil exports, the EU has strived to secure global energy. Also, the EU has dedicated funds to alleviate the impacts of the global food crisis. Further, the EU has provided funds to Ukraine to rebuild its infrastructure and reintegrate it into the global economy.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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¹⁶⁸ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/388, European Council (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/388/oj>

¹⁶⁹ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on Russia's War of Aggression against Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Economy, Department of Finance Canada (Bengaluru) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/02/g7-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors-statement-on-russias-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-and-its-impact-on-the-global-economy.html>

¹⁷⁰ G7 Pledges Ongoing Support for Ukraine, French Embassy in Malta (Paris) 24 February 2023, Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://mt.ambafrance.org/G7-pledges-ongoing-support-for-Ukraine>

¹⁷¹ One year of Russia's full-scale invasion and war of aggression against Ukraine, EU adopts its 10th package of economic and individual sanctions, European Council (Brussels) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/25/one-year-of-russia-s-full-scale-invasion-and-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-its-10th-package-of-economic-and-individual-sanctions/>

¹⁷² Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence: renews individual restrictive measures for six months, European Council (Brussels) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/13/ukraine-s-territorial-integrity-sovereignty-and-independence-eu-renews-individual-restrictive-measures-for-six-months/>

2. Regional Security: Military and Financial Support for Ukraine

“We will continue to provide [military], [financial] support for Ukraine for as long as it takes”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

Since the annexation of Crimea and the invasion of Ukraine’s eastern territories in 2014, Russian military aggression against Ukraine has been steadily escalating.¹⁷³ On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The G7 members condemned this attack as a major violation of international law and committed to providing financial and military aid to support Ukraine in its efforts to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity. This builds on a long-standing commitment by the G7 members to financially support Ukraine in its efforts to reform economically and continue to develop its infrastructure, while also emphasizing the need to provide Ukraine with financial resources and military aid for defensive purposes.¹⁷⁴

At the 1994 Naples Summit, G7 leaders expressed the desire for a stabilized and structurally reformed Ukraine to form the basis of International Monetary Fund (IMF) lending as well as loans by the World Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), valued at up to USD4 billion.¹⁷⁵

At the 1995 Halifax Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their desire for an economically reformed Ukraine to continue international financial support through international financial institutions valued up to USD2 billion, to secure energy production and continued cooperation with Ukraine by the World Bank and EBRD.¹⁷⁶

At the 1996 Lyon Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of economic and political reforms aiming to integrate Ukraine into the global economy as well as continue supporting Ukraine financially through the IMF.¹⁷⁷

At the 1997 Denver Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their desire to see continued economic and political reforms in Ukraine to continue its engagement with the IMF and international investment community.¹⁷⁸

¹⁷³ G7 Leaders’ Statement, G7 Research Group (Brussels) 24 March 2022. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220324-statement.html>

¹⁷⁴ G7 Leaders’ Statement, G7 Research Group (Berlin) 8 May 2022. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220508-statement.html>

¹⁷⁵ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁷⁶ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁷⁷ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁷⁸ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

At the 1998 Birmingham Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their support of economic and political reforms in Ukraine to continue supporting Ukraine financially through the IMF, as well as announcing increased G7 funding for the Shelter Implementation plan.¹⁷⁹

At the 1999 Cologne Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine's financial security in the context of the Shelter Implementation Plan and cooperation with the EBRD.¹⁸⁰

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine's financial security in the context of the Shelter Implementation Plan and cooperation with the EBRD.¹⁸¹

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine's financial security in the context of the final stages of the Shelter Implementation Plan.¹⁸²

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to support Ukraine's financial security in context of the construction of a new safe confinement reactor around the remnants of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor, valued at about USD1 billion dollars. They also committed to the creation of a fund for the G8's Global Partnership priorities, featuring Ukrainian projects.¹⁸³

At the 2006 St. Petersburg Summit, G8 leaders continued the development of its global partnership program with Ukraine as well as reaffirmed its efforts to financially support Ukraine through the Chernobyl Shelter Fund.¹⁸⁴

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G8 leaders decided on the continuation of financial support to Ukraine through its global partnership program as a region with priority projects, both in the realm of innovation and science, as well as nuclear security.¹⁸⁵

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders affirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and condemned Russian violations of international law. The leaders further committed to supporting the work of the IMF in Ukraine, and in conjunction mobilized a total of USD18 billion through bilateral and multilateral assistance.¹⁸⁶ Leaders pledged that working in tandem with Ukrainian authorities, they would ensure the further provision of international assistance for Ukraine, from the IMF, World Bank and EU, would.¹⁸⁷

At the 2015 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and confirmed their policy of non-recognition as relates to the Russian annexation of Crimea. The leaders further committed to supporting Ukraine's continued economic reforms through "coordinated advice and assistance."¹⁸⁸

¹⁷⁹ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸⁰ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸¹ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸² G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸³ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸⁴ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸⁵ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸⁶ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

¹⁸⁷ G8 Communiqué Conclusions on Ukraine, 1975-2014, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 25 March 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/conclusions/ukraine.pdf>

¹⁸⁸ Leaders' Declaration, G7 Summit, 7-8 June 2015, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2015. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en.pdf>

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and confirmed their policy of non-recognition as relates to the Russian annexation of Crimea, whilst calling for a diplomatic solution. The leaders further committed to supporting Ukraine’s comprehensive structural governance and economic reforms through long-term G7 support.¹⁸⁹

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and confirmed their policy of non-recognition of Russian annexation of Crimea. The leaders further committed to their continued support of Ukraine’s comprehensive economic reform agenda.¹⁹⁰

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and continued to call for a diplomatic resolution to the crisis in Ukraine in the Normandy Format. The leaders further committed to their continued support of Ukraine’s comprehensive reform agenda.¹⁹¹

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukrainian sovereignty and confirmed their commitment to the Minsk agreements and negotiations in the Normandy format. The leaders further committed to their continued support of Ukraine’s efforts to strengthen its democratic institutions.¹⁹²

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “continue to provide [military], [financial] support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.”¹⁹³ It therefore has two clear criteria: continuing to provide Ukraine with 1) military assistance and; 2) financial assistance.

“Continue to provide” is understood to mean that actions that have already been taken as part of a similar commitment in the past summits will be repeated or that new actions will be added to the ones that already exist.¹⁹⁴ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the continued provision of military and financial aid for Ukraine.

“Support” is understood to mean aid, assistance, or the backing of an initiative or entity.¹⁹⁵

“Military support” is understood to mean aid given to a country or other entity to help supply its armed forces with military equipment and other resources, usually for the defense of its own territory or other war-related efforts.¹⁹⁶

“Financial support” is understood to mean aid in the form of interest-free loans, grants, or equity investments and can be used interchangeably with phrases like “foreign aid” or “humanitarian assistance.”¹⁹⁷

“For as long as it takes” is understood to mean for the duration of time that is necessary or required to achieve a certain objective. In the context of this commitment, it refers to the amount of time Ukraine requires and

¹⁸⁹ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.pdf>

¹⁹⁰ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/G7-Taormina-Leaders-Communique.pdf>

¹⁹¹ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

¹⁹² Cardis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

¹⁹³ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Executive Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique-summary.html>

¹⁹⁴ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁹⁵ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁹⁶ Military, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/military>

¹⁹⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

requests military and financial support from G7 members and international organizations, which is presumed to mean the duration of Russia's unprovoked war on Ukraine and potentially the recovery time for the country to rebuild its infrastructure and restore its normal functioning. However, the scope of this commitment is limited to the duration of an approximately one-year compliance period.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong action on the international level to provide both military and financial support for Ukraine. Strong actions could include the allocation and transfer of money, personnel, and weapons along with other military equipment to the Armed Forces of Ukraine or to other Ukrainian governmental departments and institutions either directly or via international institutions, and the creation, extension, or expansion of any existing foreign aid packages and programs to help Ukraine defend its territory and restore its infrastructure after the war.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong action to continue providing either military or financial support for Ukraine or less than strong action in both areas. Weak, or less than strong actions, could include verbal reference reaffirmation about the G7 member's continued support for Ukraine, attendance and participation in meetings with other states concerning actions to be taken and the kinds of support programs as well as international information and data sharing.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member does not take any action to continue providing military or financial support for Ukraine during the war. Additionally, if the G7 member has taken action directly against this commitment, such as the withdrawal of funding, this would also be classified as non-compliance.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken any action towards providing military OR financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.
0	The G7 member has taken some action towards providing military AND financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes OR strong action for either criterion.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action towards providing both military AND financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 28 June 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced additional financial support for Ukraine.¹⁹⁸ This support includes CAD75 million towards food, shelter and health services, CAD52 million to expand grain storage, CAD15 million for de-mining efforts, and CAD9.7 million to support accountability of human rights violations.¹⁹⁹ It also includes a CAD200 million loan through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the allocation of CAD73 million in humanitarian assistance.

On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.²⁰⁰ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that

¹⁹⁸ Prime Minister announces additional support for Ukraine and shared priorities at G7 Summit in Germany, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/06/28/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-ukraine-and-shared>

¹⁹⁹ Additional Canadian support for Ukraine announced at 2022 G7 Summit, Office of the Prime Minister of (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2022/06/28/additional-canadian-support-ukraine-announced-2022-g7-summit>

²⁰⁰ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to “step up political and practical support.”²⁰¹ Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.²⁰²

On 30 June 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau and Defence Minister Anita Anand announced at the NATO Summit in Madrid, Spain their continued military support for Ukraine.²⁰³ They confirmed the donation of six additional drone cameras from Ontario and plans to give Ukraine up to 39 armoured combat support vehicles (ACSVs). According to the Department of National Defence, this completes the CAD500 million in military support for Ukraine announced in the 2022 Budget.

On 17 July 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.²⁰⁴ During their conversation, Prime Minister Trudeau affirmed Canada’s support for Ukraine, and President Zelenskyy thanked Prime Minister Trudeau for Canada’s military and financial aid. Both leaders agreed to remain in close contact.

On 4 August 2022, Minister Anand announced that Canada has agreed to deploy members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to train new soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.²⁰⁵ The CAF will deploy up to 225 members of its personnel to a military base in the UK for four months, where they will instruct Ukrainian soldiers on weapon handling, first aid, and other tactics. The personnel were set to arrive in the UK on 12 August 2022 and begin their duties in the following weeks.

On 8 August 2022, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin held a phone conversation with Minister Anand.²⁰⁶ As part of close bilateral coordination on global issues, they discussed the provision of Canadian security assistance to Ukraine.

On 10 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their condemnation of Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine.²⁰⁷ The delegations demanded Russia to hand back full control of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to recognize Ukraine’s sovereignty and the prevent a potential nuclear accident or incident that could endanger the population of Ukraine.

On 17 August 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland announced the disbursement of loans to Ukraine through the IMF.²⁰⁸ The loan would contribute CAD450 million in funds to

²⁰¹ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

²⁰² Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

²⁰³ Defence Minister Anand concludes visit to Madrid, Spain, for the NATO Summit, National Defence (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/06/defence-minister-anand-concludes-visit-to-madrid-spain-for-the-nato-summit.html>

²⁰⁴ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/07/17/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²⁰⁵ Defence Minister Anita Anand announces deployment of Canadian Armed Forces to train Ukrainian soldiers in the United Kingdom, National Defence (Ottawa) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/08/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-deployment-of-canadian-armed-forces-to-train-ukrainian-soldiers-in-the-united-kingdom.html>

²⁰⁶ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Phone Call with Canadian Minister of National Defence Anita Anand, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3120698/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-phone-call-with-canadian-mi/>

²⁰⁷ Statement of the G7 Foreign Ministers in Support of the IAEA’s Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220810-ukraine.html>

²⁰⁸ Canada disburses \$450 million in loans to Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/08/canada-disburses-450-million-in-loans-to-ukraine.html>

support Ukraine, bringing the total of Canada's loans to Ukraine since the start of Russia's full-scale war to CAD1.95 billion.

On 23 August 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced at the virtual Summit for Heads of State and Government of the International Crimea Platform that Canada would provide CAD3.85 million in funds to two Ukraine projects.²⁰⁹ CAD2.9 million will be allocated to the Canada-Ukraine Police Development Project to support Ukraine's National Police, Ministry of Internal Affairs and State Emergency Services. The remaining CAD950,000 will be given to the Promoting Reform Objectives through Technical Expertise and Capacity Transfer Project to assist Ukraine's Ministry of Defence.

On 15 September 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with President Zelenskyy.²¹⁰ Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated Canada's support for Ukraine, and the leaders discussed the need for more support as the winter approaches.

On 26 September 2022, Minister Anand announced the addition of a third CC-130 Hercules aircraft and personnel to Royal Canadian Air Force operations based in Prestwick, Scotland.²¹¹ According to Minister Anand, this new Air Mobility Detachment will "increase Canada's ability to carry out support missions throughout Europe, including the delivery of Ukraine-bound military aid."

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders held a summit with guest President Zelenskyy.²¹² In a joint statement, the leaders reassured President Zelenskyy of their continued commitment to provide financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 12 October 2022, Minister Anand announced at the meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group in Brussels, Belgium that Canada will give CAD47 million in new military aid to Ukraine.²¹³ This will include CAD15.2 million in military equipment, CAD15.3 million in drone cameras, CAD2 million for satellite communication services, and CAD15 million in winter clothing.

On 12 October 2022, the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting took place in Brussels.²¹⁴ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO Summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.²¹⁵

²⁰⁹ Prime Minister announces additional support for Ukraine, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Toronto) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/08/23/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-ukraine>

²¹⁰ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/09/15/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²¹¹ Defence Minister Anita Anand Announces Enhancements to RCAF Mobility Capabilities to Support Ukraine and Other Global Missions, National Defence (Ottawa) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/09/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-enhancements-to-rcaf-mobility-capabilities-to-support-ukraine-and-other-global-missions.html>

²¹² G7 Statement on Ukraine, Élysée (Paris) 11 October 2022. Access date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine>

²¹³ Minister Anand announces new Canadian military aid to Ukraine at Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting, National Defence (Brussels) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/10/minister-anand-announces-new-canadian-military-aid-to-ukraine-at-ukraine-defense-contact-group-meeting.html>

²¹⁴ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

²¹⁵ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced and confirmed at the XXVII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Winnipeg a series of financial and military aid measures to support Ukraine.²¹⁶ These include the issuance of Ukraine Sovereignty Bonds through the IMF to help the government continue operations and prepare for winter. Additionally, Prime Minister Trudeau stated that the 39 ACSVs pledged in June have begun to arrive in Europe and Canada is currently moving forward with releasing the CAD15 million allocated towards military equipment for Ukraine.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their unwavering commitment to provide the support necessary to help the Ukrainian people and protect the country's sovereignty and territory.²¹⁷ This statement also asserted that the members look forward to the international conference in Paris on 13 December 2022 in support of Ukraine's civilian resilience and that they will "stand firmly with Ukraine for as long as it takes"

On 14 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced additional military assistance for Ukraine at the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia.²¹⁸ Canada will provide Ukraine CAD500 million towards surveillance and communications equipment as well as fuel and medical supplies to support its defense against Russia. This is an addition to the CAD500 million in military assistance already provided to Ukraine in the 2022 Budget.

On 12 December 2022, Canada announced that Minister Freeland will attend the Standing with the Ukrainian People conference in Paris on 13 December 2022.²¹⁹ This conference intends to address how various states can support Ukraine as it faces a variety of challenges heading into the winter, especially regarding energy, water, food, health, and transportation.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.²²⁰ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 13 December 2022, Minister Freeland announced the provision of additional financial support for Ukraine at the Standing with the Ukrainian People conference in Paris.²²¹ She stated that Canada would donate CAD115 million in "revenues from tariffs it has levied on Russian and Belarusian goods to urgently rebuild Kyiv's power grid" for the winter.

²¹⁶ Prime Minister announces new measures to support Ukraine, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/10/28/prime-minister-announces-new-measures-support-ukraine>

²¹⁷ G7 foreign ministers statement, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g7/documents/2022-11-04-joint-statement-declaration-commune.aspx?lang=eng

²¹⁸ Prime Minister announces additional military assistance for Ukraine and additional sanctions against Russia, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Bali) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/14/prime-minister-announces-additional-military-assistance-ukraine-and>

²¹⁹ Deputy Prime Minister to attend the *Standing With the Ukrainian People* conference in Paris, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://deputypr.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/12/12/deputy-prime-minister-attend-standing-ukrainian-people-conference>

²²⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

²²¹ Ukraine's allies pledge 1 billion euros to help country weather winter challenges, CBC News (Ottawa) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/ukraine-invasion-day-293-1.6683737>

On 16 December 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with President Zelenskyy.²²² Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated Canada's commitment to provide military, humanitarian, and financial aid and assistance to Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 3 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with President Zelenskyy.²²³ Prime Minister Trudeau declared Canada's support for Zelenskyy's peace initiative and reaffirmed Canada's commitment to providing humanitarian, military, and financial aid to Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 10 January 2023, Minister Anand announced that Canada plans to donate a National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System and associated munitions to Ukraine.²²⁴ This system, worth CAD406 million, will help protect Ukrainian military and civilian infrastructure from Russian air attacks. It is part of the CAD500 million in military aid pledged to Ukraine by Prime Minister Trudeau on 14 November 2022.

On 18 January 2023, Defence Minister Anand announced in Kyiv alongside Ukraine's Minister Oleksii Reznikov that Canada will give 200 Senator Armoured Personnel Carriers to Ukraine.²²⁵ According to the Department of National Defence, these vehicles will help shield troops as well as facilitate the safe transport of personnel, equipment, and medical evacuations. Valued at over CAD90 million, this aid is part of the CAD500 million in military aid announced for Ukraine by Prime Minister Trudeau on 14 November 2022.

On 26 January 2023, Minister Anand announced that Canada will donate four Leopard 2 main battle tanks to Ukraine.²²⁶ Minister Anand also announced that Canada will have CAF members train Ukrainian soldiers to use these tanks in a third country. According to a news release from the Department of National Defence, these tanks will "provide soldiers with an advantage on the battlefield, thanks to their excellent mobility, firepower, and survivability."

On 31 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with President Zelenskyy.²²⁷ During their conversation, Trudeau and Zelenskyy assessed Ukraine's military, humanitarian, and financial needs and Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated Canada's support for Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 16 February 2023, Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly travelled to Ukraine to reaffirm Canada's steadfast support for Ukraine.²²⁸ During this visit, Joly announced that Canada will administer CAD21.2 million

²²² Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/12/16/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²²³ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Jamaica) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/01/03/prime-min-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²²⁴ Defence Minister Anita Anand Announces Air Defence System Donation to Ukraine, Department of National Defence (Ottawa) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-air-defence-system-donation-to-ukraine.html>

²²⁵ Defence Minister Anita Anand Visits Kyiv, Meets with Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov, and Announces Donation of 200 Additional Armoured Vehicles, Department of National Defence (Kyiv) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-visits-kyiv-meets-with-defence-minister-oleksii-reznikov-and-announces-donation-of-200-additional-armoured-vehicles.html>

²²⁶ Defence Minister Anita Anand Announces That Canada Will Supply Ukraine with Leopard 2 Battle Tanks, Training and Sustainment, Department of National Defence (Ottawa) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-that-canada-will-supply-ukraine-with-leopard-2-battle-tanks-training-and-sustainment.html>

²²⁷ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/01/31/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²²⁸ Minister Joly Travels to Ukraine to Discuss Ongoing and Unwavering Canadian Support for Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Kyiv) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-joly-travels-to-ukraine-to-discuss-ongoing-and-unwavering-canadian-support-for-ukraine.html>

to help organizations in Ukraine de-mine the country, seek accountability through Ukrainian and international institutions, and respond to sexual violence related to the Russian invasion.

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced further military support for Ukraine.²²⁹ Canada will donate four additional Leopard 2 main battle tanks to Ukraine, an armoured recovery vehicle, and more than 5,000 rounds of 155 mm ammunition. Prime Minister Trudeau also provided an update on the previously announced Leopard 2 tanks, stating that they have been delivered to Poland where CAF members are training Ukrainian soldiers to use them.

On 24 February 2023, Minister Joly announced that Canada will give CAD32 million in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.²³⁰ This will include CAD7.5 million for demining efforts, more than CAD13 million to aid endeavors such as addressing conflict-related sexual violence, and over CAD12 million to combat chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats from Russia.

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau alongside other leaders of the G7 members met with President Zelenskyy.²³¹ In a joint statement from the meeting on the one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the G7 members restated their support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Anand announced additional military assistance for Ukraine.²³² According to the Department of National Defence, Canada has sent seven CAF Medical Technicians and Medical Assistants to Poland to train Ukrainian soldiers with the skills needed to save lives in combat. Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Anand also announced that Canada will extend its efforts to train Ukrainian sappers in Poland under Operation Unifier until October 2023. This will allow CAF members to continue their work from the fall of 2022 to provide Ukrainian combat engineers with skills such as reconnaissance and the use of explosives to help fight in the war against Russia.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Annand announced additional military assistance for Ukraine at the virtual Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting.²³³ This assistance includes the donation of 8,000 rounds of 155mm ammunition, 12 air defence missiles, and over 1,800 rounds of 105mm tank training ammunition. Minister Annand also announced that the CAF has begun shipments of the additional Leopard 2 tanks that were donated to Ukraine by Canada on 24 February 2023.

On 27 March 2023, Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra announced the provision of additional financial assistance to Ukraine.²³⁴ Canada will provide CAD300,000 to the International Transport Forum, which will aid the organization in conducting research to help rebuild Ukraine's transportation infrastructure in light of the Russian invasion.

²²⁹ Supporting Ukraine for as Long as It Takes, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Toronto) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/02/24/supporting-ukraine-long-it-takes>

²³⁰ Canada to Increase Support for Security and Stabilization Efforts in Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-to-increase-support-for-security-and-stabilization-efforts-in-ukraine.html>

²³¹ G7 Leaders' Statement, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Toronto) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/02/24/g7-leaders-statement>

²³² Canada Deploys Medical Trainers to Operation UNIFIER and Extends Engineer Training in Poland, Department of National Defence (Kingston) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/03/canada-deploys-medical-trainers-to-operation-unifier-and-extends-engineer-training-in-poland.html>

²³³ Defense Minister Anita Anand Announces Additional Military Donations to Ukraine at Ukraine Defense Contact Group Meeting, Department of National Defence (Ottawa) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/03/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-additional-military-donations-to-ukraine-at-ukraine-defense-contact-group-meeting.html>

²³⁴ Minister of Transport Announces Funding for Research to Support the Rebuilding of More Sustainable Transport Infrastructure in Ukraine, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2023/03/minister-of-transport-announces-funding-for-research-to-support-the-rebuilding-of-more-sustainable-transport-infrastructure-in-ukraine.html>

On 4 April 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.²³⁵ During their conversation, Trudeau reiterated Canada's support for Ukraine, and the two leaders agreed to remain in "close and regular contact."

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. Canada has taken action to provide millions of dollars in the form of loans and donations to protect the health and safety of Ukrainians. Canada has also taken action to supply Ukraine's military and government operations with equipment, technology, personnel and intelligence to keep the country running and help it defend its territory under Russian attack. Furthermore, Canada has reiterated its support for Ukraine in meetings with the Ukrainian president and G7 members.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 28 June 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health and Prevention announced in a joint press release that medical equipment sent by France has arrived in Ukraine from Slovakia.²³⁶ The equipment, which includes a mobile health post with the ability to treat 250 patients as well as devices for anaesthesia and resuscitation, is a "demonstration of France's solidarity with the Ukrainian people."

On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.²³⁷ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to "step up political and practical support."²³⁸ Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.²³⁹

On 7 July 2022, France hosted the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano, Switzerland.²⁴⁰ French representatives agreed to would prioritize aid for the Chernihiv region of Ukraine, which has been severely affected by Russian attacks. According to the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, it will continue to supplement the humanitarian, economic, financial, diplomatic, and military aid that France has been providing to Ukraine since 24 February 2022 for as long as is necessary.

On 8 July 2022, Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, United States Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and United Kingdom's Second Permanent Under Secretary and

²³⁵ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/04/04/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

²³⁶ Ukraine – Exceptional delivery of emergency medical assistance by France, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-exceptional-delivery-of-emergency-medical-assistance-by-france-28-jun>

²³⁷ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

²³⁸ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

²³⁹ Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

²⁴⁰ Ukraine – As the Russian aggression against Ukraine continues, France welcomes the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-as-the-russian-aggression-against-ukraine-continues-france-welcomes-the>

Political Director Tim Barrow met at the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bali.²⁴¹ They discussed joint efforts to support Ukraine with additional security and humanitarian aid to further contribute to Ukraine's resistance against Russia's invasion.

On 10 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their condemnation of Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine.²⁴² The delegations demanded Russia to hand back full control of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to recognize Ukraine's sovereignty and to prevent a potential nuclear accident or incident that could endanger the population of Ukraine.

On 30 August 2022, Minister Colonna met with Ukraine's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba in Prague.²⁴³ During this meeting, Minister Colonna reiterated France's military, humanitarian, economic and reconstruction efforts in support of Ukraine.

On 27 September 2022, Minister Colonna spoke with Minister Kuleba and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.²⁴⁴ During their discussion, she affirmed France's increased financial and humanitarian support for Ukraine through Operation "A Ship for Ukraine." This operation will ship over 1,000 tons of aid to Ukraine via Romania on 28 September 2022, including fire, rescue, and medical vehicles, emergency and resuscitation drugs, food rations and emergency repair equipment.

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with President Zelenskyy.²⁴⁵ In a joint statement, the leaders reassured him of their continued commitment to provide financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 12 October 2022, the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting took place in Brussels.²⁴⁶ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO Summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.²⁴⁷

On 16 October 2022, Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu announced a series of military aid measures for Ukraine.²⁴⁸ These include supplying Ukraine with air defence missile batteries and six additional artillery pieces, in addition to having 2,000 Ukrainian soldiers go through specialized combat, logistics and French equipment

²⁴¹ Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Transatlantic Quad Foreign Ministers, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-transatlantic-quad-foreign-ministers-3/>

²⁴² Statement of the G7 Foreign Ministers in Support of the IAEA's Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220810-ukraine.html>

²⁴³ Ukraine – Meeting between Catherine Colonna and her Ukrainian counterpart, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Prague) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-meeting-between-catherine-colonna-and-her-ukrainian-counterpart-prague>

²⁴⁴ Ukraine – Visit by Catherine Colonna – Statement by the ministry for Europe and foreign Affairs spokesperson, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 27 September 2022. Access date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-visit-by-catherine-colonna-statement-by-the-ministry-for-europe-and>

²⁴⁵ G7 Statement on Ukraine, Élysée (Paris) 11 October 2022. Access date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine>

²⁴⁶ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

²⁴⁷ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

²⁴⁸ France ramps up war support for Ukraine, rebuilds armouries, CTV News (Paris) 16 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/france-ramps-up-war-support-for-ukraine-rebuilds-armouries-1.6111215>

training. In addition, Minister Lecornu announced the establishment of a EUR100 million military fund for Ukrainians to purchase what they would like, as long as the supplier is French.

On 23 October 2022, representatives from the foreign ministries of France, the United States and the United Kingdom issued a joint statement reiterating steadfast support for Ukraine.²⁴⁹ It says that the three countries discussed their shared dedication to supporting Ukraine with economic, military and humanitarian aid.

On 28 October 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs announced its plans to mobilize further financial resources for Ukraine.²⁵⁰ The statement declares that France, through non-governmental and international organizations, will improve its efforts as winter approaches to supply Ukraine's food, heating, lighting, and electricity needs. This will be facilitated through an international conference for Ukrainian civilian resilience to be held in Paris on 13 December 2022, which will address how to supply essential equipment and rebuild energy infrastructure.

On 1 November 2022, President Emmanuel Macron spoke to Ukraine's President Zelensky on the phone.²⁵¹ In their conversation, President Macron emphasized France's support for Ukraine going into the winter months. He also expressed the country's commitment to encouraging French and international mobilization through an international conference on 13 December 2022.

On 1 December 2022, President Macron and US President Joe Biden issued a joint statement after meeting in Washington DC.²⁵² They reaffirmed their countries' support for Ukraine, announced that they would continue coordinating assistance efforts both with each other and with other international partners, and voiced an intention to continue providing direct budgetary support to Ukraine and encourage international institutions to expand their financial aid.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.²⁵³ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 13 December 2022, France hosted an international conference in Paris to mobilize emergency aid for Ukraine heading into the winter.²⁵⁴ The conference raised EUR1 billion for food, water, transportation, health, and the energy sector. President Emmanuel Macron also announced France's contribution of EUR76.5 million for Ukraine's energy infrastructure, in addition to the EUR200 million it has already donated in 2022. This includes 63 electrical generators, which are on their way to Ukraine, aside from the 100 generators already delivered in November 2022.

²⁴⁹ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

²⁵⁰ Ukraine – Civilian Resilience – Communiqué Issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-civilian-resilience-communique-issued-by-the-ministry-for-europe-and>

²⁵¹ Phone Call between President Macron and President Zelensky, Élysée (Paris) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/01/phone-call-between-president-macron-and-president-zelensky>

²⁵² Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron>

²⁵³ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

²⁵⁴ Conférence de Paris : un milliard d'euros pour l'Ukraine (Paris) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/conference-paris-milliard-deuros-lukraine>

On 21 December 2022, President Macron announced that France had sent more military aid to Ukraine.²⁵⁵ President Macron revealed that additional arms, rocket launchers, and air defence batteries have been sent to Ukraine in recent days. He also confirmed that he will be working with Minister Lecornu to deliver Caesar guns in the first quarter of 2023 to help Ukrainians defend themselves.

On 26 December 2022, France announced that Minister Lecornu would travel to Ukraine on 28 December 2022 to demonstrate France's continued support for Ukraine.²⁵⁶ He would pay homage to the dead at the Heroes' monument in Kyiv and meet with Ukraine's Minister Oleksiy Reznikov.

On 28 December 2022, Minister Lecornu met with President Zelensky and Minister Reznikov in Kyiv.²⁵⁷ During their meetings, the financial, equipment, and training needs of the Ukrainian army were established, which the Ministry of the Armed Forces states has helped France identify how it can fund these needs in the coming weeks.

On 4 January 2023, President Macron spoke to President Zelensky on the phone.²⁵⁸ In their conversation, Macron announced that France would donate AMX-10 RC light tanks to the Ukrainian army. President Macron also reiterated to Zelensky France's intention to provide further air defence support for Ukraine.

On 12 January 2023, Minister Lecornu spoke to his Ukraine's Minister Reznikov on the phone to reiterate France's support for Ukraine.²⁵⁹ During their conversation, the ministers established that the delivery of the AMX-10 RC light tanks will take place within two months and planned for the quick organization of training for Ukrainian soldiers who will use these tanks.

On 24 January 2023, President Macron spoke to President Zelensky on the phone.²⁶⁰ President Macron asked Zelensky to provide an update on the situation on the ground and affirmed that France is ready to respond to the needs of Ukraine at this time.

On 26 January 2023, Minister Colonna met with Minister Kuleba in Odesa, Ukraine.²⁶¹ The ministers discussed Ukraine's humanitarian and military needs to help determine France's future aid responses. Colonna also declared France's support for Ukraine's peace efforts as outlined by President Zelensky's 10-point plan.

On 30 January 2023, Minister Lecornu and Minister Colonna met with Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles and Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong in Paris.²⁶² In a joint

²⁵⁵ France has sent air defence missiles, more arms to Ukraine: Emmanuel Macron, Firstpost (Paris) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.firstpost.com/world/france-has-sent-air-defence-missiles-more-arms-to-ukraine-emmanuel-macron-11846461.html>

²⁵⁶ French defence minister to visit Ukraine for first time since conflict began, RFI (Paris) 26 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.rfi.fr/en/international/20221226-french-defence-minister-to-visit-ukraine-for-the-first-time-since-conflict-began>

²⁵⁷ En visite à Kiev, Sébastien Lecornu réaffirme le soutien de la France à l'Ukraine, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 30 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/visite-a-kiev-sebastien-lecornu-reaffirme-soutien-france-a-lukraine>

²⁵⁸ Macron's Sending of Tanks to Ukraine Marks Escalation of France's Role in War on Russia, International Committee of the Fourth International (ICFI) (Oak Park) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2023/01/07/mnvv-j07.html>

²⁵⁹ Ukraine : les AMX 10-RC livrés « dans les deux mois », Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 13 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/ukraine-amx-10-rc-livres-deux-mois>

²⁶⁰ Entretien téléphonique avec M. Volodymyr Zelensky, Président de la République d'Ukraine., Élysée Palace (Paris) 24 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/24/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-4>

²⁶¹ Ukraine, Moldova and Romania – Visit by Mme Catherine Colonna (26-27 January 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 26 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-moldova-and-romania-visit-by-mme-catherine-colonna-26-27-jan-2023>

²⁶² Joint Statement - Second France-Australia Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations (Paris, 30 January 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/australia/news/article/joint-statement-second-france-australia-foreign-and-defence-ministerial>

statement, the ministers declared their continued commitment to support Ukraine. They also pledged to jointly supply Ukraine with 155-millimetre ammunition.

On 1 February 2023, Minister Lecornu and his Ukraine's Minister Reznikov visited the Thales site in Limours, France.²⁶³ The ministers signed an agreement with Thales to have an anti-aircraft defence system delivered to Ukraine in May 2023. This system, which includes a Ground Master 200 (GM200) radar, will help protect Ukraine from Russian aircraft, artillery, mortar, and rocket fire.

On 3 February 2023, Minister Lecornu spoke with Italy's Minister Guido Crosetto on the phone.²⁶⁴ In their conversation, the ministers agreed to donate a SAMP/T-MAMBA air defence system to Ukraine. Set to be delivered in the spring of 2023, the defence system will "allow the protection of the civilian population and infrastructure from Russian attacks."

On 8 February 2023, President Macron welcomed President Zelensky and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to Paris.²⁶⁵ According to the Élysée Palace, during this meeting, Macron and Scholz reiterated France's and Europe's support for Ukraine.

On 9 February 2023, President Macron made a visit to Brussels alongside President Zelensky for a European Council summit.²⁶⁶ At the summit, President Macron reaffirmed the EU's intention to continue supporting the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 24 February 2023, President Macron and other G7 leaders met with President Zelensky.²⁶⁷ In a joint statement from the meeting on the one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the members restated their support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Lecornu announced further military assistance for Ukraine at a hearing before the National Assembly's National Defense and Armed Forces Committee.²⁶⁸ France will train up to 6,000 Ukrainian soldiers, with 2,000 of them to be trained in France and 4,000 by French training missions in Poland. Minister Lecornu also provided an update on the AMX-10 RC tanks pledged by France on 4 January 2023, stating that they have arrived in Ukraine.

²⁶³ L'Ukraine achète un radar GM200 pour renforcer sa défense anti-aérienne, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 3 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/lukraine-achete-radar-gm200-renforcer-sa-defense-anti-aerienne>

²⁶⁴ France Confirms SAMP-T Air Defense System Will Be Delivered to Ukraine This Spring, Ukrinform (Kyiv) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-ato/3665219-france-confirms-sampt-air-defense-system-will-be-delivered-to-ukraine-this-spring.html>

²⁶⁵ Accueil par le Président de la République du Président de la République d'Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky et du Chancelier de la République fédérale d'Allemagne, Olaf Scholz au Palais de l'Élysée, Élysée Palace (Paris) 8 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/08/accueil-par-le-president-de-la-republique-du-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-volodymyr-zelensky-et-du-chancelier-de-la-republique-federale-dallemagne-olaf-scholz-au-palais-de-lelysee>

²⁶⁶ Réaffirmer notre soutien à l'Ukraine, renforcer l'attractivité et la compétitivité de notre industrie verte, bâtir un cadre renforcé en matière d'immigration : le Conseil européen du 9 février, Élysée Palace (Paris) 9 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/09/conseil-europeen-extraordinaire-des-9-et-10-fevrier-2023>

²⁶⁷ Déclaration des chefs d'État et de gouvernement du G7, Élysée Palace (Paris) 24 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-2>

²⁶⁸ Soutien à l'Ukraine : les 4 points à retenir de l'audition de Sébastien Lecornu, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 16 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/actualites/soutien-lukraine-4-points-retenir-laudition-sebastien-lecornu>

On 28 March 2023, Minister Lecornu announced additional military support for Ukraine.²⁶⁹ France will double its monthly donation of 155mm artillery shells to Ukraine to 2,000 shells a month. Minister Lecornu also announced that the French government is considering providing more funds to Ukraine to purchase French weaponry when the previously donated EUR200 million from 2022 has been depleted.

On 1 April 2023, President Macron spoke to President Zelenskyy on the phone.²⁷⁰ During their conversation, Macron reaffirmed France's support for Ukraine in light of Russian aggression, and the two leaders discussed efforts to organize a peace summit.

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. France has pledged and donated military equipment, energy infrastructure, as well as medical and food funds for Ukraine. It has also affirmed its support for Ukraine by restating its commitment during meetings with the Ukrainian president and on the international stage, organizing an international conference to mobilize emergency aid, and announcing its plans to visit the country.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.²⁷¹ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to “step up political and practical support.”²⁷² Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.²⁷³

On 1 July 2022, Finance Minister Christian Lindner discussed the federal budget wherein Germany announced a special EUR100 billion fund for the Federal Armed forces to update military equipment.²⁷⁴

On 8 July 2022, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, United States Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and the United Kingdom's Second Permanent Under Secretary and Political Director Tim Barrow met at the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bali.²⁷⁵ They discussed joint

²⁶⁹ France to Double Munitions Supplies to Ukraine - Defence Minister, Reuters (Paris) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/france-double-munitions-supplies-ukraine-defence-minister-2023-03-28/>

²⁷⁰ Entretien téléphonique avec M. Volodymyr ZELENSKY, Président de l'Ukraine, Élysée Palace (Paris) 1 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/04/01/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-lukraine>

²⁷¹ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

²⁷² Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

²⁷³ Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

²⁷⁴ For a financial policy that is fit for the future and supports effective action, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/cabinet-federal-budget-2023-2059544>

²⁷⁵ Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Transatlantic Quad Foreign Ministers, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-transatlantic-quad-foreign-ministers-3/>

efforts to support Ukraine with additional security and humanitarian aid to further contribute to Ukraine's resistance against Russia's invasion.

On 19 July 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that a EUR100 billion fund would be provided to Ukraine to support its economic, humanitarian, and financial needs.²⁷⁶ Chancellor Scholz noted Germany's commitment to sending military equipment and providing training. Additionally, Chancellor Scholz committed to stop importing Russian oil by the end of 2022 and called upon other global leaders in the European Union and NATO to help support Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 10 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their condemnation of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.²⁷⁷ The delegations demanded Russia to hand back full control of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to recognize Ukraine's sovereignty and to prevent a potential nuclear accident or incident that could endanger the population of Ukraine.

On 15 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with leaders from Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Finland and Sweden.²⁷⁸, wherein Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to provide Ukraine with military, political, economic, and humanitarian resources, specifically regarding the rebuilding process.

On 22 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met in Montreal where they both expressed solidarity with Ukraine.²⁷⁹ Chancellor Scholz announced a 2023 arms delivery to Ukraine, including EUR500 million worth of supplies.

On 25 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz announced plans for future aid packages to help Ukraine as part of a EUR95 billion general funding package.²⁸⁰ Chancellor Scholz also discussed Germany's intention to expand sanctions against Russia, pending a plan to secure the future of the energy industry.

On 9 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with the EU Council President Charles Michel.²⁸¹ During this meeting, Germany committed to providing Ukraine with EUR5 billion worth of loans and a direct grant of EUR1 billion to help Ukraine cover its costs.

On 15 September 2022, Minister of Defense Christine Lambrecht announced plans to deliver two multiple-launch rocket systems MARS II with 200 missiles and 50 Dingo armoured personnel carriers to Ukraine.²⁸²

²⁷⁶ After the watershed, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/after-the-watershed-2063256>

²⁷⁷ Statement of the G7 Foreign Ministers in Support of the IAEA's Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220810-ukraine.html>

²⁷⁸ The Federal Chancellor in Norway and Sweden: "We are more than just neighbours," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/federal-chancellor-in-norway-2073366>

²⁷⁹ Federal Chancellor Scholz in Canada: "Our two countries are well matched," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/federal-chancellor-scholz-in-canada-2078234>

²⁸⁰ Budget debate in the Bundestag: "You'll never walk alone – that's the motto of this government," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-federal-budget-2124022>

²⁸¹ The Federal Chancellor receives the EU Council President "We Europeans are standing side by side in solidarity," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 9 September 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/meeting-scholz-michel-2125044>

²⁸² Meeting of G7 trade ministers: "A strategic realignment in trade policy," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-world-trade-2126704>

On 21 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz verbally reaffirmed Germany's commitment to support Ukraine at the UN General Assembly.²⁸³ During this statement, Chancellor Scholz stressed Germany's commitment to peace and security partnerships to support Ukraine.

On 11 October 2022, G7 members issued a joint statement after a meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.²⁸⁴ The group reaffirmed their pledge to continue providing "financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support" for Ukraine for as long as it takes and voiced their commitment in aiding Ukraine in meet looming winter preparation needs.

On 12 October 2022, the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting took place in Brussels.²⁸⁵ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO Summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.²⁸⁶

On 24 October 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with Ukrainian officials at the German-Ukrainian Economic Forum in Berlin to discuss the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine.²⁸⁷ During this meeting, Chancellor Scholz pledged to aid in the reconstruction of Ukraine and called upon organizations and countries to support Ukraine's efforts to that end.²⁸⁸

On 4 November 2022, Minister Baerbock hosted the G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Münster.²⁸⁹ During this meeting, Germany reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Ukraine through military and financial aid.

On 23 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz and President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades met to discuss ongoing challenges in Europe.²⁹⁰ Chancellor Scholz condemned Russia's actions and reaffirmed Germany's commitment to Ukraine's security.

On 30 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz attended the Berlin Security Conference.²⁹¹ During this conference, Chancellor Scholz expressed his indefinite commitment to the security of Ukraine. Specifically, he noted Germany's previous acts of contributing 17,000 soldiers to NATO response forces and establishing a EUR100 billion missile defense shield.

²⁸³ Federal Chancellor Scholz at the UN General Assembly: "Our world has clear rules," Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/chancellor-scholz-un-2128398>

²⁸⁴ G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

²⁸⁵ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

²⁸⁶ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

²⁸⁷ Federal Chancellor opens German-Ukrainian Economic Forum: Setting the course for economic reconstruction, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/setting-the-course-for-economic-reconstruction-2138304>

²⁸⁸ Donor platform to help rebuild Ukraine, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/ukraine-recovery-conference-2129426>

²⁸⁹ Meeting of the G7 Foreign Ministers: A Signal of Unity, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-2140382>

²⁹⁰ Terror bombing of Ukraine must stop, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/federal-chancellor-scholz-anastasiadis-2144920>

²⁹¹ The Federal Chancellor at the Berlin Security Conference "We will continue to support Ukraine for as long as it takes", Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-speech-bsc-2147610>

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.²⁹² It cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 14 December 2022, Chancellor Scholz discussed the EU-ASEAN Summit and the European Council meeting.²⁹³ During this conference, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to support Ukraine indefinitely.

On 18 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz spoke at the World Economic Forum.²⁹⁴ He emphasized Germany's previous contributions to Ukraine's economy and military, highlighting the supply of air defence systems such as the IRIS-T and Patriot. Moreover, he committed to provide indefinite military and economic aid to Ukraine.

On 20 January 2023, Development Minister Svenja Schulze discussed the reconstruction of Odesa in a press release.²⁹⁵ In this release, Minister Schulze pledged EUR52 million to reconstruction, humanitarian, and economic relief for Ukraine.

On 23 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz attended a joint meeting of the French National Assembly and the German Bundestag.²⁹⁶ During his speech following the meeting, Chancellor Scholz verbally reiterated the G7 defence commitments, including commitment to support Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 25 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz spoke to the Bundestag during question time.²⁹⁷ He discussed Germany's ongoing commitment to Ukraine's security forces. During this speech, Chancellor Scholz outlined plans to continue to supply the Ukrainian defence with "self-propelled howitzers, rocket launchers, air defence systems, ... infantry fighting vehicles [and] ... Leopard 2A6 battle tanks."

On 8 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron met with the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris to discuss Germany's ongoing commitment to Ukraine.²⁹⁸ During this meeting, Chancellor Scholz verbally reaffirmed Germany's commitment to support Ukraine for as long as necessary.

²⁹² G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

²⁹³ Government statement by Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz "Together, we have chosen the right path in Germany", Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/government-statement-federal-chancellor-2153750>

²⁹⁴ Speech by Olaf Scholz, Member of the German Bundestag and Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany at the World Economic Forum in Davos on January 18, 2023, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Davos) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/speech-by-olaf-scholz-member-of-the-german-bundestag-and-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-at-the-world-economic-forum-in-davos-on-january-18-2023-2158658>

²⁹⁵ German Development Minister Schulze in Odesa: Germany Is Standing with Ukraine in Its Reconstruction, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Odesa) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 30 January 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-minister-schulze-in-odessa-137304>

²⁹⁶ Speech by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Member of the German Bundestag, at the Joint Meeting of the French National Assembly and the German Bundestag Marking the 60th Anniversary of the Signing of the Élysée Treaty Paris, 22 January 2023, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/speech-by-olaf-scholz-2160304>

²⁹⁷ "We have shown what we are made of", Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/government-question-time-chancellor-2160694>

²⁹⁸ Scholz and Macron Meet with Zelenskyy "Ukraine Is Part of the European Family", The Federal Government (Paris) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-macron-zelensky-2163694>

On 17 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz attended the Munich Security Conference to discuss Germany's role in the NATO defence of Ukraine.²⁹⁹ During his speech, he noted that Germany will indefinitely continue its military and financial aid to Ukraine.

On 24 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz attended a virtual meeting with the G7 leaders.³⁰⁰ He reaffirmed Germany's commitment to continue providing military and financial aid to Ukraine for as long as necessary. Additionally, he announced that Germany would supply Ukraine with an additional 40 Marder armored personnel carriers and 14 Leopard 2 A6 battle tanks in the spring as well as an unspecified number of Leopard 1 A5 tanks.

On 1 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz hosted Latvian Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš at the Federal Chancellery in Berlin.³⁰¹ During this meeting, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to provide Ukraine with military and financial aid for as long as necessary.

On 2 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz issued a statement to address the German federal government's position on Ukraine.³⁰² In this statement, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to the G7 pledges, including ones about supporting Ukraine. Additionally, he highlighted previous military support, such as providing the F35 fighter jets.

On 6 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz attended a meeting of the Federal Cabinet.³⁰³ When discussing this meeting, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to supporting Ukraine militarily and financially.

On 8 March 2023, Minister of Defence of Germany Boris Pistorius attended an informal meeting of the EU defence ministers in Stockholm to discuss the military training programs in the EU members.³⁰⁴ During this meeting, Pistorius committed to continuing the training program, in addition to announcing that eighteen German Leopard 2 A6 tanks are due to arrive in Ukraine later in March 2023.

On 16 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz made a statement in the Bundestag, highlighting Germany's previous aid of EUR14 billion to Ukraine and reiterating this year's pledge of EUR18 billion direct budgetary aid to enhance Ukraine's security and economic stability.³⁰⁵ He also noted that Germany will maintain sanctions pressure on Russia and other measures in support of Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 27 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte in Rotterdam for German-Dutch intergovernmental consultations.³⁰⁶ During these meetings, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's commitment to Ukraine for as long as necessary and committed to sending 14 2,000 self-propelled howitzers

²⁹⁹ Munich Security Conference "Ukraine Belongs in Our Midst – in a Free, United Europe", The Federal Government (Berlin) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-msc-2166504>

³⁰⁰ Virtual G7 Meeting: Scholz Thanks Ukrainians for Their "Indomitable Will to Persevere," The Federal Government (Berlin) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-video-conference-ukraine-2168014>

³⁰¹ Latvian Prime Minister Visits Berlin: "We Are United by Our Desire for a Just Peace," The Federal Government (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/latvia-prime-minister-in-berlin-2169244>

³⁰² Strengthening Germany's Security and Alliances - Continuing Support for Ukraine, The Federal Government (Berlin) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/fc-government-statement-one-year-since-the-turning-point-2168996>

³⁰³ There Is Every Reason for Optimism, Federal Foreign Office (Meseberg) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/federal-cabinet-retreat-2023-2169778>

³⁰⁴ Stockholm: EU-Verteidigungsministerinnen und -minister beraten Ukraine-Hilfen, Federal Ministry of Defence (Stockholm) 8 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bmvg.de/de/aktuelles/stockholm-eu-verteidigungsminister-beraten-ukraine-hilfe-5592582>

³⁰⁵ Government Statement on the European Council Meeting, The Federal Government (Berlin) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/government-statement-chancellor-bundestag-2171762>

³⁰⁶ German-Dutch Intergovernmental Consultations: "Our Relations Are as Close as They Can Be," The Federal Government (Berlin) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/germany-netherlands-2181674>

to the country.³⁰⁷ Minister Pistorius released a report following this discussion that detailed Germany's commitment to aiding Ukraine in terms of cyber security and anti-missile technology.

On 3 April 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with President Klaus Iohannis of Romania in Bucharest to discuss ongoing regional issues.³⁰⁸ During this meeting, Chancellor Scholz expressed his ongoing support for the G7 commitments, noting that Germany will continue to provide aid to Ukraine for as long as necessary.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. Germany has shown a continued commitment to sending military equipment, including a EUR100 billion defense system, to aid the Ukrainian forces. Furthermore, Germany has supported Ukraine through commitments to future reconstruction plans and current economic relief packages, including a EUR65 billion package to manage the energy crisis in Germany and Ukraine as well as EUR52 million towards reconstructing Odesa. Additionally, Germany has committed to provide 14 Leopard 2A6 battle tanks to Ukraine. Also, Germany has called upon other countries and organizations to aid Ukraine. As such, Germany has supported Ukraine through financial, verbal, and military means.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.³⁰⁹ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to “step up political and practical support.”³¹⁰ Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.³¹¹

On 5 July 2022, Undersecretary Benedetto Della Vedova reaffirmed Italy's “political, military and financial support for Ukraine and its people, for its independence and freedom, for its resistance, and ... for its reconstruction” at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano.³¹² Undersecretary Della Vedova stated that Italy is ready to work with Ukraine and all partners to implement Ukraine's “ambitious recovery plan” and that it has “strongly advocated the granting of EU candidate status to Ukraine.”

³⁰⁷ Bilateral Cooperation Between Germany and the Netherlands, Federal Ministry of Defence (Berlin) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bmvg.de/de/themen/friedenssicherung/bilaterale-kooperation/deutschland-niederlande>

³⁰⁸ The Federal Chancellor's Visit to Romania: “A Reliable Partner By Our Side,” The Federal Government (Bucharest) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/chancellor-romania-2183312>

³⁰⁹ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

³¹⁰ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

³¹¹ Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

³¹² Undersecretary Della Vedova speaks at Lugano Conference: “We will support the reconstruction of Ukraine,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 15 October 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/07/il-sottosegretario-della-vedova-partecipa-alla-conferenza-di-lugano-sosterremo-la-ricostruzione-dellucraina/

On 19 July 2022, Deputy Foreign Minister Marina Sereni opened the 25th meeting of the National Committee for Humanitarian Mine Action.³¹³ In her speech, Minister Sereni outlined that in response to conflicts in Afghanistan and Ukraine, the 2022 budget of the “Fund for Humanitarian Mine Clearing Operations and the reclaim of areas with war bombs [would amount] to EUR8,590,733.” This budget will enable the organization to contribute to the mine clearing operations in crisis areas of Ukraine. Furthermore, Minister Sereni firmly condemned Russia’s use of indiscriminate cluster munitions against Ukraine’s population and civil infrastructure as “militarily, politically, and humanly unacceptable.”

On 27 July 2022, Minister of Defense Lorenzo Guerini and representatives of the Italian Parliamentary Intelligence Oversight Committee (COPASIR) met to discuss the contents of the fourth military aid package Italy was to provide to Ukraine.³¹⁴ While specific content of the package remained explicitly confidential, it included what has been provided in previous military packages, such as “Lince armored vehicles with anti-mine protection, FH-70 Howitzers, machine guns, ammunition and Stinger air defense systems.”

On 2 August 2022, the Chamber of Deputies approved a bill (AC 3687) that ratifies the “accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden” to NATO.³¹⁵ In the final explanations of the vote, deputy Piero Fassino asserted that the ratification was designed in order to strengthen the Atlantic Alliance and to secure its members’ sovereignty and freedom, as in the case of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

On 5 August 2022, the Government of Italy signed a loan agreement of EUR200 million with Ukraine’s Minister of Finance Serhiy Marchenko.³¹⁶ The loan has a duration of 15 years and a grace period of seven and a half years with an interest rate of zero per cent. According to Marchenko, this loan would “help the Ukrainian Government to maintain financial stability and continue to provide priority social spending.”³¹⁷ It would be allocated to cover the salaries of teaching staffs in general secondary education institutions.

On 10 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their condemnation of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine.³¹⁸ The delegations demanded Russia to hand back full control of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to recognize Ukraine’s sovereignty and to prevent a potential nuclear accident or incident that could endanger the population of Ukraine.

On 25 August 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Luigi Di Maio held meetings with Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba as well as Minister for Internal Affairs and Co-chair of the Italy-Ukraine Committee for Economic, Industrial and Financial Cooperation Denis Monastyrsky.³¹⁹ During these meetings, Minister Di Maio reiterated Italy’s support for Ukraine’s sovereignty

³¹³ Sereni on humanitarian mine clearance operations: we confirm the contribution and express concern for the use of landmines in various conflicts, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 15 October 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/07/sminamento-umanitario-sereni-confermato-stanziamiento-preoccupazione-per-crescente-uso-mine-in-vari-conflitti/

³¹⁴ Italy to send more weapons to Ukraine, boost NATO in the east, Decode39 (Rome) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 15 October 2022. <https://decode39.com/3858/italy-send-weapons-ukraine-boost-nato-east/>

³¹⁵ Resoconto sommario dell'Assemblea—Seduta n. 736 di martedì 2 agosto 2022 2, Chamber of Deputies (Rome) 2 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 October 2022. <https://www.camera.it/leg18/410?idSeduta=0736&tipo=sommario>

³¹⁶ Ucraina, dall'Italia 200 milioni di euro per pagare gli stipendi degli insegnanti, Milano Finanza (Rome) 5 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <http://www.milanofinanza.it/news/ucraina-dall-italia-200-milioni-di-euro-per-pagare-gli-stipendi-degli-insegnanti-202208171759452060>

³¹⁷ С Міністерство фінансів України, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine (Kyiv) 5 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 October 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/minfin.gov.ua/posts/pfbid02cVpY1dj5CsrGvTKBM8LwSGcM69f5wVhAL8SoHbcW8eeo6hsRt6Ya2rDF5XyUibdvI>

³¹⁸ Statement of the G7 Foreign Ministers in Support of the IAEA’s Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220810-ukraine.html>

³¹⁹ Minister Luigi Di Maio visits Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/08/missione-del-ministro-luigi-di-maio-in-ucraina/

and integrity by providing political, financial, and humanitarian assistance, such as supplying military aid, enforcing and providing shelters to Ukrainian refugees. He also declared Italy's intention of helping Ukraine with its future reconstruction.

On 5 September 2022, Secretary-General of the Farnesina and Ambassador Ettore Francesco Sequi met with the Polish Ambassador Anna Maria Anders in Rome to discuss the war in Ukraine, energy security in Europe, and the two countries' cooperation in the face of disinformation.³²⁰ Both leaders reiterated the importance of providing financial, military, and humanitarian support to Ukraine and expressed their interests in having effective coordination in place before the reconstruction phase.

On 5 September 2022, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Manlio Di Stefano opened the inaugural session of the 50th edition of Gastech 2022, on the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the energy market and the measures the Italian government would take to reduce its reliance on Russian gas.³²¹ To provide support for Ukraine, Undersecretary Di Stefano announced Italy's signage of partnership agreements with Algeria, Azerbaijan, the US, Qatar, Congo, Angola and Mozambique to diversify its supply of fossil fuels. Di Stefano expressed that the aim of setting a European price cap for gas is not just to support families and enterprises, but also "to reduce the huge proceeds with which Russia, by selling gas, funds the war in Ukraine."

On 3 October 2022, Ambassador Sequi firmly condemned Russian Federation's illegally held referendums on the annexation of the occupied Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia.³²² The Secretary General urged Russia to immediately withdraw its forces from Ukraine and expressed Italy and Europe's determination to increase pressure on Russia to stop its aggression.

On 4 October 2022, Ukraine's Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov announced on Twitter that Italy has provided its fifth military aid package to Ukraine.³²³ Minister Reznikov stated that the package would help Ukraine to "significantly increase its defense capability against Russian aggression."

On 11 October 2022, G7 members issued a joint statement after a meeting with President Zelenskyy.³²⁴ The group reaffirmed their pledge to continue providing "financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support" for Ukraine for as long as it takes and voiced their commitment in aiding Ukraine in meet looming winter preparation needs.

On 12 October 2022, the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting took place in Brussels.³²⁵ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance

³²⁰ Farnesina Secretary-General, Ambassador Ettore Francesco Sequi, met with Polish Ambassador Anna Maria Anders in Rome, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/incontro-del-segretario-generale-della-farnesina-amb-ettore-francesco-sequi-con-lambasciatrice-polacca-a-roma-anna-maria-anders/

³²¹ Undersecretary Manlio Di Stefano attends Gastech 2022, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/partecipazione-del-sottosegretario-on-manlio-di-stefano-a-gastech-2022-milano-5-settembre-2022/

³²² The Secretary General of the Farnesina summoned the Russian Ambassador to the Italian Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/il-segretario-generale-della-farnesina-ha-convocato-lambasciatore-della-federazione-russa-preso-la-repubblica-italiana-4/

³²³ Italy provided Ukraine with the fifth military assistance package, Militaryni (Kyiv) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://mil.in.ua/en/news/italy-provided-ukraine-with-the-fifth-military-assistance-package/>

³²⁴ G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

³²⁵ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO Summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.³²⁶

On 23 October 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni had a meeting with France's President Emmanuel Macron in Rome.³²⁷ The two leaders agreed on their willingness to collaborate on major European issues, such as providing support for Ukraine and managing migration flows.

On 24 October 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani had a telephone conversation with the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.³²⁸ During the discussion, Minister Tajani confirmed Italy's intention of strengthening bilateral relations between Italy and the US in providing ongoing support to Kyiv to "ensure peace and justice in Ukraine." With the objectives of promoting Euro-Atlantic security and multilateralism, both countries pledged to enhance their cooperation in addressing global challenges in the contexts of NATO, the G7 and the EU-US relations.

On 27 October 2022, Prime Minister Meloni had a telephone conversation with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.³²⁹ Prime Minister Meloni reaffirmed Italy's "full support for Ukraine against the Russian aggression." She expressed Italy's interests in working with the Atlantic Alliance to strengthen NATO's commitment to "securing and protecting the common values" of Western society.

On 2 November 2022, Prime Minister Meloni had a telephone conversation with Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.³³⁰ The two leaders reaffirmed their desire to work together to strengthen the efforts of the European Union on tackling international issues, such as Russia's aggression against Ukraine, energy security and European economic governance and migration.

On 4 November 2022, Minister of Defense Guido Crosetto had an interview with the Catholic daily *Avvenire*.³³¹ Minister Crosetto declared that "if the situation in Ukraine does not change," there mostly likely will be a sixth military aid package provided by Italy to support Ukraine's defence against Russia's aggression.

On 25 November 2022, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi attended the EU Foreign Affairs Trade Council in Brussels.³³² Undersecretary Tripodi reaffirmed Italy's continuous support for Ukraine, particularly on matters of trade and market access.

³²⁶ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

³²⁷ President of the Council of Ministers Meloni meets with President Macron in Rome, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/pm-meloni-meets-president-macron-rome/20763>

³²⁸ Telephone call between the Foreign Minister, the Hon. Antonio Tajani, and American Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation (Rome) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/colloquio-telefonico-del-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-on-antonio-tajani-con-il-segretario-di-stato-usa-antony-blinken/

³²⁹ Phone call between President of the Council of Ministers Giorgia Meloni and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/phone-call-between-president-council-ministers-giorgia-meloni-and-nato-secretary-general>

³³⁰ Phone call between President Giorgia Meloni and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki of Poland, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/phone-call-between-president-giorgia-meloni-and-prime-minister-mateusz-morawiecki-poland>

³³¹ Interview with the Minister of Defence. Crosetto: I admire the pacifists but we will still give weapons, *Avvenire* (Rome) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translation. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.avvenire.it/attualita/Pagine/parla-il-ministro>

³³² Undersecretary Maria Tripodi Attends EU Foreign Affairs Council (Trade), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/partecipazione-del-sottosegretario-maria-tripodi-al-consiglio-affari-esteri-commercio/

On 9 December 2022, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ettore Francesco Sequi met with the Ukrainian Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence Mykola Tochytskyi and Denys Sharapov.³³³ Secretary-General Sequi reaffirmed Italy's support for Ukraine, particularly regarding its financial commitment to the reconstruction of Ukraine's infrastructure.

On 12 December 2022, the leaders of the G7 members released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.³³⁴ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 13 December 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Antonio Tajani attended the International Conference on Ukraine in Paris.³³⁵ Along with French President Emmanuel Macron and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Minister Tajani aimed to improve collaboration between international donors and create a common aid platform to meet Ukraine's immediate needs in the areas of energy, water, food supply, health, and transportation.

On 10 March 2023, in the G7 Foreign Ministers video conference, Minister Tajani announced that Italy will host a conference on the reconstruction of Ukraine.³³⁶ The conference will take place on 26 April 2023 and will aim to give Ukrainian officials a clear picture of how Italy plans to contribute to Ukraine's reconstruction.

On 20 March 2023, Minister Tajani participated in a joint session of the EU defence and foreign ministers in Brussels, where they reviewed the implementation status of the Strategic Compass established a year ago.³³⁷ This action plan aims to enhance the EU defence and security policy in addition to outlining military support for Ukraine by the EU members, including Italy.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue providing military and financial support to Ukraine for as long as it takes. It has demonstrated firm and substantial support for Ukraine's sovereignty vocally and provided multiple military aid packages as well as financial assistance in the form of budget allocations and a loan to Ukraine.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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³³³ Farnesina Secretary-General, Ambassador Ettore Francesco Sequi, Meets with Ukraine's Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence, Mykola Tochytskyi and Denys Sharapov, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/12/incontro-del-segretario-generale-amb-ettore-francesco-sequi-con-i-vice-ministri-degli-esteri-e-della-difesa-ucraini-mykola-tochytskyi-e-denys-sharapov/

³³⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

³³⁵ The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Antonio Tajani, Attends the International Conference on Ukraine (Paris, 13 December 2022), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/12/partecipazione-del-vicepresidente-del-consiglio-e-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-on-antonio-tajani-alla-conferenza-internazionale-sullucraina-parigi-13-dicembre-2022/

³³⁶ Italy to Host Conference on Ukraine Reconstruction on 26 April, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/litalia-ospitera-il-26-aprile-una-conferenza-per-la-ricostruzione-dellucraina/

³³⁷ Participation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, to the Foreign Affairs Council (Brussels, 20 March 2023), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/partecipazione-del-vice-presidente-del-consiglio-e-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-e-della-cooperazione-internazionale-on-antonio-tajani-al-consiglio-affari-esteri-bruxelles-20-marzo-2023/

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 5 July 2022, the Government of Japan issued a press release responding to Ukraine's food insecurity.³³⁸ This release outlined plans to provide USD200 million in food security assistance to support grain exports.

On 7 July 2022, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Takako Suzuki and Ukrainian Ambassador Sergiy Korsunsky met to discuss economic reconstruction initiatives.³³⁹ During this meeting, they signed the Emergency Economic Reconstruction Development Policy Loan, which provides JPY65 billion with an interest rate of one per cent annum over 30 years for Ukraine.

On 8 July 2022, Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Indonesia.³⁴⁰ During this conference, Japan introduced USD200 million to respond to global food insecurity and specifically providing towards increasing Ukraine's grain storage capacity.

On 4 August 2022, the Ministry of Defence and the Self-Defence Forces committed to supplying Ukraine with non-lethal supplies, such as protective masks, protective clothing, and new civilian vehicles.³⁴¹ The ministry also reaffirmed its G7 commitment to continue to provide military and financial support to Ukraine.

On 25 August 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi held a press conference to discuss Japan's role in Ukraine's economic security.³⁴² Minister Hayashi reiterated Japan's allocation of USD200 million for Ukrainian food security, as per an announcement made in July.

On 10 October 2022, Minister Hayashi held a press conference to discuss Russia's mass attack on Ukraine staged earlier that day.³⁴³ Minister Hayashi condemned Russia's actions and verbally reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 security pledges.

On 11 October 2022, G7 members issued a joint statement after a meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.³⁴⁴ The group reaffirmed their pledge to continue providing "financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support" for Ukraine for as long as it takes and voiced their commitment in aiding Ukraine in meet looming winter preparation needs.

On 4 November 2022, Minister Hayashi held a press conference to discuss the Japan-Germany "2+2" and G7 Foreign Ministers' Meetings.³⁴⁵ Minister Hayashi thereby reaffirmed Japan's cooperation with G7 members aimed at strengthening Ukrainian security. He condemned Russia's actions and emphasized previous institutional support provided to Ukraine on behalf of Japan.

³³⁸ Response to the Global Food Security affected by the Situation in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000304.html

³³⁹ Additional Support for Emergency Economic Recovery to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000299.html

³⁴⁰ Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000145.html

³⁴¹ ウクライナへの装備品等の提供について, Ministry of Defence (Tokyo) 4 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.mod.go.jp/j/press/news/2022/08/04a.html>

³⁴² Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken23e_000027.html

³⁴³ Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000163.html

³⁴⁴ G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

³⁴⁵ Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000174.html

On 17 November 2022, Minister Hayashi attended the Ministerial Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in Bangkok, Thailand.³⁴⁶ Following the meeting, Minister Hayashi verbally reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges. He condemned Russia's actions towards Ukraine, calling upon Russia to stop its aggression. Japan also committed to contribute to Ukrainian capacity building to ensure human security and economic stability for vulnerable groups, especially women.

On 22 November 2022, Minister Hayashi held a press conference announcing a USD2.57 million loan to winterize Ukraine's electric power sector.³⁴⁷ During this press conference, Minister Hayashi reaffirmed Japan's continued commitment to the G7 pledges to support Ukraine in its time of need.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.³⁴⁸ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attended a Japan-Canada summit meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.³⁴⁹ During this meeting, Prime Minister Kishida reiterated Japan's commitment to continue supporting Ukraine throughout Japan's G7 presidency.

On 16 January 2023, Ambassador to Ukraine Kuninori Matsuda attended a meeting with Ukrainian Minister of Finance Serhii Marchenko in Kyiv.³⁵⁰ During this meeting, Ambassador Matsuda and Minister Marchenko signed an agreement for debt relief, with Japan forgiving JPY7.8 billion in Ukraine's debt.

On 26 January 2023, Ambassador Matsuda attended a virtual meeting with the ambassadors of the G7 members and the head of the EU delegation.³⁵¹ He reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges throughout Japan's presidency. Additionally, he discussed strengthening sanctions against Russia and establishing guidelines for the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform.³⁵²

On 4 February 2023, Minister Hayashi held a press conference in Okayama to discuss the "Local to Global" strategy aimed at promoting tourism in Japan.³⁵³ During this press conference, he reaffirmed Japan's G7 commitment to continue supporting Ukraine and noted that Japan has provided USD1.5 billion in assistance to Ukraine and its neighboring countries up to date.

³⁴⁶ Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Bangkok) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000180.html

³⁴⁷ Foreign Minister Hayashi Press Conference Record, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000180.html

³⁴⁸ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

³⁴⁹ Japan-Canada Summit Meeting, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Ottawa) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202301/_00005.html

³⁵⁰ Debt Relief for Ukraine (Debt Service Suspension), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000357.html

³⁵¹ Andriy Yermak Discussed Support for Ukraine's Peace Formula with the Ambassadors of the G7 and the EU, Presidential Office of Ukraine (Kyiv) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/andriy-yermak-obgovoriv-iz-poslami-krayin-grupi-semi-ta-yes-80637>

³⁵² Establishment of the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003208.html

³⁵³ Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000206.html

On 2 February 2023, representatives from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency and the Ukrainian Ministry of Finance met to discuss reconstruction projects and long-term financial support for Ukraine.³⁵⁴ During this meeting, Japanese representatives reaffirmed their financial commitment to Ukraine and highlighted the USD600 million loan provided by Japan to aid Ukraine's state budget.

On 10 February 2023, Ambassador Matsuda attended a ceremony in Kyiv to grant broadcasting equipment to the Public Broadcasting Company of Ukraine.³⁵⁵ Following this ceremony, he noted that Japan would continue supporting Ukraine in accordance with its G7 commitments.

On 18 February 2023, Minister Hayashi hosted the first G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting under the Japanese presidency in Munich, Germany.³⁵⁶ During this meeting, he reaffirmed Japan's commitment to upholding the G7 pledges, including to continue supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 20 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida attended the fourth Tokyo Global Dialogue held in Tokyo.³⁵⁷ During his address, he committed to providing Ukraine with USD5.5 billion for financial support, humanitarian aid and reconstruction efforts. Additionally, Prime Minister Kishida pledged to continue supporting Ukraine throughout Japan's G7 presidency.

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida held a virtual G7 conference to discuss the war in Ukraine.³⁵⁸ During this conference, he announced that Japan has decided to impose new sanctions against Russia, including expanding the export ban and freezing assets of Russian financial institutions and assets of Russian individuals and organizations in Japan. Prime Minister Kishida also explained that Japan's provision of USD5.5 billion budgetary aid to Ukraine is a commitment to humanitarian assistance and an effort to ensure stability of Ukraine's energy and economic sectors.

On 2 March 2023, Ambassador Matsuda attended a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities Oleksandr Kubrakov in Kyiv.³⁵⁹ During this meeting, Ambassador Matsuda discussed Japan's commitment to aid Ukraine's reconstruction through a JPY22.44 billion grant to contribute to Ukraine's rapid recovery.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly in New Delhi, India, to discuss shared diplomatic commitments to Ukraine.³⁶⁰ Minister Hayashi verbally reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges on Ukraine.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Hayashi announced the creation of an emergency humanitarian assistance plan for global food security.³⁶¹ Japan's Foreign Ministry committed to providing Ukraine with USD5 million for agricultural production assistance through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

³⁵⁴ Representatives of Ministry of Finance Met with Delegation of Japan International Cooperation Agency, Government of Ukraine (Kyiv) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/predstavnyky-minfinu-zustrilysia-z-delehatsiieu-iaponskoho-ahentstva-mizhnarodnoho-spivrobitnytstva-jica>

³⁵⁵ Handover Ceremony of Broadcasting Equipment to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Kyiv) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000373.html

³⁵⁶ The G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/page1e_000572.html

³⁵⁷ Tokyo Global Dialogue, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202302/_00027.html

³⁵⁸ G7 Leaders' Video Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/page6e_000329.html

³⁵⁹ Exchange of Notes Concerning Grant Aid to Ukraine "The Programme for Emergency Recovery," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Kyiv) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003223.html

³⁶⁰ Japan-Canada Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (New Delhi) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/ca/page4e_001352.html

³⁶¹ Emergency Humanitarian Assistance for the Global Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000385.html

On 10 March 2023, Ambassador Matsuda to Ukraine attended a meeting with the Ukrainian Minister for Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Solskyi in Kyiv.³⁶² During this meeting, Ambassador Matsuda verbally affirmed a plan to contribute to Ukraine's grain and agriculture industry.

On 10 March 2023, Minister Hayashi and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken co-hosted the online G7+ Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Ukrainian Energy Sector Support.³⁶³ During this meeting, Minister Hayashi reaffirmed Japan's commitment to supporting Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 22 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida visited Ukraine for a summit meeting with President Zelenskyy.³⁶⁴ They discussed Japan's G7 leadership, with Prime Minister Kishida reaffirming Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges. Prime Minister Kishida also discussed his country's decision to increase aid to Ukraine to USD5.5 billion, stating that Japan has committed to provide a USD470 million grant to support Ukraine's energy sector and a USD30 million grant to support non-lethal defence equipment through the NATO trust funds.

On 22 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida visited Poland to attend a meeting with the President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda.³⁶⁵ He reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges.

On 30 March 2023, Minister Hayashi released a press statement announcing additional recovery and reconstruction relief for Ukraine.³⁶⁶ This press release provides details on the JPY53.072 billion plan to contribute to the rebuilding of Ukrainian infrastructure.

On 5 April 2022, Minister Hayashi attended the meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels.³⁶⁷ During this meeting, he announced a further USD30 million contribution to NATO's CAP Trust Fund to support Ukraine via the supply of non-lethal equipment. Minister Hayashi also verbally reaffirmed Japan's commitment to the G7 pledges during his country's presidency.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. In addition to frequent verbal reaffirmations of its economic and security support for Ukraine, Japan has also committed to sending non-lethal military supplies, including civilian vans and protective gear, and financially supporting Ukraine's economy via USD5.5 billion in financial aid.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.³⁶⁸ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that

³⁶² Support for Recovery of Ukrainian Agriculture's Production Capacity through Provision of Seeds, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Kyiv) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 22 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003226.html

³⁶³ G7 + Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Ukraine Energy Sector Support, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 25 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000390.html

³⁶⁴ Japan-Ukraine Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Kyiv) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 25 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/c_see/ua/page4e_001361.html

³⁶⁵ Summit Meeting Between Prime Minister Kishida and President Duda of the Republic of Poland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Warsaw) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 25 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/c_see/pl/page3e_001332.html

³⁶⁶ Additional Assistance for Recovery and Reconstruction in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000403.html

³⁶⁷ Foreign Minister Hayashi Attends the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Brussels) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page4e_001369.html

³⁶⁸ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to “step up political and practical support.”³⁶⁹ Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.³⁷⁰

On 29 June 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that the UK would provide EUR1 billion in addition to the already provided EUR2.3 billion to “enhance and sustain Ukraine’s resistance to the Russian invasion.”³⁷¹ The Ministry of Defence stated that “all Government Departments contributed toward this military aid from their 2022/23 budgets, along with contributions from the Scottish and Welsh Governments.” This fund will help with supply capabilities, such as anti-tank weapons, air defense systems, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), electronic warfare equipment and thousands of kits for Ukrainian soldiers.

On 8 July 2022, the United Kingdom’s Second Permanent Under Secretary and Political Director Tim Barrow, United States Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock met at the G20 Ministerial Meeting in Bali.³⁷² They discussed joint efforts to support Ukraine with additional security and humanitarian aid to further contribute to Ukraine’s resistance against Russia’s invasion.

On 21 July 2022, Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace declared in a statement that, in the next few weeks, the Ministry of Defence would continue to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine by supplying more than 20 M109 155mm self-propelled guns, 36 L119 105mm artillery guns and ammunition, more than 50,000 rounds of ammunition for Ukraine’s Soviet-era artillery, at least 1,600 more anti-tank weapons, unmanned aerial systems, counter-battery radar systems and medical equipment.³⁷³ The UK will also provide military support that includes “more sophisticated defense systems across a range of capabilities.” Secretary Wallace stated that the UK will continue to supply this and other equipment and aid “until Ukraine’s sovereignty is restored.”

On 21 July 2022, the United States Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl met with the UK’s Ministry of Defence Director General Security Policy Paul Wyatt at the Pentagon.³⁷⁴ They discussed the situation in Ukraine as well as plans and priorities for future months to facilitate close cooperation and coordination on security matters.

On 10 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reiterated their condemnation of Russian aggression against Ukraine.³⁷⁵ The delegations demanded that Russia hands back full control of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to Ukraine to recognize Ukraine’s sovereignty and prevent a potential nuclear accident or incident that could endanger the population of Ukraine.

³⁶⁹ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

³⁷⁰ Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

³⁷¹ Military assistance to Ukraine since the Russian invasion, House of Commons Library (London) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9477/CBP-9477.pdf>

³⁷² Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with Transatlantic Quad Foreign Ministers, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-transatlantic-quad-foreign-ministers-3/>

³⁷³ Military Support to Ukraine, UK Parliament (London) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-07-21/HCWS259>

³⁷⁴ Readout of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Dr. Colin Kahl Meeting with U.K. Ministry of Defence Director General Security Policy Paul Wyatt, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3101315/readout-of-under-secretary-of-defense-for-policy-dr-colin-kahl-meeting-with-uk/>

³⁷⁵ Statement of the G7 Foreign Ministers in Support of the IAEA’s Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220810-ukraine.html>

On 11 August 2022, Secretary Wallace announced that the UK “will send further multiple-launch rocket systems (MLRS) to Ukraine ... to help the country defend itself against Russia’s illegal invasion,” in addition to a significant number of M31A1 missiles.³⁷⁶ In the upcoming months, the UK has committed “to train up to 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers in infantry battlefield skills,” along with the contribution of Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Norway.

On 5 September 2022, Secretary Wallace confirmed that the UK would continue to provide military assistance to the Ukrainian armed forces and that the UK was “now working on an additional package of support.”³⁷⁷

On 21 September 2022, Prime Minister Liz Truss declared the UK’s position on the war in Ukraine, stating that, where an economy [Ukraine] “is being targeted by an aggressive regime,” international efforts should “move to support them, acting as a sort of ‘economic NATO’” for resilience building.³⁷⁸ She reiterated the importance of such international alliance as it helps Ukraine to defend not only its values of freedom and democracy, but also “the security and values of the whole world.”

On 21-23 September 2022, Prime Minister Truss announced at the UN General Assembly that the UK will continue to match, or exceed, the already pledged EUR2.3 billion of military assistance to Ukraine in 2023.³⁷⁹ The content of the military support in 2023 will be determined based on the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine but is expected to include equipment like the Multiple Launch Rocket System. Prime Minister Truss promised to the people of Ukraine that “the UK will continue to be right behind you every step of the way. Your security is our security.”

On 30 September 2022, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announced new sanctions targeted at vulnerable sectors of the Russian economy in response to Russia’s illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia.³⁸⁰ The sanctions include a ban on the export of nearly 700 goods crucial to Russia’s industrial and technological capabilities and the prevention of Russia’s access to Western services in the areas of IT consultancy, architecture, engineering, auditing and transactional legal advisory for certain commercial activities. Secretary Cleverly stated that Russia “must be held to account for [its] abhorrent violation of international law,” which was why Britain was “working with [its] international partners to ramp up the economic pressure through new targeted services bans.”

On 11 October 2022, G7 members issued a joint statement after a meeting with Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.³⁸¹ The group reaffirmed their pledge to continue providing “financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support” for Ukraine for as long as it takes and voiced their commitment in aiding Ukraine in meet looming winter preparation needs.

³⁷⁶ UK to give more multiple launch rocket systems and guided missiles to Ukraine, Ministry of Defence (London) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-give-more-multiple-launch-rocket-systems-and-guided-missiles-to-ukraine>

³⁷⁷ Military assistance to Ukraine since the Russian invasion, House of Commons Library (London) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9477/CBP-9477.pdf>

³⁷⁸ ‘The story of 2022 is freedom fighting back’ against aggression, UK Prime Minister Truss says in UN speech, UN News (New York) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/09/1127441>

³⁷⁹ UK will match record Ukraine support in 2023, Prime Minister’s Office (London) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-will-match-record-ukraine-support-in-2023>

³⁸⁰ Sanctions in response to Putin’s illegal annexation of Ukrainian regions, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, Ministry of Justice, Department for International Trade, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sanctions-in-response-to-putins-illegal-annexation-of-ukrainian-regions>

³⁸¹ G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

On 12 October 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement of commitment to supporting Ukraine.³⁸² The statement recounted efforts they had previously taken to support Ukraine before reaffirming their intention to continue supporting Ukraine both militarily and financially for as long as necessary.

On 12 October 2022, the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting took place in Brussels.³⁸³ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.³⁸⁴

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Defence announced that the UK will “donate hundreds more air defense missiles to Ukraine, including [Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile] AMRAAM rockets ... capable of shooting down cruise missiles.³⁸⁵ The rockets would be used with the NASAMS air defence systems provided by the US and would help to protect Ukraine’s critical national infrastructure. The package is served alongside hundreds of additional aerial drones “to support Ukraine’s information gathering and logistics capabilities” and a further 18 howitzer artillery guns. The Ministry also announced that the UK will provide EUR10 million to NATO’s Comprehensive Assistance Package for Ukraine. The funding will be used to provide “urgent non-lethal assistance to Ukraine, such as winter clothes, shelters, generators, fuel trucks and ambulances for the Ukrainian army ahead of the winter.” Defence Secretary Ben Wallace promised to continue to urge his counterparts to support Ukraine for as long as it takes. In future meetings, Secretary Wallace and his counterparts will discuss the defence industrial capacity “to ensure that Allies are able to increase ... munitions [to] keep supporting Ukraine” and how NATO can safeguard critical infrastructure from future attacks.

On 13 October 2022, the UK Minister for Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Vicky Ford met with Samantha Power, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.³⁸⁶ They discussed ongoing efforts by the UK to support Ukraine as well as a deepening of bilateral cooperation for the provision of aid.

On 23 October 2022, representatives from the foreign departments and ministries of the UK, France and the US issued a joint statement reiterating steadfast support for Ukraine.³⁸⁷ The statement says that the three countries discussed their shared dedication to supporting Ukraine with economic, military and humanitarian aid.

On 17 November 2022, the Treasury announced that it would provide an additional EUR2.5 billion to help people from Ukraine and Afghanistan seek refuge in the UK from 2022 to 2024.³⁸⁸

³⁸² G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Statement on the global economic impact of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and G7 support to Ukraine, United Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1016>

³⁸³ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

³⁸⁴ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

³⁸⁵ UK to give air defence missiles to help Ukraine defend against rockets, Ministry of Defence (London) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-give-air-defence-missiles-to-help-ukraine-defend-against-rockets>

³⁸⁶ Administrator Samantha Power’s Meeting with Vicky Ford, Minister of State for Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-13-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meeting-vicky-ford-minister-united-kingdom>

³⁸⁷ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

³⁸⁸ Policy Paper: Autumn Statement 2022 HTML, His Majesty’s Treasury (London) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 13 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/autumn-statement-2022-documents/autumn-statement-2022-html>

On 8 November 2022, the Ministry of Defence confirmed that the UK will remain fully engaged with industry, allies and partners to ensure the continuation of military supplies to Ukraine.³⁸⁹ These munitions and equipment are provided directly from the British stocks and are “replaced as expeditiously as possible.”

On 19 November 2022, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced a new package of air defence support worth EUR50 million for Ukraine during his visit to Kyiv.³⁹⁰ The support includes 125 anti-aircraft guns and counter-drone technology such as radars and anti-drone electronic warfare capability.

On 23 November 2022, the Minister of Defence Ben Wallace announced that the UK will provide the first delivery of Sea King helicopters and an additional 10,000 artillery rounds to Ukraine.³⁹¹ This package aims to provide Ukraine with key search and rescue capabilities and increase its defensive capability.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.³⁹² The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country’s infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 14 January 2023, Prime Minister Sunak announced the UK’s intention to accelerate its diplomatic and military support for Ukraine in 2023.³⁹³ Within the next week, it plans to send fourteen Challenger 2 tanks and 30 AS-90 self-propelled guns to Ukraine, in addition to conducting training of the Ukrainian Armed Forces to teach its personnel to use this equipment.

On 16 January 2023, Secretary Wallace announced that, in addition to the military package delivered on 14 January 2023, the United Kingdom will further deliver armored and protected vehicles to Ukraine as a maneuver support package worth EUR28 million, additional uncrewed aerial systems worth EUR20 million, as well as missiles, an equipment support package of spares, and another 100,000 artillery rounds.³⁹⁴ The majority of this donation will be “purchased from the open market or from supportive third-party countries.”³⁹⁵

On 8 February 2023, Prime Minister Sunak announced that the UK plans to expand military training of Ukraine’s Armed Forces to sea and air.³⁹⁶ This would include the training of fighter jet pilots and marines as part of the UK’s long-term investment in Ukraine’s military. The purpose of this action is to increase the

³⁸⁹ Ukraine: Military Aid, Ministry of Defence (London) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-11-01/75774>

³⁹⁰ PM announces new air defence for Ukraine on first visit to Kyiv, Prime Minister’s Office (London) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-air-defence-for-ukraine-on-first-visit-to-kyiv>

³⁹¹ UK to Give Artillery Rounds and Helicopters as Part of Military Aid to Ukraine, Ministry of Defence (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-give-artillery-rounds-and-helicopters-to-help-defend-ukraine>

³⁹² G7 Leaders’ Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

³⁹³ PM Accelerates Ukraine Support Ahead of Anniversary of Putin’s War, Ministry of Defence, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 14 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-accelerates-ukraine-support-ahead-of-anniversary-of-putins-war>

³⁹⁴ Defence Secretary Oral Statement on War in Ukraine, Ministry of Defence (London) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/defence-secretary-oral-statement-on-war-in-ukraine--2>

³⁹⁵ Defence Secretary Oral Statement on War in Ukraine, Ministry of Defence (London) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/defence-secretary-oral-statement-on-war-in-ukraine--2>

³⁹⁶ PM extends Ukraine military training to pilots and marines as President Zelenskyy makes first visit to the UK since Russian invasion, Prime Minister’s Office, The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 8, 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-extends-ukraine-military-training-to-pilots-and-marines-as-president-zelenskyy-makes-first-visit-to-the-uk-since-russian-invasion>

fighting capacity of the Ukrainian forces on the battlefield and “limit Russia’s ability to target civilian infrastructure.”

On 10 March 2023, Prime Minister Sunak met with French President Emmanuel Macron at the 36th France – United Kingdom Summit in Paris.³⁹⁷ They published a UK-France Joint Leaders’ Declaration that reaffirmed both parties’ will to continue providing military and financial support to Ukraine.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. It has and will continue to provide substantial military assistance to Ukraine in the form of both physical equipment and financial contributions, with and without collaboration with its counterparts. Additionally, the UK has imposed timely economic sanctions in response to Russia’s ongoing aggression against Ukraine.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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On 29 June 2022, representatives from member states of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met for a two-day summit in Madrid.³⁹⁸ During this conference, they issued a joint statement about the actions that NATO has taken and will take in response to Russian aggression and reaffirmed their continued solidarity with Ukraine as well as their commitment to “step up political and practical support.”³⁹⁹ Additionally, they announced a joint strengthened comprehensive package of support for Ukraine intended to aid in repelling the Russian invasion.⁴⁰⁰

On 29 June 2022, United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin called Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov.⁴⁰¹ They discussed the US security assistance efforts in Ukraine as well as its impacts on the battlefield and plans for the next Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG) meeting. Secretary Austin also reaffirmed the dedication of the US and its allies to support Ukraine in its military conflict against Russia.

On 30 June 2022, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced USD1.3 billion of direct financial aid to the Government of Ukraine.⁴⁰² This transfer will be facilitated by the World Bank and will contribute to the continued operation of the Ukrainian government.

³⁹⁷ UK-France Joint Leaders’ Declaration, Prime Minister’s Office (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration>

³⁹⁸ 2022 NATO Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_196144.htm

³⁹⁹ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

⁴⁰⁰ Madrid Summit ends with far-reaching decisions to transform NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_197574.htm

⁴⁰¹ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call With Ukraine’s Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3078127/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-loyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukraines-minister/>

⁴⁰² The United States Contributes \$1.3 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-30-2022-united-states-contributes-13-billion-support-government-ukraine>

On 1 July 2022, the Department of Defense (DOD) announced an additional USD820 million security assistance package for Ukraine.⁴⁰³ This package includes “additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS)” to be procured from current US stockpiles and other items, such as “two National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems (NASAMS), up to 150,000 rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition, and four additional counter-artillery radars,” to be procured from industry contracts. The equipment provided will contribute to Ukraine’s continued self-defence against Russia.

On 6 July 2022, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken held a phone call meeting with Ukraine’s Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.⁴⁰⁴ They discussed updates on the US security assistance, financial budgetary aid and plans for an upcoming G20 Foreign Minister conference in Bali. Secretary Blinken reiterated the US commitment to supporting efforts to secure Ukraine’s “democratic, free and prosperous future.”

On 8 July 2022, Secretary Blinken, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and the United Kingdom’s Second Permanent Under Secretary and Political Director Tim Barrow met at the G20 Ministerial Meeting in Bali.⁴⁰⁵ They discussed joint efforts to support Ukraine with additional security and humanitarian aid to further contribute to Ukraine’s resistance against Russia’s invasion.

On 8 July 2022, the DOD announced an additional USD400 million Presidential Drawdown security package of equipment to be donated to Ukraine from existing US stockpiles.⁴⁰⁶ This package contains “four HIMARS and additional ammunition for HIMARS, three tactical vehicles to recover equipment, 155mm artillery ammunition, demolition munitions, counter-battery systems, spare parts and other equipment.”

On 9 July 2022, the Department of State and the USAID announced USD368 million in collective humanitarian aid for Ukraine.⁴⁰⁷ This money is meant to go towards providing “food, safe drinking water, cash assistance, protection, accessible shelter, emergency health care, logistics, and humanitarian coordination” to the people of Ukraine.⁴⁰⁸

On 9 July 2022, Secretary Austin held a phone call with Ukraine’s Minister Reznikov.⁴⁰⁹ They spoke on updates to the US security assistance, the situation on the ground, the agenda for the next UDCG meeting as well as the future of cooperation in that format. This meeting contained a pledge to maintain close contact and is a continuation of the United States’ close collaboration with the Ukrainian government on supporting it militarily.

⁴⁰³ \$820 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3081993/820-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁰⁴ Secretary Blinken’s Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-26/>

⁴⁰⁵ Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with Transatlantic Quad Foreign Ministers, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-transatlantic-quad-foreign-ministers-3/>

⁴⁰⁶ \$400 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3087750/400-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁰⁷ The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, United States Agency For International Development (Washington D.C.) 9 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-09-2022-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-ukraine>

⁴⁰⁸ Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 July 2022. Access Date: 03 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-the-people-of-ukraine-2/>

⁴⁰⁹ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call With Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 9 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3089494/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-ministe/>

On 12 July 2022, USAID and the Department of the Treasury announced the provision of an additional USD1.7 billion in financial aid to Ukraine.⁴¹⁰ This transfer is to be facilitated by the World Bank and is meant to ease the budget deficit caused by the Russian invasion to help the Ukrainian government continue carrying out its critical functions.

On 13 July 2022, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo called Ukrainian Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko to discuss continued US and international financial support for Ukraine, as well as the recent USD1.7 billion provision.⁴¹¹ This meeting is a continuation of the US effort to maintain close collaboration with Ukraine on measures of economic support.

On 14 July 2022, USAID Administrator Samantha Power called Ukraine's Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal to discuss recovery efforts as well as the ongoing support the US has been providing.⁴¹² This meeting is a continuation of the US efforts to coordinate with Ukraine on its recovery steps.

On 18 July 2022, Administrator Power met with the First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska.⁴¹³ They discussed humanitarian issues in Ukraine and agreed to continue working closely together to address healthcare challenges and plan for long-term recovery.

On 18 July 2022, USAID announced the provision of an additional USD169 million in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.⁴¹⁴ This aid package is meant to “provide emergency food and cash assistance, safe drinking water, logistical support, information management support for humanitarian operations, nutrition, emergency shelter assistance, hygiene items, emergency health care and mental health care to Ukrainians directly impacted by the conflict.”

On 18 July 2022, a Department of State spokesperson reiterated to the press that they would continue sharing intelligence with the Ukrainian government, despite recent high-level personnel changes.⁴¹⁵ They reaffirmed that the support of the US was for the country of Ukraine, not for any specific member of its government administration, and they would continue with that policy.

On 18 July 2022, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities Dr. Mara Karlin visited Brussels and met with NATO allies and partners.⁴¹⁶ Among other issues, they discussed the coordination of collective efforts to provide military support for Ukraine.

⁴¹⁰ The United States Contributes \$1.7 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-12-2022-united-states-contributes-17-billion-support-government-ukraine>

⁴¹¹ Readout: Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo's Call with Ukraine Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0864>

⁴¹² Administrator Samantha Power's Call with Ukraine Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-14-2022-administrator-samantha-power-call-ukraine-prime-minister-denys-shmyhal>

⁴¹³ Administrator Samantha Power Meets with First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-18-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meets-first-lady-ukraine-olena-zelenska>

⁴¹⁴ The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-18-2022-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-ukraine>

⁴¹⁵ U.S. to continue providing intelligence to Ukraine after recent personnel changes, Reuters (London) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022 <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/us-continue-providing-intelligence-ukraine-after-recent-personnel-changes-2022-07-18/>

⁴¹⁶ Readout of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities Dr. Mara Karlin's Trip to Brussels, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3097086/readout-of-assistant-secretary-of-defense-for-strategy-plans-and-capabilities-d/>

On 20 July 2022, Secretary Austin met virtually with the defence leaders of some 50 other countries as part of a periodic meeting of the UDCG.⁴¹⁷ They worked on the coordination of current efforts to support Ukraine militarily and discussed the country's anticipated future defence needs.

On 20 July 2022, the US issued a joint statement with other states in the Group of Creditors of Ukraine to defer Ukraine's debt payments due to bondholders and extend payment maturities from 1 August 2022 to the end of 2023, with the possibility of another year-long extension.⁴¹⁸ This measure is meant to alleviate stress on Ukraine and financially support it as it fights against Russia.

On 21 July 2022, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl met with the UK's Ministry of Defence Director General Security Policy Paul Wyatt at the Pentagon.⁴¹⁹ They discussed the situation in Ukraine as well as plans and priorities for future months to facilitate close cooperation and coordination on security matters.

On 22 July 2022, Secretary Blinken called Ukraine's Minister Kuleba.⁴²⁰ They discussed future security assistance packages for Ukraine as part of the US' continued close coordination with Ukraine on military matters.

On 22 July 2022, the DOD announced another USD270 million in military aid for Ukraine.⁴²¹ This package will include "four additional HIMARS and additional ammunition for HIMARS, four command post vehicles, 36,000 rounds of 105mm ammunition, additional anti-armor weapons, spare parts, and other equipment," all to be donated from the US stockpiles, and as many as 580 Phoenix Ghost Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems to be procured from industry contractors. All of these are meant to contribute to the Ukrainian war effort against Russia.

On 26 July 2022, Secretary Austin once again called Ukraine's Minister Reznikov.⁴²² They discussed the outcomes of the previous UDCG meeting, current US security assistance to Ukraine, and the situation on the ground as part of the continued coordination between the two countries on support against the Russian invasion.

On 27 July 2022, the US contributed USD500 million to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to support recovery efforts from the Russian invasion in Ukraine and other impacted countries.⁴²³ "This funding will support immediate crisis response mainly in Ukraine, including: energy security needs; food security, including vital infrastructure in transport and logistics as well as direct finance to farmers and exporters; and support for vulnerable populations and internally displaced persons." It will "also support technical

⁴¹⁷ Defense Leaders Meet to Bolster Ukraine Support, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3100163/defense-leaders-meet-to-bolster-ukraine-support/>

⁴¹⁸ Statement by the Group of Creditors of Ukraine, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0883>

⁴¹⁹ Readout of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Dr. Colin Kahl Meeting with U.K. Ministry of Defence Director General Security Policy Paul Wyatt, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3101315/readout-of-under-secretary-of-defense-for-policy-dr-colin-kahl-meeting-with-uk/>

⁴²⁰ Secretary Blinken's Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-27/>

⁴²¹ \$270 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3102984/270-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴²² Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3105882/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-minister/>

⁴²³ Treasury Department Signs Agreement to Contribute \$500 million to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to Support Ukraine and Other Affected Countries, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0892>

assistance grants to support small and medium businesses, improve the business environment, and mitigate risks of food and energy insecurity.”

On 27 July 2022, USAID announced the provision of nearly USD74 million in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.⁴²⁴ “This additional funding will provide emergency hygiene items, health care, mental health care, and shelter and cash assistance to Ukrainians directly impacted by the conflict” and thus help the Ukrainian recovery from the impacts of the war.

On 29 July 2022, Secretary Austin called Ukraine’s Minister Reznikov.⁴²⁵ They discussed changing battlefield dynamics and security assistance such that the US can continue to provide Ukraine with the capabilities needed to adequately defend itself against Russia.

On 1 August 2022, the DOD announced the provision of USD550 million worth of equipment to Ukraine as a Presidential Drawdown security assistance package.⁴²⁶ This aid is intended to help Ukraine meet changing battlefield dynamics and will include, among other things, 75,000 rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition and additional ammunition for HIMARS.

On 2 August 2022, USAID announced that it would provide the World Health Organization with an additional USD1.8 million for the surveillance and reporting of infectious diseases in Ukraine.⁴²⁷ This humanitarian aid is meant to support the recovery of Ukrainian health systems.

On 3 August 2022, Secretary Austin held another call with Ukraine’s Minister Reznikov.⁴²⁸ They discussed the situation on the ground as well as Ukraine’s security assistance needs such that the US can continue providing Ukraine with the necessary capabilities to fight off the Russian invasion.

On 8 August 2022, USAID in conjunction with the Treasury provided an additional USD4.5 billion through the World Bank of direct financial aid to the Ukrainian government.⁴²⁹ This funding is meant to help Ukraine address the budget deficit caused by the Russian invasion.

On 8 August 2022, the DOD authorized a Presidential Drawdown package of USD1 billion in military equipment from the US stockpiles for Ukraine.⁴³⁰ The package includes “additional ammunition for HIMARS, 75,000 rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition, 20 120mm mortar systems and 20,000 rounds of 120mm mortar ammunition, munitions for NASAMS, 1,000 Javelin and hundreds of AT4 anti-armor systems, 50 armored medical treatment vehicles, Claymore anti-personnel munitions, C-4 explosives, demolition munitions, and

⁴²⁴ USAID Humanitarian Assistance Provided to the People of Ukraine Surpasses \$1 Billion Since Russia’s Invasion, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-27-2022-usaid-humanitarian-assistance-provided-people-ukraine-surpasses-1-billion>

⁴²⁵ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defense Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3110833/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-minister/>

⁴²⁶ \$550 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3112377/550-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴²⁷ Deputy Administrator Coleman’s Meeting with World Health Organization Europe Regional Director Dr. Hans Kluge, United States Agency for International Aid (Washington D.C.) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-2-2022-deputy-administrator-coleman-meeting-world-health-organization>

⁴²⁸ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3115627/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-minister/>

⁴²⁹ The United States Contributes \$4.5 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-08-2022-united-states-contributes-45-billion-support-government-ukraine>

⁴³⁰ \$1 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3120059/1-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

demolition equipment, medical supplies [namely] first aid kits, bandages, monitors, and other equipment.” This security assistance is meant to help Ukraine militarily in the war against Russia.

On 8 August 2022, Secretary Austin held a phone conversation with Canada’s Minister of National Defence Anita Anand.⁴³¹ As part of close bilateral coordination on global issues, they discussed the provision of Canadian security assistance to Ukraine.

On 9 August 2022, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman met with New Zealand’s Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.⁴³² They discussed and reiterated their continued response coordination to support Ukraine in its war against Russia.

On 9 August 2022, the State Department announced USD89 million of funding to deploy demining teams across Ukraine for the clearance of landmines.⁴³³ This initiative is meant to provide humanitarian support to the people of Ukraine and assist in the country’s recovery.

On 10 August 2022, Secretary Austin met with Latvia’s President Egils Levits, Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins and Defense Minister Artis Pabriks in Riga.⁴³⁴ They discussed the military situation in Ukraine, the implementation of the NATO Madrid Summit commitments and efforts to support Ukraine as part of bilateral cooperation in support of Ukraine against Russia.

On 16 August 2022, Secretary Austin had a phone call with Ukraine’s Minister Reznikov.⁴³⁵ They discussed the situation on the ground, Ukraine’s immediate security assistance needs, and planning for the next meeting of the UDCG as part of the efforts to bolster international cooperation and security support for Ukraine.

On 17 August 2022, Secretary Blinken called Ukraine’s Minister Kuleba.⁴³⁶ They discussed the ongoing US support for Ukraine and the delivery of aid packages to maintain continued cooperation, coordination and communication between the two governments on military and financial support.

On 19 August 2022, Secretary Blinken called Korea’s Foreign Minister Park Jin.⁴³⁷ They discussed cooperation on global issues, including efforts by both countries to provide assistance to Ukraine.

On 19 August 2022, the DOD announced a Presidential Drawdown Security package of USD775 million worth of equipment from the US stockpiles that will be provided to Ukraine.⁴³⁸ The package includes “additional

⁴³¹ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Phone Call with Canadian Minister of National Defence Anita Anand, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3120698/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-loyd-j-austin-iiis-phone-call-with-canadian-mi/>

⁴³² Deputy Secretary Sherman’s Meeting with New Zealand’s Prime Minister Ardern, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/deputy-secretary-shermans-meeting-with-new-zealands-prime-minister-ardern/>

⁴³³ \$89 Million in New U.S. Humanitarian Demining Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/89-million-in-new-u-s-humanitarian-demining-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴³⁴ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Visit to Latvia, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3122769/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-loyd-j-austin-iiis-visit-to-latvia/>

⁴³⁵ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Call With Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3130256/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-loyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-ministe/>

⁴³⁶ Secretary Blinken’s Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-29/>

⁴³⁷ Secretary Blinken’s Call with Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Park, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-republic-of-korea-foreign-minister-park-2/>

⁴³⁸ \$775 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3134457/775-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine>

ammunition for HIMARS, 16 105mm Howitzers and 36,000 105mm artillery rounds, 15 Scan Eagle unmanned aerial systems, 40 MaxxPro Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles with mine rollers, additional high-speed anti-radiation missiles, 50 armored High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 1,500 Tube-Launched, Optically-Tracked, Wire-Guided (TOW) missiles, 1,000 Javelin anti-armor systems, 2,000 anti-armor rounds, mine-clearing equipment and systems, demolition munitions, tactical secure communications systems, night vision devices, thermal imagery systems, optics, and laser rangefinders.” This security assistance is meant to help Ukraine meet its critical battlefield and defence needs in the conflict against Russia.

On 24 August 2022, the DOD announced a USD2.8 billion security package for Ukraine, of equipment to be provided from private industry contracts in months and years to come.⁴³⁹ This package will include “six additional NASAMS with additional munitions for NASAMS, up to 245,000 rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition, up to 65,000 rounds of 120mm mortar ammunition, up to 24 counter-artillery radars, Puma Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and support equipment for Scan Eagle UAS systems, VAMPIRE Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems, laser-guided rocket systems, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment.”⁴⁴⁰ This funding is meant to provide continual support for the Ukrainian military and cover the nation’s long-term security needs.

On 26 August 2022, the DOD awarded Raytheon Missiles & Defense a USD182 million contract for the manufacture of NASAMS to be delivered to Ukraine as part of previously announced security packages.⁴⁴¹ This equipment is to be provided to Ukraine over the coming months to support their long-term air defence capabilities.⁴⁴²

On 29 August 2022, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, William LaPlante and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Doug Bush visited manufacturing facilities for High Mobility Rocket Systems and Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems.⁴⁴³ This visit was intended to strengthen the partnership with the Defense Industry, in light of recent rounds of equipment procurement for Ukraine and encourage more cooperation and coordination in providing additional security aid.

On 31 August 2022, Administrator Power met with a delegation of Ukrainian representatives, including Ukraine’s Minister of Communities and Territorial Development Oleksiy Chernyshov, Ukrainian Ambassador Oksana Markarova, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territorial Development Ivan Lukeria, Government Commissioner for Public Debt Management Yuriy Butsa, Advisor to the Minister for Communities and Territorial Development Oleksiy Lukashuk, and acting head of the economic section of the Embassy of Ukraine Volodymyr Muzylov.⁴⁴⁴ As part of the close partnership between the US and Ukraine for bilateral cooperation in supporting resistance against Russian invasion, the officials jointly discussed current USAID assistance

⁴³⁹ U.S. Announces \$2.98 Billion in Aid to Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3138602/us-announces-298-billion-in-aid-to-ukraine/>

⁴⁴⁰ Nearly \$3 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3138105/nearly-3-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁴¹ US Army awards Raytheon Missiles & Defense \$182 million NASAMS contract for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Tucson, Arizona) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.rtx.com/news/news-center/2022/08/26/us-army-awards-raytheon-missiles-defense-182-million-nasams-contract-for-ukrai>

⁴⁴² Missile Systems Contract Will Aid Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3145642/missile-systems-contract-will-aid-ukraine/>

⁴⁴³ Acquisition Leaders Visit HIMARS, GMLRS Facilities, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3141681/acquisition-leaders-visit-himars-gmlrs-facilities/>

⁴⁴⁴ Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Ukraine’s Minister of Communities and Territorial Development (MCTD) Oleksiy Chernyshov, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/08-31-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meets-ukraine-minister-communities>

efforts and the need to conduct repairs on critical infrastructure damaged by the war. They also reviewed a preliminary version of the Ukrainian National Recovery Plan.

On 8 September 2022, Secretary Austin met with leaders from 50 other countries at Ramstein Airbase, Germany, for the fifth meeting of the UDCG.⁴⁴⁵ The representatives discussed and planned continued international efforts to support Ukraine militarily and logistics for meeting the training, equipment, and sustainment needs of the Ukrainian military in the war against Russia.⁴⁴⁶ The group pledged to “find new and innovative ways to support [sic] Ukrainian military and Ukrainian people as they defend their country, their lives and their freedom.”

On 8 September 2022, the DOD announced the provision of USD675 million worth of military equipment to be provided as security assistance to Ukraine from the US stockpiles.⁴⁴⁷ This package was announced in light of the fifth meeting of the UDCG and includes “additional ammunition for HIMARS; four 105mm Howitzers and 36,000 105mm artillery rounds; additional High-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARM); 100 armored High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV); 1.5 million rounds of small arms ammunition; more than 5,000 anti-armor systems; 1,000 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine (RAAM) Systems; additional grenade launchers and small arms; 50 armored medical treatment vehicles; night vision devices and other field equipment.” This equipment is meant to meet Ukraine’s urgent needs on the battlefield.

On 8 September 2022, Secretary Blinken, while on a visit to Kyiv to meet with Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, announced an additional USD2.2 billion in foreign military financing to help bolster the security of Ukraine and its neighbours in the region.⁴⁴⁸ USD1 billion of that fund will be going towards helping Ukraine both sustain its current military self-defence capabilities and develop future capabilities.

On 9 September 2022, Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen met with Ukraine’s Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal virtually.⁴⁴⁹ They discussed the need for expedited delivery of economic assistance, the development of a macroeconomic reform program and the formation of a coalition of partners to support Ukraine’s recovery from the destruction caused by the war. This meeting between representatives of the two governments was meant to further the close US cooperation in financially supporting Ukraine’s reconstruction.

On 10 September 2022, Secretary Blinken spoke with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.⁴⁵⁰ They coordinated further efforts to continue supporting Ukraine and to hold Russia accountable for the war it continues waging against Ukraine. This meeting is part of a series of diplomatic actions taken by the US to reinforce international cooperation in support of Ukraine.

⁴⁴⁵ Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army General Mark A. Milley Hold a Press Conference Following the Ukraine Defense Contact Group Meeting, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript/Article/3152582/secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-and-chairman-of-the-joint-chiefs-of-sta/>

⁴⁴⁶ Momentum Builds for Ukraine Defense Contact Group, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3152763/momentum-builds-for-ukraine-defense-contact-group/>

⁴⁴⁷ \$675 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3152071/675-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁴⁸ Secretary Blinken Travels to Ukraine and Belgium, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022 <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinken-travels-to-ukraine-and-belgium/>

⁴⁴⁹ Readout: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen’s Virtual Meeting with Ukraine Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 9 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0944>

⁴⁵⁰ Secretary Blinken’s Call with European Commission President von der Leyen, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-european-commission-president-von-der-leyen/>

On 14 September 2022, the US and other members of the Group of Creditors of Ukraine met to conclude the implementation of the suspension announced in their previous statement dated 20 July 2022.⁴⁵¹ This measure is meant to reduce the pressure on the Ukrainian economy in the context of the Russian invasion.

On 15 September 2022, the DOD funded a contract modification equal to USD14.5 million to Safe Boats International L.L.C. for the installation of four additional Gun Weapons Systems onto MarkVI patrol boats previously procured for sale to Ukraine.⁴⁵² This contract is meant to support equipment adaptations to Ukraine's military needs as the country continues to defend itself against Russia.⁴⁵³

On 15 September 2022, the DOD announced the provision of an additional USD600 million worth of equipment as part of the Presidential Drawdown security package.⁴⁵⁴ This security assistance will include "additional ammunition for HIMARS; 36,000 105mm artillery rounds; 1,000 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds; four counter-artillery radars; four trucks and eight trailers to transport heavy equipment; counter-unmanned aerial systems; mine-clearing equipment; Claymore anti-personnel munitions; demolition munitions and equipment; small arms and ammunition; night vision devices, cold weather gear, and other field equipment." This latest security package is part of the US efforts to ensure the Ukrainian military can meet its critical battlefield demands.

On 15 September 2022, the DOD awarded a USD2.2 million contract to AeroVironment Inc. for the procurement of Switchblade 600s for Ukraine.⁴⁵⁵ This action is meant to provide the Ukrainian military with the equipment necessary to meet the challenges of the changing war dynamic.

On 16 September 2022, Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks met with several executives from key biotechnology industry actors to communicate the needs of the Department of Defense and discuss the procurement of equipment for Ukraine.⁴⁵⁶ This meeting contributes to bolstering military support for Ukraine by coordinating measures for security assistance with industry manufacturers.

On 16 September 2022, USAID Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman met with the co-founder of the International Center for Ukrainian Victory Olena Halushka and Yulia Paievska, a military servicewoman who was detained by the Russians during the war.⁴⁵⁷ They discussed the dynamic situation on the ground in the recently liberated territories and how the US government can support Ukraine's reintegration of its regained territory. This meeting contributes to the US' understanding of the local situation and plans to support recovery in liberated Ukrainian territories.

⁴⁵¹ Statement by Group of Creditors of Ukraine, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0949>

⁴⁵² SAFE Boats awarded 90-million-dollar contract for six Mk VI Patrol Boats, Safe Boats International (Seattle) 21 October 2021. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://safeboats.com/safe-boats-awarded-90-million-dollar-contract-for-six-mk-vi-patrol-boats/>

⁴⁵³ Contracts For Sept. 15, 2022, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Contracts/Contract/Article/3160329/>

⁴⁵⁴ \$600 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3160503/600-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁵⁵ Ukraine Contracting Actions, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://media.defense.gov/2022/Sep/20/2003081481/-1/-1/0/CONTRACTING-FACT-SHEET-16SEPT22-RELEASE-VF.PDF>

⁴⁵⁶ Readout of Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen Hicks' Continuing Engagements with Defense Industrial Base Companies, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3161757/readout-of-deputy-secretary-of-defense-dr-kathleen-hicks-continuing-engagements/>

⁴⁵⁷ Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman Meets with Olena Halushka and Yulia Paievska, Leading Members of Ukrainian Civil Society, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-16-2022-deputy-administrator-isobel-coleman-meets-olena-halushka-and-yulia-paievska>

On 22 September 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement in support of Ukraine.⁴⁵⁸ They collectively reiterated their commitment “to continue and sustain economic, financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support for Ukraine for as long as necessary and to the extent necessary, to ensure Ukraine’s path to freedom, peace, reconstruction and economic development.”

On 26 September 2022, the US announced the allocation of an additional USD457.5 million in security assistance to Ukraine.⁴⁵⁹ This funding will go towards supporting Ukrainian security by enhancing the operational capacity of Ukrainian law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

On 28 September 2022, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment William A. LaPlante chaired the first meeting of the National Armaments Directors composed of representatives from members of the UDCG.⁴⁶⁰ The participants discussed defence industry challenges, opportunities to increase production, the logistics of standardizing equipment to make donated systems more compatible and increasing sustainment capabilities in Ukraine for the maintenance and repair of donated equipment. This meeting contributed to coordinating international support for Ukraine and increasing the efficiency of security assistance efforts.

On 28 September 2022, the DOD announced an additional security package for Ukraine of approximately USD1.1 billion in equipment to be procured in the coming weeks, months and years from private industry contractors.⁴⁶¹ This package will include among other things the following equipment: “18 HIMARS and associated ammunition; 150 Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (Humvees); 150 Tactical Vehicles to tow weapons; 40 trucks and 80 trailers to transport heavy equipment; two radars for Unmanned Aerial Systems; 20 multi-mission radars; Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems; tactical secure communications systems, surveillance systems, and optics; explosive ordnance disposal equipment; body armor and other field equipment; funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment.” This provision is meant to support Ukraine in addressing both urgent and long-term security problems.

On 29 September 2022, the DOD allocated an additional USD12 million to SRCTec LLC for the modification of TPQ-50 radar systems procured in a previous contract for Ukraine.⁴⁶² This contract is part of the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative to militarily support Ukraine in combatting the Russian invasion.

On 30 September 2022, Secretary Austin called Ukraine’s Minister Reznikov.⁴⁶³ They discussed the situation on the ground and recent US security assistance initiatives as well as plans for the next UDCG meeting. This dialogue between the two officials is part of ongoing coordination between the US and Ukrainian governments on supporting the Ukrainian effort against Russia.

⁴⁵⁸ Statement by Foreign Minister Baerbock in her capacity as Chair of the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting at the High-Level Week of the UN General Assembly, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/statement-by-foreign-minister-baerbock-in-her-capacity-as-chair-of-the-g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-at-the-high-level-week-of-the-un-general-assembly/>

⁴⁵⁹ \$457.5 Million in New U.S. Civilian Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/457-5-million-in-new-u-s-civilian-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁶⁰ Readout of National Armaments Directors Meeting Under the Auspices of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3173568/readout-of-national-armaments-directors-meeting-under-the-auspices-of-the-ukrai/>

⁴⁶¹ \$1.1 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3173378/11-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁶² Contracts For Sept. 29, 2022, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Contracts/Contract/Article/3175072//>

⁴⁶³ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3176896/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-ministe/>

On 30 September 2022, the US Congress successfully passed an omnibus bill providing an additional USD12.35 billion in both financial and military support to Ukraine.⁴⁶⁴ This funding will grant the Ukrainian government substantial additional support in its conflict with Russia.

On 1 October 2022, Secretary Blinken called Ukraine's Minister Kuleba.⁴⁶⁵ They discussed the situation in Ukraine, ongoing assistance and future deliveries of security assistance packages.

On 4 October 2022, the DOD announced an additional USD625 million worth of capabilities to be delivered to Ukraine from existing US stocks.⁴⁶⁶ This security assistance package is intended to provide vital equipment to support Ukrainian resistance against Russia and includes "four HIMARS and associated ammunition; 16 155mm Howitzers; 75,000 155mm artillery rounds; 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds; 1,000 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine (RAAM) Systems; 16 105mm Howitzers; 30,000 120mm mortar rounds; 200 MaxxPro Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles; 200,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; obstacle emplacement equipment; Claymore anti-personnel munitions."

On 5 October 2022, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation Programs Kathryn Insley addressed a conference for the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.⁴⁶⁷ She urged all members to contribute to Ukraine's security by continuing to provide them with support against Russia's invasion.

On 6 October 2022, USAID announced USD55 million in financial support for Ukraine's heating infrastructure to alleviate the stress of the approaching winter.⁴⁶⁸ This assistance is meant to support recovery and will fund repairs and maintenance of the critical infrastructure needed to heat buildings across Ukraine.

On 10 October 2022, Secretary Blinken called Ukraine's Minister Kuleba.⁴⁶⁹ They discussed the recent missile strikes against Ukraine and Blinken reaffirmed the American dedication to providing continued vital economic, humanitarian and security support to Ukraine.

On 10 October 2022, US President Joe Biden called Ukraine's President Zelenskyy.⁴⁷⁰ They discussed continuing efforts to interface with allies and encourage the provision of support for Ukraine, with Biden pledging to provide Ukraine with security assistance, including advanced air defence systems.

⁴⁶⁴ House Passes Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, United States House Committee on Appropriations (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/house-passes-continuing-appropriations-and-ukraine-supplemental-appropriation>

⁴⁶⁵ Secretary Blinken's Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 1 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-30/>

⁴⁶⁶ \$625 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3179323/625-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁶⁷ Remarks at the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/remarks-at-the-global-partnership-against-the-spread-of-weapons-and-materials-of-mass-destruction/>

⁴⁶⁸ United States Announces \$55 Million in Emergency Assistance to Help Ukraine Prepare for Winter, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-6-2022-united-states-announces-55-million-in-emergency-assistance-to-help-ukraine-prepare-for-winter>

⁴⁶⁹ Secretary Blinken's Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-31/>

⁴⁷⁰ Readout of President Joe Biden's Call with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, White House (Washington D.C.) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/10/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-call-with-president-volodymyr-zelenskyy-of-ukraine/>

On 11 October 2022, Secretary Yellen met with Ukraine's Minister Marchenko in Washington D.C.⁴⁷¹ They discussed US efforts to call upon allies to provide support, Ukraine's economic outlook and financial needs as well as ways the US could provide additional support to Ukraine. This meeting contributes to US efforts to maintain close communication with the Ukrainian government such that the support provided to them will accurately reflect the challenges they face.

On 11 October 2022, G7 members issued a joint statement after a meeting with President Zelenskyy.⁴⁷² The group reaffirmed their pledge to continue providing "financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support" for Ukraine for as long as it takes and voiced their commitment in aiding Ukraine in meet looming winter preparation needs.

On 12 October 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement of commitment to supporting Ukraine.⁴⁷³ In the statement, the participants recounted efforts they had previously taken to support Ukraine before reaffirming their intention to continue supporting Ukraine both militarily and financially for as long as necessary.

On 12 October 2022, Administrator Power met with the Dutch Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Elisabeth Schreinemacher.⁴⁷⁴ They discussed the Netherlands' provision of aid to Ukraine to assist in preparations for winter conditions, US direct budgetary financing of Ukraine and the safeguarding of women's rights during the conflict, as well as other initiatives to support Ukraine. This contributes to the US' continued efforts to promote collaboration in support of Ukraine amongst partners and allies.

On 12 October 2022, Secretary Austin chaired the NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting which took place in Brussels.⁴⁷⁵ They discussed recent developments in the Ukrainian situation, the possibility of speeding up the delivery of security assistance packages as well as the logistics of implementing key decisions they had made earlier in the year at the Madrid NATO Summit as part of the effort to support Ukraine militarily and economically in the fight against Russia.⁴⁷⁶

On 12 October 2022, Secretary Austin attended the sixth meeting of the UDCG along with representatives from some fifty other members.⁴⁷⁷ The meeting addressed bolstering the security support Ukraine receives from its partners through measures to improve defensive industry production, systems interoperability of donated equipment, sustainment capacity for equipment, intensification of training efforts for Ukrainian

⁴⁷¹ Remarks by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at Bilateral Meeting with Ukraine Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1008>

⁴⁷² G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

⁴⁷³ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement on the global economic impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and G7 support to Ukraine, United Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1016>

⁴⁷⁴ Administrator Samantha Power's Meeting with Elisabeth "Liesje" Schreinemacher, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-12-2022-administrator-power-meeting-elisabeth-liesje-schreinemacher>

⁴⁷⁵ Allies Are Unified in Support for Ukraine Ahead of NATO Meetings, Defense Official Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186086/allies-are-unified-in-support-for-ukraine-ahead-of-nato-meetings-defense-offici/>

⁴⁷⁶ Stoltenberg Says NATO Remains Committed to Supporting Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3184488/stoltenberg-says-nato-remains-committed-to-supporting-ukraine/>

⁴⁷⁷ Austin: Resolve of Ukraine's Allies Strengthened Amid Russian 'Atrocities', United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3186703/austin-resolve-of-ukraines-allies-strengthened-amid-russian-atrocities/>

soldiers, as well as ensure the continued smooth operation of the logistical networks used to deliver provisions to Ukraine.⁴⁷⁸

On 13 October 2022, Administrator Power met with the UK Minister for Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Vicky Ford.⁴⁷⁹ The two discussed ongoing efforts by the UK to support Ukraine as well as a deepening of bilateral cooperation for the provision of aid. This meeting fosters US objectives in mobilizing international cooperation and bilateral efforts to support Ukraine.

On 14 October 2022, the DOD announced the provision of an additional USD725 million worth of equipment from the US existing stockpile as part of a Presidential Drawdown security assistance package.⁴⁸⁰ This equipment is meant to bolster Ukrainian defensive capabilities and will include “additional ammunition for HIMARS; 23,000 155mm artillery rounds; 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds; 5,000 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine (RAAM) Systems; 5,000 anti-tank weapons; High-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARMs); more than 200 Humvees; small arms and more than 2,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; medical supplies.”

On 14 October 2022, USAID Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman met with Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations for the European Union, Katarina Mathernova.⁴⁸¹ This dialogue contributed to the ongoing support of Ukraine as it involved efforts to coordinate both broader humanitarian and development aid initiatives for Ukraine along with direct budgetary support for the Ukrainian government.

On 14 October 2022, Administrator Power met with Ukraine’s Minister Marchenko.⁴⁸² They discussed new Ukrainian demands as winter approaches as well as plans on how to stimulate and restart the economy, as well as ongoing and potential US efforts to financially support Ukraine by stirring economic recovery.

On 15 October 2022, Deputy Administrator Coleman met with Director-General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency Carin Jämtin.⁴⁸³ The two discussed partnerships for support of Ukraine and the best ways to promote locally led Ukrainian aid efforts and leadership. This meeting contributes towards the continued support for Ukraine by providing an opportunity for collaboration between the US government and civil society organizations, as well as in general, encouraging assistance through local Ukrainian grassroots programs.

⁴⁷⁸ Opening Remarks by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III at the Sixth Ukraine Defense Contact Group (As Delivered), United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Speeches/Speech/Article/3185283/opening-remarks-by-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-at-the-sixth-ukraine/>

⁴⁷⁹ Administrator Samantha Power’s Meeting with Vicky Ford, Minister of State for Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-13-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meeting-vicky-ford-minister-united-kingdom>

⁴⁸⁰ \$725 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3189571/725-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁸¹ Deputy Administrator Coleman’s Meeting with Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Union, United States Agency for International Aid (Washington D.C.) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-15-2022-deputy-administrator-coleman-meeting-katarina-mathernova>

⁴⁸² Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Minister of Finance of Ukraine Serhiy Marchenko, United States Agency for International Aid (Washington D.C.) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-15-2022-administrator-power-meets-minister-finance-ukraine-serhiy-marchenko>

⁴⁸³ Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman’s Meeting with Carin Jämtin, Director-General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, United States Agency for International Aid (Washington D.C.) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-15-2022-deputy-administrator-isobel-coleman-meeting-carin-jamtin>

On 18 October 2022, Secretary Yellen met virtually with Ukraine's Prime Minister Shmyhal.⁴⁸⁴ They discussed US efforts to deliver their recent USD4.5 billion of direct budgetary aid, Ukrainian financing needs for the coming year, and coordination amongst international partners for support towards Ukrainian recovery. This meeting contributes towards ongoing American efforts to continue financially supporting Ukraine in its endeavours.

On 18 October 2022, Secretary Austin met with the UK's Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace at the Pentagon.⁴⁸⁵ The two men, in a continuation of the talks held at the previous NATO ministerial meeting in Brussels, discussed shared security initiatives to aid Ukraine including the provision of security assistance and bilateral cooperation. This dialogue contributed to support for Ukraine by strengthening the partnership for joint cooperative assistance.

On 23 October 2022, Secretary Austin held a phone call with the UK's Secretary Wallace.⁴⁸⁶ This meeting was a continuation of their earlier meeting at the Pentagon on joint security efforts including support of Ukraine.

On 23 October 2022, representatives from the foreign of the US, France and the United Kingdom issued a joint statement reiterating steadfast support for Ukraine.⁴⁸⁷ The statement says that the three countries discussed their shared dedication to supporting Ukraine with economic, military and humanitarian aid.

On 27 October 2022, the US announced a plan to ensure that equipment donated as foreign aid to Ukraine is not illicitly commandeered.⁴⁸⁸ This plan is meant to help the Ukrainian war and future recovery efforts by reducing the amount of material captured by Russian forces, making sure the Ukrainian military has access to all the equipment provided to them via security assistance packages and ensuring that there is no destabilizing black market for arms.

On 28 October 2022, the DOD announced a Presidential Drawdown security package to Ukraine containing USD275 million worth of military equipment from US stockpiles.⁴⁸⁹ This aid is meant to help Ukraine address various defence challenges and includes "additional ammunition for HIMARS; 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds; 2,000 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine (RAAM) Systems; more than 1,300 anti-armor systems; 125 Humvees; small arms and more than 2,750,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; and four satellite communications antennas."

⁴⁸⁴ Readout: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen's Virtual Meeting with Ukraine Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1031>

⁴⁸⁵ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Meeting with U.K. Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3192644/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-meeting-with-uk-secretary-o/>

⁴⁸⁶ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Phone Call with U.K. Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3196836/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-phone-call-with-uk-secretar/>

⁴⁸⁷ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

⁴⁸⁸ U.S. Plan to Counter Illicit Diversion of Certain Advanced Conventional Weapons in Eastern Europe, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/u-s-plan-to-counter-illicit-diversion-of-certain-advanced-conventional-weapons-in-eastern-europe/>

⁴⁸⁹ \$275 Million in Additional Presidential Drawdown Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022 <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3203509/275-million-in-additional-presidential-drawdown-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

On 1 November 2022, the DOS awarded Tetra Tech, Inc. with a USD47.6-million-contract to help strengthen the Ukrainian government's capacity to remove landmines.⁴⁹⁰ This contract is meant to help Ukraine recover from the damage inflicted by the war.

On 1 November 2022, the US contributed USD2 million in initial funding to an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe donor-funded support program for Ukraine.⁴⁹¹ This program will aim to provide humanitarian aid to civilians affected by the war and support the resilience of Ukraine's democracy, government and civil society organizations.⁴⁹²

On 1 November 2022, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs Karen Donfried visited Ukraine to meet with members of the country's current administration as well as civil society leaders.⁴⁹³ She talked with the Ukrainian government about the US' ongoing security assistance efforts and initiatives to support Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction efforts. And discussed ways America can help the Ukrainian people achieve their goals with civil society leaders. This visit was intended to reaffirm continued US support for Ukraine and foster deeper communication and collaboration between the two countries in satisfying critical Ukrainian needs.

On 4 November 2022, the DOD announced approximately USD400 million in additional security assistance to procure equipment through private industry contracts for Ukraine.⁴⁹⁴ This package is meant to reinforce Ukrainian long-term security and includes "funding to refurbish HAWK air defense missiles for inclusion in future Presidential Drawdown packages; 45 Refurbished T-72B Tanks with advanced optics, communications, and armor packages; 1,100 Phoenix Ghost Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems; 40 Armored Riverine Boats; Funding to refurbish 250 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles; tactical secure communications systems and surveillance systems; and funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment."⁴⁹⁵

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement on several key global issues, including the war in Ukraine.⁴⁹⁶ It reaffirmed the G7 commitment to providing Ukraine with support for as long as it takes and introduced the establishment of a new coordination mechanism to contribute to the repair and safeguarding of Ukraine's infrastructure.

On 8 November 2022, the DOD announced the successful delivery of two National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems to Ukraine.⁴⁹⁷ These systems are part of the security assistance promised to Ukraine in a military aid package from July.

⁴⁹⁰ United States Launches \$47.6 Million Demining Training Project in Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-launches-47-6-million-demining-training-project-in-ukraine/>

⁴⁹¹ The U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE): Advancing Security, Prosperity, and Human Rights, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022.

⁴⁹² New donor-funded Support Programme for Ukraine, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Warsaw/Vienna) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/530219>

⁴⁹³ Assistant Secretary Donfried's Travel to Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/assistant-secretary-donfrieds-travel-to-ukraine/>

⁴⁹⁴ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's Visit to Kyiv, Ukraine, White House (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/04/statement-by-ns-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivans-visit-to-kyiv-ukraine/>

⁴⁹⁵ \$400 Million in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3210297/400-million-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁴⁹⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/>

⁴⁹⁷ U.S. Provides Advanced Air Defense Systems to Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3213719/us-provides-advanced-air-defense-systems-to-ukraine/>

On 8 November 2022, USAID announced the allocation of approximately USD25 million in additional humanitarian aid to assist in the winterization of Ukraine.⁴⁹⁸ This additional aid, on top of the USD55 million announced in October as well as previous funding, is meant to help vulnerable portions of the Ukrainian population weather the harsh winter after the Russian invasion severely damaged heating infrastructure in the country.

On 10 November 2022, the DOD announced the provision of an additional Presidential Drawdown security assistance package to Ukraine valued at USD400 million.⁴⁹⁹ This package will contain “missiles for HAWK air defense systems, 4 Avenger air defense systems and stinger missiles, additional ammunition for HIMARS, 21,000 155mm artillery rounds, 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 10,000 120mm mortar rounds, 100 Humvees, 400 grenade launchers, small arms, optics, and more than 20,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, demolition equipment for obstacle clearing, [and] cold weather protective gear.” This aid will help meet Ukraine’s critical defensive needs.

On 15 November 2022, Administrator Power met with Ukrainian Ambassador Markarova.⁵⁰⁰ They coordinated US assistance towards Ukraine by discussing, among other things, Ukraine’s urgent needs, USAID aid priorities, the progress of humanitarian projects, plans for reconstruction and an expansion of support for Ukraine’s energy infrastructure.

On 16 November 2022, Secretary Austin and the Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark A. Milley met virtually with international partners for the seventh meeting of the UDCG.⁵⁰¹ In the interests of international cooperation in support of Ukraine, during this meeting, participants expanded upon topics from previous meetings, provided updates on ongoing security assistance projects, and discussed ways to aid the training of the Ukrainian military.⁵⁰²

On 18 November 2022, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment LaPlante chaired the second meeting of the NADs.⁵⁰³ Representatives built upon topics discussed in the previous September meeting including interoperability of donated equipment and collaborated on key efforts to provide Ukraine with “(1) ground-based, long-range fires, (2) air defense systems, (3) air-to-ground capabilities, and (4) sustainment support.”⁵⁰⁴

⁴⁹⁸ USAID Announces Additional \$25 Million For Winterization Assistance for Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-8-2022-usaid-announces-additional-25-million-winterization-assistance-ukraine>

⁴⁹⁹ \$400 Million in Additional Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3216287/400-million-in-additional-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁰⁰ Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Ukrainian Ambassador To The U.S. Oksana Markarova, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-15-2022-administrator-power-meets-ukrainian-ambassador-oksana-markarova>

⁵⁰¹ Ukraine Contact Group Is Key to Helping Ukraine's Defense, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3220190/ukraine-contact-group-is-key-to-helping-ukraines-defense/>

⁵⁰² Ukraine Defense Contact Group Remains United, Determined, Austin Says, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3221005/ukraine-defense-contact-group-remains-united-determined-austin-says/>

⁵⁰³ Readout of National Armaments Directors Meeting Under the Auspices of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3223273/readout-of-national-armaments-directors-meeting-under-the-auspices-of-the-ukrai/>

⁵⁰⁴ Readout of National Armaments Directors Meeting Under the Auspices of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3223273/readout-of-national-armaments-directors-meeting-under-the-auspices-of-the-ukrai/>

On 22 November 2022, Secretary Yellen announced the mobilization of an additional USD4.5 billion dollars of direct budgetary support to the government of Ukraine.⁵⁰⁵ This package along with previous financial assistance is meant to ensure the government of Ukraine has the necessary resources to continue operating.

On 23 November 2022, the DOD provided another Presidential Drawdown security assistance package valued at USD400 million to Ukraine.⁵⁰⁶ This package is intended to help Ukraine meet battlefield challenges and includes “additional munitions for NASAMS, 150 heavy machine guns with thermal imagery sights to counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), additional ammunition for HIMARS, 200 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 10,000 120mm mortar rounds, High-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARMs), 150 Humvees, over 100 light tactical vehicles, over 20,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, over 200 generators, [and] spare parts for 105mm Howitzers and other equipment.”

On 29 November 2022, Secretary Blinken during a G7+ meeting announced the provision of USD53 million to Ukraine for the acquisition of critical equipment needed for Ukraine’s electricity infrastructure.⁵⁰⁷ This aid package will supply Ukraine with crucial supplies such as “transformers, circuit breakers, surge arresters, disconnectors, [and] vehicles” needed to repair and maintain the functioning of its energy grid.

On 30 November 2022, Secretary Blinken met with Ukraine’s Minister Kuleba as part of an ongoing US collaboration and coordination with the Ukrainian government.⁵⁰⁸ The two discussed the enduring US commitment to support Ukraine, ongoing US support efforts, the provision of security assistance air defenses, building long-term energy resilience in Ukraine, and the outcomes of the G7+ meeting.

On 30 November 2022, the DOD awarded the Raytheon Company with a USD1.2-billion contract for the acquisition of “National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems, associated equipment, services and spares in support of the efforts in Ukraine.”⁵⁰⁹ This contract is part of equipment provisions to Ukraine per previous US security assistance packages.

On 1 December 2022, President Biden issued a joint statement with French President Emmanuel Macron after a meeting between the two leaders in Washington DC.⁵¹⁰ Among other things, the two leaders reaffirmed their countries’ support for Ukraine, announced that they would continue coordinating assistance efforts both with each other and with other international partners, and voiced an intention to continue providing direct budgetary support to Ukraine and encourage international institutions to expand their financial aid.

On 9 December 2022, the DOD announced the provision of an additional Presidential Drawdown security assistance package valued at USD275 million.⁵¹¹ This package is meant to bolster Ukraine’s military capabilities and includes “additional ammunition for HIMARS, 80,000 155mm artillery rounds, counter-Unmanned Aerial

⁵⁰⁵ Statement by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen on the Disbursement of \$4.5 Billion in Direct Budget Support for Ukraine, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1123>

⁵⁰⁶ \$400 Million in Additional Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3227217/400-million-in-additional-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁰⁷ Energy Security Support to Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/energy-security-support-to-ukraine/>

⁵⁰⁸ Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-kuleba-6/>

⁵⁰⁹ Contracts For Nov. 30, 2022, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Contracts/Contract/Article/3232469/>

⁵¹⁰ Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron>

⁵¹¹ \$275 Million in Additional Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3241679/275-million-in-additional-assistance-for-ukraine/>

Systems equipment, counter air defense capability, Humvees, Ambulances and medical equipment, approximately 150 generators, [and] field equipment.”

On 11 December 2022, President Biden held a phone call with Ukraine’s President Zelenskyy.⁵¹² Biden reaffirmed US commitment to Ukraine, and the two presidents spoke about ongoing support efforts, including the US strengthening Ukraine’s air defense capabilities through the provision of equipment in recent Presidential Drawdown packages.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.⁵¹³ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country’s infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 15 December 2022, the DOD announced during a press briefing that, as part of the ongoing security assistance efforts, the US would now provide the Ukrainian military with combined arms training.⁵¹⁴ Beginning in January 2023, approximately 5,000 Ukrainian soldiers a month will be trained by members of the US Army Europe and Africa Command’s 7th Army Training Command stationed in Germany.

On 21 December 2022, the DOD announced an additional security assistance package to Ukraine worth USD1.85 billion during a Washington visit of Ukraine’s President Zelenskyy.⁵¹⁵ This package is comprised of “one Patriot air defense battery and munitions, additional ammunition for HIMARS, 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 10 120mm mortar systems and 10,000 120mm mortar rounds, 10 82mm mortar systems, 10 60mm mortar systems, 37 Cougar Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles, 120 Humvees, six armored utility trucks, High-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARMs), precision aerial munitions, over 2,700 grenade launchers and small arms, claymore anti-personnel munitions, demolition munitions and equipment, night vision devices and optics, tactical secure communications systems, [and], body armor and other field equipment” from Presidential Drawdown stores as well as “45,000 152mm artillery rounds, 20,000 122mm artillery rounds, 50,000 122mm GRAD rockets, 100,000 rounds of 125mm tank ammunition, SATCOM terminals and services, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment” to be procured from private industry partners as part of the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.

On 21 December 2022, President Biden announced a USAID provision of USD374 million in humanitarian aid to Ukraine.⁵¹⁶ This aid will be provided in partnership with UNICEF, the World Food Programme, the

⁵¹² Readout of President Biden’s Call with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/11/readout-of-president-bidens-call-with-president-zelenskyy-of-ukraine-11/>

⁵¹³ G7 Leaders’ Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

⁵¹⁴ U.S. Plans Combined Arms Training for Ukrainian Soldiers, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3248075/us-plans-combined-arms-training-for-ukrainian-soldiers/>

⁵¹⁵ \$1.85 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 21 December. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3252782/185-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵¹⁶ United States Provides More than \$374 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://web.archive.org/web/20221221223420/https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-21-2022-united-states-provides-more-374-million-additional-humanitarian-assistance-ukraine>

World Health Organization, and “a non-governmental organization” and will go towards funding operations to help civilians impacted by the conflict.⁵¹⁷

On 23 December 2022, President Biden authorized the new fiscal 2023 National Defense Act.⁵¹⁸ This bill includes the allocation of USD800 million to the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative in the 2023 fiscal year, which is an increase of USD500 million from the initial budget request.

On 6 January 2023, the DOD announced the commitment of a USD2.85 billion security assistance package to Ukraine.⁵¹⁹ This package contains “50 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles with 500 TOW anti-tank missiles and 250,000 rounds of 25mm ammunition, 100 M113 Armored Personnel Carriers, 55 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAPs), 138 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs), 18 155mm self-propelled Howitzers and 18 ammunition support vehicles, 70,000 155mm artillery rounds, 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 1,200 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine (RAAM) Systems, 36 105mm towed Howitzers and 95,000 105mm artillery rounds, 10,000 120mm mortar rounds, additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), RIM-7 missiles for air defense, 4,000 Zuni aircraft rockets, approximately 2,000 anti-armor rockets, sniper rifles, machine guns, and ammunition for grenade launchers and small arms, claymore anti-personnel munitions, night vision devices and optics, spare parts and other field equipment,” all to be donated from the Presidential Drawdown stocks.⁵²⁰

On 6 January 2023, the DOS announced the provision of USD907 million in Foreign Military Financing under the 2022 Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act.⁵²¹ Of these funds, USD225 million will go directly to Ukraine to help their Armed Forces meet wartime needs, while the remaining USD682 million will go towards other allies to backfill donations of equipment to Ukraine and incentivize further aid to Ukraine.

On 6 January 2023, Secretary Austin held a phone conversation with German Minister of Defense Christine Lambrecht.⁵²² They discussed ways to enhance security assistance to Ukraine, recent German equipment donations, and continued allied coordination in supporting Ukraine ahead of the monthly UDCG meeting in Ramstein, Germany.

On 6 January 2023, Secretary Austin held a call with Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov.⁵²³ They discussed the security assistance package issued that day and the US efforts to encourage allies to make

⁵¹⁷ United States Provides More than \$374 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20221221223420/https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-21-2022-united-states-provides-more-374-million-additional-humanitarian-assistance-ukraine>

⁵¹⁸ Biden Signs National Defense Authorization Act into Law, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3252968/biden-signs-national-defense-authorization-act-into-law/>

⁵¹⁹ More than \$3 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 6 January. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3261263/more-than-3-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵²⁰ More than \$3 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 6 January. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3261263/more-than-3-billion-in-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵²¹ More than \$3.75 Billion in U.S. Military Assistance to Ukraine and Countries Impacted by Russia’s Brutal War, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 10 February 2023. <https://www.state.gov/more-than-3-75-billion-in-u-s-military-assistance-to-ukraine-and-countries-impacted-by-russias-brutal-war/>

⁵²² Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III’s Call with German Federal Minister of Defense Christine Lambrecht, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3261524/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-austin-iiis-call-with-german-federal-mini/>

⁵²³ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defense Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3261546/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-minister/>

additional donations of critical capabilities, including air defense systems, armored vehicles, and ammunition, to Ukraine.

On 9 January 2023, the DOD provided L3Harris Technologies with a USD40 million contract to develop 14 VAMPIRE units for Ukraine.⁵²⁴ This multi-purpose weapons system is meant to provide Ukrainian soldiers with increased defence and anti-drone capabilities and help in counteracting attacks on civilian infrastructure.

On 10 January 2023, a Pentagon official announced that the US would be inviting Ukrainian troops to Fort Sill in Oklahoma to learn the operation of the Patriot Missile System after one was donated to Ukraine in a recent security assistance package.⁵²⁵ In a tailored regimen based on current battlefield conditions, between 90 and 100 Ukrainian soldiers will train in the use and maintenance of the air defense battery over the next few months.

On 16 January 2023, a delegation of US officials, including Under Secretary of Defence for Policy Colin Kahl, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer, travelled to Kyiv to meet with members of the Ukrainian administration and President Zelenskyy.⁵²⁶ After making several stops in allied countries like Germany and Poland to review security assistance to Ukraine, they US delegation met with Ukrainian officials to discuss US efforts in stabilizing the Ukrainian economy, strengthening security capabilities, repairing and alleviating damage to energy infrastructure as well as facilitating recovery and reconstruction.

On 18 January 2023, USAID announced the provision of an additional USD125 million in humanitarian energy and utility infrastructure support for Ukraine.⁵²⁷ These funds will go towards procuring critical energy equipment to help supplement Ukraine's damaged energy grid amidst winter heating scarcity.

On 19 January 2023, the DOD announced a Presidential Drawdown security package for Ukraine valued at USD2.5 billion.⁵²⁸ Meant to bolster Ukraine's military capabilities, this package includes "hundreds of armored vehicles, critical support for Ukraine's air defense" as well as "additional munitions for NASAMS, eight Avenger air defense systems, 59 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs) with 590 TOW anti-tank missiles and 295,000 rounds of 25mm ammunition, 90 Stryker Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) with 20 mine rollers, 53 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAPs), 350 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs), 20,000 155mm artillery rounds, approximately 600 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 95,000 105mm artillery rounds, approximately 11,800 120mm mortar rounds, additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), 12 ammunition support vehicles, 6 command post vehicles, 22 tactical vehicles to tow weapons, high-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARMs), approximately 2,000 anti-armor rockets, over 3,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, demolition equipment for obstacle clearing, claymore anti-personnel munitions, night vision devices, spare parts and other field equipment."

⁵²⁴ L3Harris Receives Vampire Contract for Ukrainian Security Defense Efforts, L3Harris Technologies (Melbourne, Florida) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. <https://www.l3harris.com/newsroom/press-release/2023/01/l3harris-receives-vampire-contract-ukrainian-security-defense>

⁵²⁵ Ukrainian Troops Headed to U.S. for Patriot Missile Training, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 8 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3264235/ukrainian-troops-headed-to-us-for-patriot-missile-training/>

⁵²⁶ Readout of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Dr. Colin Kahl's Travel to Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3268532/readout-of-under-secretary-of-defense-for-policy-dr-colin-kahls-travel-to-ukrai/>

⁵²⁷ USAID Announces Additional \$125 Million in Urgent Energy Support for Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 10 February 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-18-2023-usaid-announces-additional-125-million-urgent-energy-support-ukraine>

⁵²⁸ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 10 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3272866/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

On 20 January 2023, Secretary Austin met with officials from over 50 other countries as part of the eighth meeting of the UDCG.⁵²⁹ The group collaborated on coordinating donations, Ukrainian armoured vehicle capability needs, assistance package delivery, and equipment maintenance and sustainment. Secretary Austin credited the meeting with facilitating the provision of an array of security aid packages to Ukraine announced by allies shortly after the conference.

On 25 January 2023, the DOD announced a USD400 million USAI security assistance package for Ukraine.⁵³⁰ These funds will be used to procure the following capabilities from private industry partners: “31 Abrams tanks with 120mm rounds and other ammunition, eight Tactical Vehicles to recover equipment, support vehicles and equipment, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment.” This package follows recent US efforts to encourage and coordinate allies in providing Ukraine with tanks and other armoured vehicles.

On 25 January 2023, Secretary Austin called Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Mariusz Blaszczak.⁵³¹ The two discussed current and future plans for the provision of security assistance to Ukraine, the donation of Leopard tanks and other armoured vehicles as well as the continuation of allied coordination in supporting Ukraine.

On 26 January 2023, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics Mike Pyle co-chaired the first meeting of the Ukraine Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform’s Steering Committee, previously established in December 2022 by the G7.⁵³² Member representatives discussed Ukrainian reconstruction, the state of the Ukrainian economy, the logistics of financing Ukraine, and future economic aid. They also committed to continuing close collaboration with the Ukrainian authorities on their country’s economic needs and the delivery of international financial assistance meant to stabilize the Ukrainian economy.

On 1 February 2023, USAID announced the provision of USD135 million to the Western NIS Enterprise Fund to help the recovery of Ukrainian and Moldovan economies.⁵³³ As a long-time USAID partner, the Western NIS Enterprise Fund is meant to use this assistance package to stimulate Ukrainian and Moldovan private sector development.

On 3 February 2023, the DOD announced a new security assistance package for Ukraine, containing equipment valued at USD425 million from Presidential Drawdown stocks and USD1.75 billion in USAI funds for private industry procurement.⁵³⁴ The US will provide the following capabilities from the Presidential Drawdown: “additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), additional 155mm artillery rounds, additional 120mm mortar rounds, 190 heavy machine guns with thermal imagery sights and associated

⁵²⁹ Defense Leaders Pledge New Ukraine Support, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 8 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3273940/defense-leaders-pledge-new-ukraine-support/>

⁵³⁰ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3277443/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵³¹ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Call with Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense Mariusz Blaszczak, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3278333/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-polish-deputy-pri/>

⁵³² Readout of Inaugural Meeting of Ukraine Donor Coordination Platform Steering Committee, White House (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/26/readout-of-inaugural-meeting-of-ukraine-donor-coordination-platform-steering-committee/>

⁵³³ In Partnership with USAID, the US Russia Investment Fund Will Invest \$135 Million to Finance Economic Recovery in Ukraine and Moldova, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 11 February 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-01-2023-partnership-usaid-us-russia-investment-fund-will-invest-135-million-finance-economic-recovery-ukraine-and-moldova>

⁵³⁴ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3287992/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

ammunition to counter Unmanned Aerial Systems, 181 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles, 250 Javelin anti-armor systems, 2,000 anti-armor rockets, claymore anti-personnel munitions, demolitions munitions, cold weather gear, helmets, and other field equipment.” Moreover, through the USAI, the following will be contracted from military suppliers: “Two HAWK air defense firing units, anti-aircraft guns and ammunition, equipment to integrate Western air defense launchers, missiles, and radars with Ukraine’s air defense systems, equipment to sustain Ukraine’s existing air defense capabilities, air defense generators, Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems, four air surveillance radars, 20 counter-mortar radars, spare parts for counter-artillery radars, Puma Unmanned Aerial Systems, precision-guided rockets, secure communications equipment, medical supplies, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment.”

On 7 February 2023, USAID Deputy Administrator Coleman visited Kyiv, announcing the delivery of a mobile gas turbine power plant to Ukraine.⁵³⁵ This unit is meant to help alleviate Ukraine’s energy crisis after damage to its infrastructure during the war and is part of continuing USAID assistance towards developing Ukrainian energy resilience.

On 14 February 2023, Secretary Austin chaired the ninth meeting of the UDCG.⁵³⁶ Defence leaders from over 50 countries met to discuss the integration and synchronization of military support for Ukraine and the delivery of the necessary logistical and supportive capabilities to Ukraine to fully employ recent vehicle and air defense artillery system donations. This latest meeting of the UDCG continues US efforts to coordinate international security assistance for Ukraine.

On 15 February 2023, Secretary Austin represented the US at the NATO Defence Ministerial Meeting.⁵³⁷ During the meeting, defence ministers from NATO members discussed increased assistance for Ukraine and methods to boost defence industrial production capacity to meet Ukrainian munitions demands to adequately support Ukraine in its fight against Russia for as long as it takes.⁵³⁸

On 20 February 2023, the Department of Defence announced the provision of another Presidential Drawdown Security Assistance package worth USD460 million to Ukraine.⁵³⁹ Announced during a visit from US President Biden to Kyiv, this package is intended to help Ukraine meet critical security needs. It contains “additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), additional 155mm artillery rounds, additional 120mm mortar rounds, four air surveillance radars, additional Javelin anti-armor systems, approximately 2,000 anti-armor rockets, four Bradley Infantry Fire Support Team vehicles, two tactical vehicles to recover equipment, claymore anti-personnel munitions, demolition munitions, night vision devices, tactical secure communications systems, medical supplies, spare parts and other field equipment.”

⁵³⁵ USAID Delivers Mobile Gas Turbine Power Plant to Ukraine to Meet Electricity Needs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 10 February 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-07-2023-usaid-delivers-mobile-gas-turbine-power-plant-ukraine-meet-electricity-needs>

⁵³⁶ Austin: Contact Group Continues Stand with Ukrainian People, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3298311/austin-contact-group-continues-stand-with-ukrainian-people/>

⁵³⁷ Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to Visit Brussels for Ukraine Defense Contact Group, NATO Defense Ministerial, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3295150/secretary-of-defense-chairman-of-the-joint-chiefs-to-visit-brussels-for-ukraine/>

⁵³⁸ Defense Ministers to Address NATO's 'Race for Logistics', United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3296681/defense-ministers-to-address-natos-race-for-logistics/>

⁵³⁹ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3302787/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

On 20 February 2023, President Biden met with President Zelenskyy in Kyiv.⁵⁴⁰ They discussed continued cooperation and coordination with regards to support for Ukraine and negotiated an expansion of the types of capabilities provided in security assistance packages, including a potential donation of long-range weaponry that was not provided previously.

On 21 February 2023, Secretary Blinken along with other G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement at the Munich Security Conference.⁵⁴¹ The conference participants reiterated their continued commitment to supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes by providing the country with aid.

On 24 February 2023, the USAID, the USDT, and the DOS jointly announced the provision of USD9.9 billion in direct budgetary support to Ukraine's government via the World Bank's Public Expenditures for Administrative Capacity Endurance mechanism.⁵⁴² These funds are meant to help the Government of Ukraine continue essential functions and services amidst economic shortfalls caused by the Russian invasion.⁵⁴³

On 24 February 2023, the DOD announced the provision of a USD2 billion security assistance package of equipment and capabilities to be procured from private industry contracts under the USAI for Ukraine.⁵⁴⁴ This package includes "additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), additional 155mm artillery rounds, munitions for laser-guided rocket systems, CyberLux K8 UAS, Switchblade 600 UAS, Altius-600 UAS, Jump 20 UAS, counter-UAS and electronic warfare detection equipment, mine clearing equipment, secure communications support equipment, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment."

On 24 February 2023, Secretary Austin called Ukraine's Minister Reznikov on the one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion.⁵⁴⁵ The two spoke about the recent USD2 billion security assistance package and ongoing US security assistance efforts as well as battlefield developments in Ukraine.

On 24 February 2023, the USAID provided USD250 million in humanitarian energy assistance to Ukraine.⁵⁴⁶ This aid is meant to help bolster and repair Ukraine's energy sector amidst infrastructural difficulties caused by the Russian invasion.

⁵⁴⁰ Remarks By President Biden and President Zelenskyy of Ukraine in Joint Statement, United States White House (Washington D.C.) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/02/20/remarks-by-president-biden-and-president-zelenskyy-of-ukraine-in-joint-statement/>

⁵⁴¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

⁵⁴² Continued Support for Ukraine to Withstand Russia's Assaults, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/continued-support-for-ukraine-to-withstand-russias-assaults/>

⁵⁴³ The United States Begins Disbursing \$9.9 Billion to Further Support the Government of Ukraine, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-24-2023-united-states-begins-disbursing-99-billion-further-support-government-ukraine>

⁵⁴⁴ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3308633/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁴⁵ Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's Call with Ukrainian Minister of Defence Oleksii Reznikov, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3309292/readout-of-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iiis-call-with-ukrainian-ministe/>

⁵⁴⁶ The United States Plans to Provide \$250 Million to Support the Government of Ukraine to Address Energy Impacts, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-24-2023-united-states-plans-provide-250-million-support-government-ukraine-address-energy-impacts>

On 27 February 2023, Secretary Yellen travelled to Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian Prime Minister Shmyhal, Minister Marchenko, and President Zelenskyy.⁵⁴⁷ During this visit, they discussed ongoing budgetary support, Ukrainian economic reform and recovery, US participation in the Ukrainian Donor Coordination platform, and support for an International Monetary Fund program.

On 3 March 2023, the DOD announced the provision of USD400 million in Presidential Drawdown security assistance to be provided to Ukraine from the existing US military stockpiles.⁵⁴⁸ This package includes “additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), additional 155mm artillery rounds, additional 105mm artillery rounds, additional 25mm ammunition, Armored Vehicle Launched Bridges, demolition munitions and equipment for obstacle clearing, testing and diagnostic equipment to support vehicle maintenance and repair, spare parts and other field equipment.”

On 15 March 2023, Secretary Austin hosted the 10th meeting of the UDCG in a virtual format.⁵⁴⁹ During this meeting dedicated to international support for Ukraine in its fight against Russia, members of the group discussed the coordination of long-term capability logistical sustainment packages, the provision of air defense capabilities, and new methods of transporting donations to Ukraine.

On 20 March 2023, the DOD announced the authorization of another USD350 million in Presidential Drawdown donations of security assistance to Ukraine to help the country meet its battlefield needs.⁵⁵⁰ This package contains the following capabilities to be taken from existing US stockpiles: “ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), 155mm artillery rounds, 25mm ammunition, high-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARMS), 81mm and 60mm mortar systems and mortar rounds, AT-4 anti-armor weapon systems, grenade launchers, small arms, and associated ammunition, demolition munitions and equipment for obstacle clearing, mine clearing equipment, heavy fuel tankers, thermal imagery systems, optics, and laser rangefinders, Riverine patrol boats, testing and diagnostic equipment to support vehicle maintenance and repair, spare parts and other field equipment.”

On 24 March 2023, the USAID Administrator Power met with Cisco CEO Chuck Robins to collaborate with the corporation to support Ukraine.⁵⁵¹ During the meeting, they discussed potential measures for supporting Ukraine’s critical infrastructure needs and strengthening its cybersecurity defenses through programs to develop human capital.

⁵⁴⁷ READOUT: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen’s Meeting with Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1308>; READOUT: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen’s Meeting with Finance Minister of Ukraine Serhiy Marchenko, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1309>; READOUT: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen’s Meeting with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1304>

⁵⁴⁸ Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3318337/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁴⁹ Opening Remarks by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III at the Tenth Ukraine Defense Contact Group (As Delivered), United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Speeches/Speech/Article/3329644/opening-remarks-by-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-at-the-tenth-ukraine/>

⁵⁵⁰ DOD Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3334472/dod-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁵¹ Administrator Samantha Power Meets With Chuck Robbins, Chief Executive Officer of Cisco, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-24-2023-administrator-samantha-power-meets-chuck-robbins-chief-executive-officer-cisco>

On 4 April 2023, the DOD announced the release of a Presidential Drawdown security assistance package for Ukraine valued at USD500 million and the procurement of USD2.1 billion in capabilities through the USAI.⁵⁵² The presidential drawdown package will contain the following capabilities: “additional munitions for Patriot air defense systems, additional ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), 155mm and 105mm artillery rounds, 120mm mortar rounds, 120mm and 105mm tank ammunition, 25mm ammunition, Tube-Launched, Optically-Tracked, Wire-Guided (TOW) missiles, approximately 400 grenade launchers and 200,000 rounds of ammunition, 11 tactical vehicles to recover equipment, 61 heavy fuel tankers, 10 trucks and 10 trailers to transport heavy equipment, testing and diagnostic equipment to support vehicle maintenance and repair, spare parts and other field equipment.” Additionally, the USAI package will provide the following: NASAMS, nine counter-Unmanned Aerial System 30mm gun trucks, 10 mobile c-UAS laser-guided rocket systems, three air surveillance radars, 30mm and 23mm anti-aircraft ammunition, 130mm and 122mm artillery rounds, 122mm GRAD rockets, rocket launchers and ammunition, 120mm and 81mm mortar systems, 120mm, 81mm, and 60mm mortar rounds, 120mm tank ammunition, Javelin anti-armor systems, anti-armor rockets, precision aerial munitions, approximately 3,600 small arms and more than 23,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, seven tactical vehicles to recover equipment, eight heavy fuel tankers and 105 fuel trailers, armored bridging systems, four logistics support vehicles, trucks and ten trailers to transport heavy equipment, secure communications equipment, SATCOM terminals and services, funding for training, maintenance, and sustainment.”

On 5 April 2023, the Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics Mike Pyle co-chaired the second meeting of the Ukraine Donor Coordination Platform Steering Committee.⁵⁵³ Representatives from the G7 members, the Government of Ukraine, and international financial institutions discussed cooperation on the delivery of economic aid to Ukraine to meet current financing needs as well as future recovery and reconstruction efforts.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. The country has provided ample funding and aid for Ukraine through both financial and security assistance. Additionally, they have also been active in both soliciting aid from other countries and coordinating international support efforts. Moreover, the US has taken efforts to maintain close communication and partnership with Ukraine in relation to the needs of their government and military.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes.

On 23 June 2022, the Council of the European Union demonstrated its support for the defense of Ukraine against Russian aggression through a commitment to provide military support and macro-financial assistance.⁵⁵⁴ The Council further recognized Ukraine as a European state through declaring it a candidate country for membership to the European Union alongside the Republic of Moldova. The Council announced a plan to

⁵⁵² Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3350958/biden-administration-announces-additional-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

⁵⁵³ Readout of Second Meeting of the Ukraine Donor Coordination Platform Steering Committee, White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/05/readout-of-second-meeting-of-the-ukraine-donor-coordination-platform-steering-committee/>

⁵⁵⁴ European Council conclusions on Ukraine, the membership applications of Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, Western Balkans and external relations, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/23/european-council-conclusions-on-ukraine-the-membership-applications-of-ukraine-the-republic-of-moldova-and-georgia-western-balkans-and-external-relations-23-june-2022/>

enact additional sanctions against Russia in support of ameliorating Ukraine's financial and military situation. This action demonstrates the EU's commitment to aiding Ukraine on all fronts necessary for as long as it takes.

On 30 June 2022, the Council of the European Union requested from the European Parliament the designation of sanction violation as a recognized crime.⁵⁵⁵ This action was requested primarily to support the existing EU sanctions against Russia in the face of the state's aggression campaign against Ukraine. The Council reiterated that the context of the Russian-Ukrainian war makes these adjustments essential and necessitates that they be implemented in a rapid manner.

On 12 July 2022, the Council of the European Union announced further aid under the macro-financial assistance plan to Ukraine with the procurement of an additional EUR1 billion.⁵⁵⁶ This financial aid was disbursed in two payments in March and May, supporting macro-financial stability in Ukraine as well as the continuity of the most critical state functions for the country to fight against Russian aggression.

On 20 July 2022, the Council of the European Union negotiated Ukrainian refugee support through a proposal titled Flexible Assistance for Territories (FAST-CARE).⁵⁵⁷ This proposal will offer further financial assistance to aid Ukrainian refugees through the transfer of resources, support in integration, and cutting costs for transitional period necessities. Providing financial support for Ukrainian refugees represents the Council's commitment to Ukrainians both inside and outside the country's borders.

On 22 July 2022, the Council of the European Union announced the mobilization of EUR500 million in support of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, in addition to the financial support it had previously provided.⁵⁵⁸ This funding will be utilized primarily to provide military equipment to Ukrainian Armed Forces with the stated motivation of allowing Ukraine to defend its territorial sovereignty and citizenry.

On 11 August 2022, the EU member states coordinated the delivery of 66,224 tons of assistance to Ukraine via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.⁵⁵⁹ The assistance included "180 ambulances, 125 fire-fighting vehicles, 300 power generators, 35 heavy machinery vehicles, and 4 pontoon bridges" with an estimated value over EUR425 million.⁵⁶⁰ The aim of such acts was to help ease the pressure on Ukraine's emergency response systems because of Russia's aggression.

On 10 September 2022, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke with US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken.⁵⁶¹ They coordinated further efforts to continue supporting Ukraine and to hold Russia accountable for the war it continues waging against Ukraine. This meeting is part of a series of diplomatic actions taken by the US to reinforce international cooperation in support of Ukraine.

⁵⁵⁵ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁵⁶ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁵⁷ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁵⁸ European Peace Facility: EU support to Ukraine increased to €2.5 billion, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/22/european-peace-facility-eu-support-to-ukraine-increased-to-2-5-billion/>

⁵⁵⁹ Ukraine: the EU has coordinated the delivery of more than 60,000 tonnes of life-saving assistance, European Commission (Brussels) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4945

⁵⁶⁰ Ukraine: the EU has coordinated the delivery of more than 60,000 tonnes of life-saving assistance, European Commission (Brussels) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4945

⁵⁶¹ Secretary Blinken's Call with European Commission President von der Leyen, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-call-with-european-commission-president-von-der-leyen/>

On 20 September 2022, the European Commission formally adopted a declaration to disperse an additional EUR5 billion in financial assistance to Ukraine.⁵⁶² This action will allow the budget of the European Union to withstand potential losses that may arise from the provision of these loans and furthers the protection under the existing External Lending Mandate to Ukraine.

On 30 September 2022, the Council of the European Union declared the necessity of emergency reductions in Ukraine's energy prices.⁵⁶³ This action consists of a proposal for the Council to regulate the energy infrastructure within Ukraine through the redistribution of revenues from the EU member states and the reduction of demands to electricity by the country's residents.

On 7 October 2022, the Council of the European Union saw its leaders introduce the idea of further training missions for Ukraine's military.⁵⁶⁴ They discussed this point in addition to infrastructure reconstruction and financial assistance. The Council determined that strong military support will be instrumental in providing Ukraine with the aid it needs to stabilize and protect itself throughout and following the war.

On 12 October 2022, the European Investment Bank disbursed an additional EUR550 million to financially support Ukraine in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression.⁵⁶⁵ The European Investment Bank dedicated this financial assistance to the "most acute funding needs" of Ukraine, in addition to infrastructure support and power industry. The bank issued this funding as a continuation of its longstanding support alongside the EU for the Ukrainian state.

On 13 October 2022, the Council of the European Union agreed to introduce new measures under the Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) which will allow for further flexibility in funding.⁵⁶⁶ This measure includes pre-financing, resource transfer, authority funding, and refugee protection within the member states of the European Union.

On 17 October 2022, the Council of the European Union announced its agreement to set up a military assistance mission titled EUMAM Ukraine to enhance Ukraine's military capabilities.⁵⁶⁷ This initiative will provide military training and synchronize the support of EU member states to allow Ukraine the means to support its sovereignty and aid in the protection of Ukrainian citizens. The mandate will be set at a preliminary two years but is open to adjustment when the set period has expired. The financial support will amount to approximately EUR106.7 million.

⁵⁶² Decision (EU) 2022/1628 providing exceptional macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, reinforcing the Common Provisioning Fund by guarantees by Member States and by specific provisioning for some financial liabilities related to Ukraine guaranteed under Decision No 466/2014/EU, and amending Decision (EU) 2022/1201, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.europeansources.info/record/proposal-for-a-decision-providing-exceptional-macro-financial-assistance-to-ukraine-reinforcing-the-common-provisioning-fund-by-guarantees-by-the-member-states-and-by-specific-provisioning-for-some-f/>

⁵⁶³ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁶⁴ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Prague) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁶⁵ Another €550 million from the EIB Group supported by an EU guarantee reaches Ukraine for immediate assistance, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 11 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-400-another-eur550-million-from-the-eib-group-supported-by-an-eu-guarantee-reaches-ukraine-for-immediate-assistance>

⁵⁶⁶ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁶⁷ Ukraine: EU sets up a military assistance mission to further support the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/ukraine-eu-sets-up-a-military-assistance-mission-to-further-support-the-ukrainian-armed-forces>

On 18 October 2022, the European Commission began the dispersion of the first installment of the EU's macro-financial assistance plan (MFA) to Ukraine totaling EUR2 billion out of the allotted EUR5 billion.⁵⁶⁸ This financial assistance follows the format of highly concessional loans and is intended to support Ukraine's economy as well as humanitarian and defence needs. The EU will be covering any interest costs the loan will generate over its allotted period. This action exemplifies the EU's commitment to supplying Ukraine with the financial assistance necessary to stabilize and defend itself in the face of aggression for as long as necessary.

On 21 October 2022, the Council of the European Union condemned the use of missiles and drone attacks against Ukraine by Russia, citing international law.⁵⁶⁹ This action was supplemented by the launch of an EU Mission to Support the Ukrainian Armed Forces as well as the allocation of EUR500 million of financial assistance supplied by the European Peace Facility. Additionally, the Council reiterated its intention to support Ukraine through the global food crisis owing to the weaponization of food resources by Russia. The EU leaders were also successful in negotiating a deal related to crises in the energy sector.

On 9 November 2022, the European Commission proposed a macro-financial assistance package of up to EUR18 billion for Ukraine.⁵⁷⁰ This monetary aid is intended to be dispersed throughout 2023 and will help Ukraine maintain public services, reform infrastructure, and strengthen the economy in the context of the war. This action comes in addition to a series of reforms that are intended to aid Ukraine become an EU member at some point in the future.

On 15 November 2022, the Council of the European Union announced the launch of the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine.⁵⁷¹ This mission is a continuation of the initiative announced on 17 October 2022. The goal of this assistance is to provide support for capacity building, strengthening the military, and stabilizing the economy. The initiative will last 24 months and is meant to greatly enhance Ukraine's military capabilities.

On 22 November 2022, the European Commission distributed an aid installment of EUR2.5 billion in support of Ukraine.⁵⁷² This financial assistance is part of the MFA package provided in the form of highly concessional loans for which the EU has agreed to pay interest rates for. This motion will aid Ukraine in covering its short-term funding necessities and demonstrates a willingness to continue aiding Ukraine for as long as necessary.

On 10 December 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted a large financial assistance package to support Ukraine throughout 2023.⁵⁷³ This support is provided in the form of EUR18 billion which will be dispersed throughout the following year. The funding will be mobilized for relief and infrastructure rehabilitation with the goal of preparing Ukraine for eventual EU integration as a member state.

On 12 December 2022, the leaders of the G7 members released a statement reiterating their commitment to support Ukraine against Russian aggression.⁵⁷⁴ The statement cited the provision of additional aid to Ukraine to support its citizenry throughout the winter as well as the country's infrastructure in the face of damages to the energy and water sectors. The G7 emphasized the existence of sanctions against Russia and highlighted

⁵⁶⁸ Commission disburses further €2 billion in exceptional macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 13 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6237

⁵⁶⁹ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁷⁰ Commission proposes stable and predictable support package for Ukraine for 2023 of up to €18 billion, European Commission (Brussels) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6699

⁵⁷¹ Ukraine: EU launches Military Assistance Mission, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/15/ukraine-eu-launches-military-assistance-mission/>

⁵⁷² Commission disburses further €2.5 billion in exceptional macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex_22_7093

⁵⁷³ Timeline – EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁷⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

their shared desire for peace with the hope that the Russian aggression and breach of international law against Ukraine would soon come to an end.

On 14 December 2022, the European Commission provided an additional EUR500 million in funding to Ukraine under the existing macro-financial package, bringing the total financial support from the European Commission to EUR7.2 billion.⁵⁷⁵ The EU thus has demonstrated its commitment to further distribution of finances to Ukraine throughout the upcoming year.

On 16 December 2022, the European Commission along with Ukrainian officials released a press statement discussing an agreement to finance the reconstruction of education services that have been damaged in the ongoing war of aggression with Russia.⁵⁷⁶ They agreed upon the provision of EUR100 million to rebuild educational systems in Ukraine. The European Commission has additionally begun a solidarity project among the EU member states to provide school buses and educational transportation to Ukraine. This financial support represents a commitment by the EU to support Ukraine's infrastructure educationally as well as in a humanitarian sense. Moreover, the Council of the European Union released a press statement on the same day, stating that restrictions will be enacted upon the export of aircrafts, drones, and additional potential technological weapons to Russia.⁵⁷⁷ These restrictions represent the ninth sanction package by the EU towards Russia in response to the nation's aggression against Ukraine.

On 17 January 2023, the European Commission began its disbursement of the first installment of EUR3 billion from the MFA Package to Ukraine.⁵⁷⁸ This financial assistance package of up to EUR18 billion will provide Ukraine with a steady fund to rebuild infrastructure, work towards economic stability, and provide wages for essential workers. With this action, the EU has demonstrated a significant financial commitment to Ukraine and a commitment to supporting the country for as long as necessary.

On 27 January 2023, the Council of the European Union prolonged targeted sanctions against the Russian Federation for a period of six months.⁵⁷⁹ The specified sanctions began in 2014 and were expanded in 2022 when Russia launched its large-scale military aggression campaign against Ukraine. This motion to expand the timeline of the sanctions against Russia represents the EU's commitment to support Ukraine for as long as needed.

On 2 February 2023, the President of the European Commission traveled to Kyiv alongside fifteen commissioners to support Ukraine with a new financial package of EUR450 million.⁵⁸⁰ This action constituted a deliberate show of support for Ukraine during the war and an additional monetary assistance package which will move into effect in 2023.

⁵⁷⁵ La Commission verse 500 millions d'euros supplémentaires d'aide macrofinancière exceptionnelle à l'Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex_22_7732

⁵⁷⁶ EU and Ukraine sign €100 million for the rehabilitation of war-damaged schools, European Commission (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7708

⁵⁷⁷ Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: EU adopts 9th package of economic and individual sanctions, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/16/russia-s-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-9th-package-of-economic-and-individual-sanctions/>

⁵⁷⁸ Commission Disburses First €3 Billion to Ukraine of the Up to €18 Billion Macro-Financial Assistance+ Package, European Commission (Brussels) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_228

⁵⁷⁹ Timeline - EU Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁸⁰ Ukraine: College of Commissioners Travels to Kyiv to Boost EU Support and Sectorial Cooperation with Ukraine, European Commission (Kyiv) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_461

On 25 February 2023, the Council of the European Union released its tenth sanctions package against Russia in support of Ukraine.⁵⁸¹ This financial initiative banned exports of technological and industrial goods to Russia, in addition to the import of asphalt and synthetic rubbers. It also restricted Russian nationals from holding rank within the EU governing bodies as well as gas storage capacity provisions to Russians. These trade sanctions are intended to aid Ukraine in the recovery of its infrastructure and economic capacity.

On 13 March 2023, the Council of the European Union announced a decision to prolong existing individual sanctions in retaliation for Russian aggression against Ukraine.⁵⁸² These measures will last until 15 September 2023 for a total of six additional months. The individual sanctions include travel restrictions, asset freezes, and bans on resource provisions for a number of Russian nationals. This financial initiative allows Ukraine to continue rebuilding infrastructure and protect itself militarily.

On 20 March 2023, the Council of the European Union hosted a joint sessional gathering to review and agree to a proposal for additional ammunition and arms procurement to Ukrainian forces.⁵⁸³ This initiative calls for urgent assistance to Ukraine through increased production of artillery ammunition and the use of existing ammunition stocks. The three-track proposal demonstrates the EU's commitment to aiding Ukraine militarily in the face of Russian aggression for as long as it takes.

On 23 March 2023, the Council of the European Union and the EU leaders announced their continued support for Ukraine and reiterated their condemnation of Russian aggression against Ukraine.⁵⁸⁴ Additional joint statements detailed the creation of an international center in the Hague to prosecute crimes committed against Ukraine, potential future sanctions, and a military-based agreement to provide Ukrainian forces with 1 billion ammunition rounds within this year. The reiteration of the commitment to aid Ukraine both financially and militarily represents the EU's continued fulfillment of its G7 pledges.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to provide military and financial support for Ukraine for as long as it takes. Providing support for both financial and military directives through military training as well as the provision of extensive military equipment and billions in financial aid, the EU has proven its commitment to supporting Ukraine. Thus, the EU has clearly demonstrated a long-term commitment to supporting Ukraine.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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⁵⁸¹ Timeline - EU Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁸² Timeline - EU Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁸³ Timeline - EU Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁵⁸⁴ Timeline - EU Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/timeline-eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

3. Climate Change: Health Sustainability

“We acknowledge the key role of the health sector in climate adaptation, and commit to making our health systems environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral at the latest by 2050, as well as more resilient.”

G7 Elmau Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada		0	
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.63 (81%)		

Background

The climate change crisis and its consequences have become a focal point in the G7’s agenda for a number of years, as the group has made numerous commitments to counter environmental concerns on an international level. In recent summits, the G7 has emphasized the relationship between climate change and health sustainability, in particular, with the implementation of the “One Health” approach as outlined by the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO defines the “One Health” approach as “an approach to designing and implementing programmes, policies, legislation and research in which multiple sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes.”⁵⁸⁵

At the 1983 Williamsburg Summit, G7 leaders agreed to “strengthen cooperation in protection of the environment, in better use of natural resources, and in health research.”⁵⁸⁶ This agreement was the first gesture made by G7 members to incorporate means of sustainability and environmental protection in the field of health research.

At the 1989 Paris Summit, G7 leaders called attention to the “urgent need to safeguard the environment for future generations.”⁵⁸⁷ As part of this, the G7 stated that combating climate change requires “a determined and concerted international response and for the early adoption, worldwide, of policies based on sustainable development.” The urgency given to the climate change crisis and the explicit awareness regarding the importance of implementing sustainable policies served as a foundation for forthcoming sustainable development policies.

At the 1996 Lyon Summit, G7 leaders recognized the need for a new global partnership between developed countries, developing countries and multilateral institutions that would place “the achievement of sustainable development as its fundamental objective.”⁵⁸⁸ This statement demonstrated a willingness for international

⁵⁸⁵ One Health, World Health Organization (Geneva). n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<https://www.who.int/europe/initiatives/one-health>

⁵⁸⁶ Declaration on Economic Recovery, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 May 1983. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1983williamsburg/communique.html>

⁵⁸⁷ Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 July 1989. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1989paris/communique/index.html#environment>

⁵⁸⁸ Economic Communiqué: Making a Success of Globalization for the Benefit of All, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 1998. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1996lyon/communique.html>

cooperation in promoting and practicing sustainable development, including the protection of the environment and improved health.

At the 1999 Köln Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their commitment to sustainable development and vowed to “step up [their] efforts to build a coherent global and environmentally responsive framework of multilateral agreements and institutions.”⁵⁸⁹ This commitment exhibited the G8’s support in the creation of environmentally sustainable and responsive policies, agreements and principles going forward.

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 leaders defined one of the three dimensions of sustainable development as “protecting the environment.”⁵⁹⁰ This definition placed importance on environmental protection as an integral aspect of sustainable development to be incorporated in future policy and agreements.

At the 2007 Heiligendamm Summit, G8 leaders agreed to “elaborate on sustainable and equitable financing of health systems through linking national financing strategies with coordinated international support.”⁵⁹¹

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders highlighted the importance of health sustainability and stated that they were “fully committed to implementing the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) therein that ensure well-being at all stages and health security for all individuals, and foster inclusive economic growth for nations.”⁵⁹²

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders committed to “supporting strong, sustainable health systems that promote access to equality and affordable healthcare.”⁵⁹³

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders placed emphasis on “improving integration, by strengthening a ‘One Health’ approach across all aspects of pandemic prevention and preparedness, recognizing the critical links between human and animal health and the environment.”⁵⁹⁴

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders sought to “advance the implementation of integrated One Health Approaches,”⁵⁹⁵ and stated that they would “acknowledge the key role of the health sector in climate adaptation, and commit to making our health systems environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral at the latest by 2050, as well as more resilient.”

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders made the following commitment: “We acknowledge the key role of the health sector in climate adaptation, and commit to making our health systems environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral at the latest by 2050, as well as more resilient.”⁵⁹⁶

⁵⁸⁹ G8 Communiqué Köln 1999 Final, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 June 1999. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1999koln/finalcom.htm>

⁵⁹⁰ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommunique.html>

⁵⁹¹ Chair’s Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2007. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heiligendamm/g8-2007-summary.pdf>

⁵⁹² G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#architecture>

⁵⁹³ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

⁵⁹⁴ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

⁵⁹⁵ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

⁵⁹⁶ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

“Health systems” refers to “a regularly interacting or interdependent group of healthcare bodies forming a unified whole.”⁵⁹⁷ In the context of this commitment, “health systems” is understood to mean national and international bodies that govern health i.e., the Federal Ministry of Health of Germany, the World Health Organization (WHO).

“Environmentally sustainable” is defined as “to reconcile economic efficiency, social inclusion and environmental responsibility.”⁵⁹⁸ In the context of this commitment, “environmentally sustainable” is understood to mean the sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems to meet economic and social needs of healthcare systems.⁵⁹⁹

“Climate-neutral” is defined as “to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by balancing those emissions so that they are equal to (or less than) the emissions that get removed through the planet’s natural absorption.”⁶⁰⁰

“Resilient” is defined as “tending to recover from or adjust easily to or change.”⁶⁰¹ In the context of climate adaptation, “resilient” refers to the ability of health systems “to absorb disturbances while retaining the same basic structure and ways of functioning”⁶⁰² through the “mitigation and adaptation actions that must be combined to tackle the current and future impacts of climate change.”⁶⁰³

“Climate adaptation” is a term that refers to “adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities.”⁶⁰⁴ As one of the two central approaches in the international climate change process, climate adaptation in the context of this commitment refers to actions taken in response to expected climatic stimuli or their effects on health systems.

The commitment acknowledges both the contribution of health systems to climate change and to environmental problems, as well as the impact of climate change on healthy systems themselves and thus the need for health systems, such as hospitals and their staff, to build resilience to climate impacts. There are therefore three areas of action, or criteria, for the G7 members to address in order to achieve compliance. These are: 1) making health systems more environmentally sustainable; 2) making health systems more climate-neutral, or reducing healthy systems emissions contribution; and 3) building the climate resilience of health systems. Full compliance, or a score of +1, is awarded to G7 members who take strong action across all three criteria.

Generally, strong action includes legislation, policy changes, funding, and other like actions that can be expected to have long-term structural impacts. Less than strong actions may include shorter-term actions, attending meetings, information sharing, verbal reiterations of support or public statements and attending summits without taking any concrete action or issuing any funding for initiatives.

⁵⁹⁷ System, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/systems>

⁵⁹⁸ Sustainable Development, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/environment/sustainable-development/index_en.htm

⁵⁹⁹ Millennium Development Goal 7, Food and Agriculture Organization (Rome) 8 September 2000. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals/mdg/goal-7/en/>

⁶⁰⁰ A Beginner’s Guide to Climate Neutrality, United Nations Climate Change (Bonn) 26 February 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://unfccc.int/blog/a-beginner-s-guide-to-climate-neutrality>

⁶⁰¹ Resilient, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resilient>

⁶⁰² Fact sheet: The need for adaptation, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://unfccc.int/files/press/backgrounders/application/pdf/press_factsh_adaptation.pdf

⁶⁰³ Climate Resilience, United Nations Climate Change (Bonn) 8 November 2020. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://unfccc.int/documents/264818>

⁶⁰⁴ Fact sheet: The need for adaptation, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://unfccc.int/files/press/backgrounders/application/pdf/press_factsh_adaptation.pdf

Specifically, on environmental sustainability, actions could include, but are not limited to, investing in sustainable waste and hazardous chemicals management, promoting the sustainable procurement of resources, and promoting the integration of a One Health approach in existing health systems.⁶⁰⁵

On climate-neutrality, strong actions can include, but are not limited to, decarbonising healthcare delivery, facilities and operations, decarbonising healthcare’s supply chain, funding the implementation of clean and renewable energy systems, investing in zero emissions buildings and infrastructure, incentivising and producing low-carbon pharmaceuticals and supporting the transition to climate-smart policies.⁶⁰⁶

On climate resilience, strong action can include, but are not limited to, funding sanitation technologies designed to be more resistant to climate hazards, training the health workforce to respond to climate risks and environmental threats resulting from systems operations, investing in climate-related pandemic preparedness frameworks, investing in climate-resilient infrastructure, investing in mental health services for those impacted by climate-fuelled natural disasters.⁶⁰⁷

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, is awarded to G7 members who take strong action in one criterion and less than strong in another.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, is awarded to those members who demonstrate no action towards making health systems environmentally sustainable, climate-neutral or resilient or take less than strong action in only one area or less than half of the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

–1	The G7 member has NOT taken action towards enhancing the sustainability of health systems by 2050 in ANY of the following areas: environmental sustainability, climate-neutrality, or climate resilience OR has taken insufficiently strong action.
0	The G7 member has taken some action towards enhancing the sustainability of health systems by 2050 in TWO of the following areas: environmental sustainability, climate-neutrality, or climate resilience; OR has taken strong action in ONE of the following areas: environmental sustainability, climate-neutrality, or climate resilience.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action towards enhancing the sustainability of health systems by 2050 in all three criteria OR at least TWO and weaker action in ONE of the following areas: environmental sustainability, climate-neutrality, or climate resilience.

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Canada: 0

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 9 August 2022, Public Health Ontario released the “Building Climate Resilient Health Systems: Lessons from Health of Canadians in a Changing Climate Science Assessment 2022.”⁶⁰⁸ The goal of this document was

⁶⁰⁵ Environmentally sustainable health systems: a strategic document, World Health Organization (Copenhagen) 7 February 2017. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

⁶⁰⁶ Charting a course: Toward zero emissions health care, Health Care Without Harm (Washington D.C.) 14 April 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://healthcareclimateaction.org/roadmap>

⁶⁰⁷ WHO guidance for climate resilient and environmentally sustainable health care facilities, World Health Organization (Geneva) 17 October 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240012226>

⁶⁰⁸ Building Climate Resilient Health Systems: Lessons from Health of Canadians in a Changing Climate Science Assessment 2022, Public Health Ontario (Toronto) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2023. https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Event-Presentations/2022/building-climate-resilient-health-systems.pdf?sc_lang=en

to outline the national health adaptation gap and outline actions that Health Canada could take to scale up efforts towards climate resilient health systems.

On 24 August 2022, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne announced an investment of CAD19 million towards 60 innovative research projects that would improve environmental sustainability, health innovation and cybersecurity.⁶⁰⁹

On 12 September 2022, Health Canada published the “Climate Change and Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment: Workbook for the Canadian Health Sector.”⁶¹⁰ The goal of this document is to guide health officials in developing health vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans through participatory processes that engage civil society partners from across sectors and organizations.

On 25 October 2022, Chief Health Officer Theresa Tam released a document titled “Full report: Mobilizing Public Health Action on Climate Change in Canada” which outlines the future of the health sector by acknowledging the importance of sustainable health systems and proposing opportunities for improvement.⁶¹¹ The goal of this document is to address current and future climate change related health risks, collaborate across sectors for climate-health action and strengthen public health leadership on climate change.

On 25 October 2022, the Public Health Agency published a document titled “Generating Knowledge to Inform Public Health Action on Climate Change in Canada” which outlines research opportunities around health climate sustainability.⁶¹² The goal of this document is to guide researchers and grant-giving organizations whose focus is climate sustainability in the health sector.

On 8 November 2022, Health Canada along with the World Health Organization (WHO) spoke at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27).⁶¹³ Health Canada led discussions about health and climate change alongside the WHO and other prominent experts. The goal of this event was to coordinate ways to make health systems more environmentally sustainable on an international level.

On 13 December 2022, Canada, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶¹⁴ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 9 February 2023, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced an investment of CAD2.1 million in the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative’s initiative towards wildlife disease

⁶⁰⁹ Government of Canada invests in world class research on environmental sustainability, health innovation and more, National Research Council Canada (Ottawa) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-research-council/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-in-world-class-research-on-environmental-sustainability-health-innovation-and-more.html>

⁶¹⁰ Climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessments: Workbook for the Canadian health sector, Health Canada (Ottawa) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/healthy-living/climate-health-adapt-vulnerability-adaptation-assessments-workbook.html>

⁶¹¹ Full report: Mobilizing Public Health Action on Climate Change in Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/publications/chief-public-health-officer-reports-state-public-health-canada/state-public-health-canada-2022/report.html#sec21>

⁶¹² Generating Knowledge to Inform Public Health Action on Climate Change in Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/publications/chief-public-health-officer-reports-state-public-health-canada/state-public-health-canada-2022/research-priorities.html>

⁶¹³ Highlights of some key health events at COP27, World Health Organization (Sharm El-Sheikh) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 8 November 2022. <https://www.who.int/news/item/03-11-2022-highlights-of-some-health-key-events-at-cop27>

⁶¹⁴ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

surveillance.⁶¹⁵ Over three years, this investment aims to monitor wildlife health and the threat of emerging infectious diseases.

On 13 February 2023, Canada announced new members of the Indigenous Council for Wah-ila-toos who will support clean energy projects within the First Nations.⁶¹⁶ Kim Scott, founder and investigator of Kishk Anaquot Health Research, whose work focuses on public health and sustainability, was appointed to the council.

On 28 March 2023, the Public Health Agency partnered with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to relaunch the Applied Public Health Chair program (APHC).⁶¹⁷ The APHC program provides opportunities for mid-tier researchers to work alongside decision makers and support decision making through research. The goal of the APHC program is to address environment, climate change, and One Health Challenges.

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. On a domestic level, Canada has explored the dangers of climate change and its relation to the health sector by issuing documents in public interest. The inclusion of health sustainability experts of the Indigenous council also reinforces Canada's commitment to health sustainability. Canada's multilateral cooperation with the WHO and presence at COP27 on health security and climate change further affirms their commitment to improving the environmental sustainability and climate resilience of its health sector. However, Canada has not taken any significant action to improve the climate-neutrality of its health systems.

Thus, Canada receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ilya Goheen

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 30 September 2022, Secretary General for Investment in charge of France 2030 Bruno Bonnell announced a call for projects for companies in favour of agroecological and food transitions and expressions of interest to develop food-safe packaging.⁶¹⁸ The goal of this action is to develop technologies that will assist the agroecological transition and food transition (i.e. develop sustainable food production and supply) to fight against the increase in chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease.

On 17 November 2022, Minister for Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher joined the “Net-Zero Government” initiative brought forth by US Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry.⁶¹⁹ While France had already begun taking measures to achieve carbon neutrality with the Eco-responsible Public Services system, the goal of this initiative is to achieve carbon neutrality of all public services by 2050.

⁶¹⁵ The Government of Canada to invest over \$2.1 million in wildlife disease surveillance across the country, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/02/the-government-of-canada-to-invest-over-21-million-in-wildlife-disease-surveillance-across-the-country.html>

⁶¹⁶ Indigenous Council for Wah-ila-toos, The Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/reduce-emissions/reducing-reliance-diesel/indigenous-council-for-wah-ila-toos.html>

⁶¹⁷ Launch: 2023 CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chairs, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53430.html>

⁶¹⁸ Ouverture de deux dispositifs: innover pour les transitions agroécologique et alimentaire – alimentarité des emballages, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/ouverture-de-deux-dispositifs-innover-pour-les-transitions-agroecologique-et-alimentaire>

⁶¹⁹ COP27: La France rejoint l'initiative "Net-Zero Government" pour la neutralité carbone de ses services publics d'ici 2050, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires et Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 17 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/cop27-france-rejoint-linitiative-net-zero-government-neutralite-carbone-services-publics-dici-2050>

On 13 December 2022, France, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶²⁰ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 22 December 2022, Minister for Ecological Transition Christophe Béchu and Territorial Cohesion, Minister Pannier-Runacher, Minister Delegate for Transport Clément Beaun and Minister Delegate for Cities and Housing Olivier Klein announced an investment of EUR145 million into nine new programs in the Energy Savings Certificates (CEE) system.⁶²¹ The goal of these investments is to achieve energy efficiency in communities, households, businesses, industries and public support systems.

On 22 December 2022, France announced an action plan to regulate the usage of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) which are products that have non-stick, waterproof and heat resistant properties and are used commonly in everyday households and industries.⁶²² The goal of these regulations is to restrict access to products that harm human health and the environment.

On 9 February 2023, Public Health France and the International Association of National Public Health Institutes published the proceedings and findings of the event “Health as a Lever for Action Against Climate Change,” which was held the previous year.⁶²³ The goal of this document is to inform the public on links between climate adaptation, climate mitigation, biodiversity and health.

On 9 March 2023, Minister Béchu and Minister Delegate in charge of Territorial Organization and Health Professions Agnès Firmin Le Bodo held a meeting to revisit the “One Health” commitments made in 2021 to advance the progress made regarding human health, animal health and environmental health.⁶²⁴

France has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. While France has exhibited moderate initiative in its health care sector concerning renewable energy and sustainable waste management through domestic civil society partners like the CEE system and international allies at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, they have not made much effort through the climate-neutrality nor climate resilience pillars of this commitment. The motions put forth by France are inadequate for full compliance.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Mehr Yawar

⁶²⁰ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

⁶²¹ Le Gouvernement annonce un investissement de 145 millions d'euros dans 9 nouveaux programmes d'économies d'énergie, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires et Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 22 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/gouvernement-annonce-investissement-145-millions-deuros-dans-9-nouveaux-programmes-deconomies>

⁶²² Plan d'action du Gouvernement pour l'encadrement strict de l'usage des PFAS, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires et Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 22 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/plan-daction-du-gouvernement-lencadrement-strict-lusage-des-pfas>

⁶²³ Health as a lever for action in the face of climate change: conference proceedings, Public Health France (Paris) 9 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.santepubliquefrance.fr/les-actualites/2023/la-sante-comme-levier-d-action-face-au-changement-climatique-actes-du-colloque>

⁶²⁴ Engagement du Gouvernement en faveur de la santé environnementale : nouvelle réunion du Groupe Santé Environnement, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 9 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/engagement-du-gouvernement-en-faveur-de-la-sante-environnementale-nouvelle>

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 30 June 2022, the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection announced its contribution of EUR450 million in total toward the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Test Guideline No.125 for standardized testing measures of nanomaterials.⁶²⁵ The guideline intends to improve human safety from chemical hazards and advance scientific research on the effects of hard chemicals on health and the environment.

On 3 July 2022, the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection announced funding of EUR50 million towards the International Climate Initiative at the Ninth Plenary Session of the World Biodiversity Council.⁶²⁶ The goal of this fund was to improve human health and pandemic prevention through the protection of global biodiversity.

On 21 July 2022, Minister of the Environment Steffi Lemke emphasized the importance of the implementation and coordination of One Health policies at the first Africa Protected Area Congress.⁶²⁷ Minister Lemke stated that conserving sustainable ecosystems is key to improving resilience against pandemics.

On 22 August 2022, Germany joined the International High Ambition Coalition and committed to stopping plastic pollution by 2040.⁶²⁸ The coalition aims to restrain plastic consumption in various sectors, including the health industry, to achieve environmentally sustainable management of plastic waste and chemicals.

On 26 August 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock and Denmark's Minister for Foreign Affairs Jeppe Kofod adopted the joint action plan for German-Danish Cooperation with healthcare as a key area of interest in the green transition of the agricultural sector.⁶²⁹ The goal of this plan was to incorporate the two countries' cooperation on the health sector, particularly in the promotion of the One Health approach and reduction of antimicrobial resistance.

On 8 September 2022, Germany contributed approximately EUR70 million to the Financial Intermediary Fund for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.⁶³⁰ The fund will enhance financial security against global health crises, strengthen health workforce capacities and provide effective measures to safeguard health in low-income countries. As part of this initiative, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz emphasized the importance of human, animal and environmental health.

On 16 October 2022, Chancellor Scholz attended the World Health Summit 2022 in Berlin and emphasized the international cooperation of healthcare propelled by scientific technology to better prepare for future

⁶²⁵ Good News: OECD-Guideline on determination of particle size of nanomaterials, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature, Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Bonn) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/topics/reports/report/good-news-oeed-guideline-on-determination-of-particle-size-of-nanomaterials>

⁶²⁶ Speech by Steffi Lemke at the ninth plenary session of the World Biodiversity Council (IPBES 9), Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Bonn) 3 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/press/speeches/speech/speech-by-steffi-lemke-at-the-ninth-plenary-session-of-the-world-biodiversity-council-ipbes-9>

⁶²⁷ Speech by Steffi Lemke at the first Africa Protected Area Congress, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Bonn) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/press/speeches/speech/speech-by-steffi-lemke-at-the-first-africa-protected-area-congress>

⁶²⁸ Germany joins the international coalition to tackle plastic waste, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 22 August 2022. Access Date: 13 April 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/germany-joins-international-coalition-to-tackle-plastic-waste>

⁶²⁹ Joint Action Plan for Future German-Danish Cooperation, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/ger-den-action-plan/2548556>

⁶³⁰ "We must be better prepared for future pandemics," The Federal Government (Berlin) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/world-health-summit-2134652>

pandemics after COVID-19.⁶³¹ He called for the need to address the link between human health and the environment. He further promised an increase in funding for scientific research to 3.5 per cent of the gross domestic product by 2025 to advance national medical technology.

On 31 October 2022, the Ministry of Health reiterated the efforts made to combat antimicrobial resistance under the German Antibiotic Resistance Strategy's adoption of the One Health approach.⁶³² Germany will continue its effort to reduce the unnecessary use of antibiotics and enhance the disease surveillance systems.

On 16 November 2022, Minister Lemke and Egypt's Minister of Environment Fouad launched the Enhancing Nature-based Solutions for an Accelerated Climate Transformation (ENACT), as part of the Conference of the Parties Presidency's official initiative.⁶³³ The ENACT program aims to enhance climate resilience through the integration of the health sector and nature-based solutions, improving disaster risk reduction and promoting green infrastructure to achieve the transition to climate-support policies.

On 12 December 2022, Minister Lemke participated in the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and promised active financial support in global biodiversity preservation.⁶³⁴ Minister Lemke promised to provide venture capital of EUR50 million to the International Climate Initiative to develop a global framework for future pandemic preparedness and disease control.

On 13 December 2022, Germany, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶³⁵ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 24 January 2023, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze announced Germany's commitment for developing sustainable health systems and prioritizing pandemic prevention in Africa.⁶³⁶ Germany will facilitate improving the local medical capabilities in Africa through incorporation of One Health approach and development of sustainable local vaccines.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. Germany has integrated a One Health approach in its health systems, combated antimicrobial resistance and developed sustainable medical frameworks across two pillars of this commitment. Germany has also provided ample financial contributions to organizations like the OECD to fight various infectious diseases and invest in pandemic preparedness measures thus improving the environmental sustainability of its health systems. Finally, Germany has taken strong action to cooperate with other countries to develop sustainable health systems and it has invested in scientific health research to advance technologies that are resilient to climate hazards.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

⁶³¹ "We must be better prepared for future pandemics," The Federal Government (Berlin) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/world-health-summit-2134652>

⁶³² Antimicrobial Resistance, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/topics/antimicrobial-resistance.html>

⁶³³ Egyptian COP27 Presidency, Germany and IUCN announce ENACT Initiative for Nature-based Solutions, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/egyptian-cop27-presidency-germany-and-iucn-announce-enact-initiative-for-nature-based-solutions>

⁶³⁴ UN Biodiversity Conference: CBD COP 15, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/cbd-cop-15/background-information-on-the-un-biodiversity-conference-2022>

⁶³⁵ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

⁶³⁶ Shaping the Future with Africa: The Africa Strategy of the BMZ, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/resource/blob/137602/bmz-afrika-strategie-en.pdf>

Analyst: Yeji Kim

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 14 October 2022, Minister of Ecological Transition Roberto Cingolani signed on a EUR500 million investment towards redeveloping abandoned industrial sites.⁶³⁷ The goal of this investment was to reduce the impact on biodiversity, reduce health risks and promote the circular economy.

On 16 October 2022, Italy chaired the World Health Summit 2022 session.⁶³⁸ The goal of this session was to address global challenges regarding health and migration, especially in relation to climate change and protracted conflicts.

On 13 December 2022, Italy, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶³⁹ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 16 March 2023, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security published a press release stating that Italy and the United Arab Emirates signed a joint declaration towards accelerating climate adaptation policy in compliance with the goal of net zero emissions.⁶⁴⁰ The goal of climate neutrality would extend towards health and the protection of natural ecosystems as well.

On 6 April 2023, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Economic Development promoted measures to encourage the voluntary introduction of environmental management systems in companies that carry out waste treatment operations from electrical and electronic equipment.⁶⁴¹ This not only is intended to better the environment, but mitigate potential health risks.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. Italy has mostly taken action within the pillar of environmental sustainability as seen with its efforts to redevelop polluted land sites and carry out waste treatment operations domestically. Italy has also taken actions on an international level, as seen with the World Health Summit 2022 and the climate neutrality agreement with Saudi Arabia. However, Italy has mostly expressed verbal support for this commitment and it has not taken any action towards climate resilience.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Stephanie Gyimah

⁶³⁷ PNRR, milestone on soil reclamation of orphan sites achieved, National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Rome) 14 October 2022. Translated by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.italiadomani.gov.it/content/sogei-ng/it/it/news/pnrr--raggiunto-traguado-sulla-bonifica-del-suolo-dei-siti-orfa.html>

⁶³⁸ World Health Summit 2022 session – Addressing Health and Migration as a Global Priority in a Changing World, World Health Organization (Geneva) 16 October 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/10/16/default-calendar/world-health-summit-2022-session---addressing-health-and-migration-as-a-global-priority-in-a-changing-world>

⁶³⁹ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

⁶⁴⁰ Climate: agreement between Italy and the United Arab Emirates, it is urgent to accelerate efforts towards COP28, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (Rome) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/clima-intesa-italia-emirati-arabi-uniti-urgente-accelerare-sforzi-verso-cop28>

⁶⁴¹ "EMAS certificate acquisition incentives" – contribution aimed at companies that treat WEEE waste, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (Rome) 6 April 2023. Translated by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/bandi/incentivi-acquisizione-certificato-emas-contributo-rivolto-alle-imprese-che-trattano-rifiuti>

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 25 July 2022, the Ministry of the Environment announced it would promote the reduction of healthcare waste and controlled disposal in both Japan and Africa at the Third Assembly of the African Clean Cities Platform.⁶⁴² The statement, aligned with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, aimed to highlight the importance of environmental resilience in public health and sustainable waste management.

On 5 August 2022, Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi attended the 12th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting and discussed the global pandemic prevention measures.⁶⁴³ The goal of this conference was to encourage cooperation of various health and environment sectors to implement the Strategic Framework to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance through One Health Approach for 2019 to 2030.

On 31 August 2022, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Makoto Nagamine and Minister of the Environment Akihiro Nishimura attended the G20 Joint Environment and Climate Ministerial Meeting to pursue environmentally sustainable recovery from COVID-19.⁶⁴⁴ The goal of this meeting was to invest in zero-emission technologies and support climate resilient development in the health sector by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

On 2 September 2022, Minister Nishimura and the US Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Michael Regan reaffirmed their cooperation in achieving zero emissions by 2050 through the US-Japan Global Local Zero Carbon Promotion Initiative.⁶⁴⁵ As part of this initiative, both countries plan on sharing information on issues relating to human health and the environment.

On 15 September 2022, Trade Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura met with other G7 trade ministers and reiterated Japan's cooperation in strengthening resilient and sustainable global supply chains.⁶⁴⁶ Japan, along with its G7 partners, acknowledged the continued health crisis and remains determined to promote sustainable use of resources.

On 26 September 2022, Environment Minister Nishimura announced the adoption of the "post-2020 global biodiversity framework."⁶⁴⁷ Minister Nishimura further promoted nature-based solutions to address various social issues such as climate change and human health.

On 13 October 2022, the International Monetary Fund for Japan announced a contribution of USD50 million towards constructing a more resilient and sustainable global health system under the leadership of the "Financial

⁶⁴² Tunis Action Guidance, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

<https://www.env.go.jp/content/000062044.pdf>

⁶⁴³ Chairman's Statement of the 12th East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting, The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Phnom Penh) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100380513.pdf>

⁶⁴⁴ Parliamentary Vice-Minister Nagamine Attends the G20 Joint Environment and Climate Ministerial Meeting, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022.

https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0915_002.html

⁶⁴⁵ Outcome of the US-Japan Environmental Policy Dialogue between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022.

https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00526.html

⁶⁴⁶ G7 Trade Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/trade/220915-statement.html>

⁶⁴⁷ Video Message by NISHIMURA Akihiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan, at the Ministerial Roundtable on Biodiversity hosted by China, side event of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/statement/statement_20220926.html

Intermediary Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response.”⁶⁴⁸ Japan pledged its continued effort to develop resilient disease prevention mechanisms through sustainable health systems and promotion of Universal Health Coverage.

On 13 November 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attended the 17th East Asia Summit and reaffirmed Japan’s commitment to enhance the capacities and funding for disease prevention, preparedness and response.⁶⁴⁹ During the summit, attendees discussed integrating energy transitions in their respective countries’ pandemic recovery plans.

On 13 December 2022, Japan, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶⁵⁰ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 16 December 2022, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Katsunobu Kato met Korea’s Minister of Health and Welfare Cho Kyoo-Hong and China’s Director of the National Health Commission at the 15th Tripartite Health Ministers’ Conference to reaffirm their cooperation in advancing disease prevention frameworks.⁶⁵¹ Minister Kato reiterated the importance of promoting a One Health approach and training the healthcare workforce to strengthen sustainable health security.

On 20 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida announced Japan’s intention to further “strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response for global health emergencies” through the development of sustainable and resilient health-care frameworks.⁶⁵² Prime Minister Kishida reiterated the importance of advancing universal health coverage and innovation of sustainable medical technologies in the post-pandemic era.

On 8 February 2023, Minister Hayashi joined the COVID-19 Global Action Plan Foreign Ministerial Meeting and promised that Japan will contribute of USD50 million to the Pandemic Fund, as assembled by the World Bank.⁶⁵³ The fund aims to improve disease surveillance systems, build global health resilience and endorse medical frameworks that promote a One Health policy.

On 21 February 2023, Vice Foreign Minister Yuumi Yoshikawa attended the Asia-Europe Foundation Public Health Network Conference and announced Japan’s commitment to develop infectious disease control measures that combat antimicrobial resistance.⁶⁵⁴ Japan promised to expand a sustainable and resilient universal health coverage system to achieve equitable health security.

On 12 April 2023, Japan announced contributions of USD7 million to the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Trust Fund and USD4 million to the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund at the

⁶⁴⁸ Statement by the Honorable SUZUKI Shunichi, Governor of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group for Japan, Ministry of Finance, Japan (Tokyo) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/imf/annual_meeting/20221014.pdf

⁶⁴⁹ Chairman’s Statement of the 17th East Asia Summit, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Jakarta) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://asean.org/chairmans-statement-of-the-17th-east-asia-summit/>

⁶⁵⁰ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

⁶⁵¹ Joint Statement of the Fifteenth Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting (THMM), Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/10501000/001024895.pdf>

⁶⁵² Human security and universal health coverage: Japan’s vision for the G7 Hiroshima Summit, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/10501000/001041645.pdf>

⁶⁵³ COVID-19 Global Action Plan Foreign Ministerial Meeting Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100456851.pdf>

⁶⁵⁴ Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Public Health Network Conference and Attendance by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Yoshikawa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003219.html

107th Meeting of the Development Committee.⁶⁵⁵ Japan promised to strengthen the global disease prevention systems and facilitate environmentally sustainable mobilization of health resources.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. Japan has taken concrete actions to decarbonize the healthcare sector and achieve climate- neutrality in national and international health sectors. Japan has also made progress within the pillars of environmental sustainability and climate resilience by attending international summits and investing in pandemic preparedness funds (i.e. the Pandemic Fund, the Health Emergency Preparedness Fund).

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Yeji Kim

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 12 August 2022, Health Minister Maggie Throup sent a letter to the Chief Executive of the UK Health Security Agency Jenny Harries confirming the prioritisation of disease prevention by ensuring emergency preparedness, resilience and response and bolstering a health system that is climate resilient.⁶⁵⁶

On 23 November 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department of Health and Social Care announced that the UK and South Africa would work together closely to augment healthcare systems through collaborative research projects.⁶⁵⁷ The UK would allocate funding and facilitate vaccine manufacturing to aid pandemic preparedness in several African countries. The two countries also plan to mitigate climate damages through the Just Energy Transition Partnership to decrease dependency on fossil fuels. The goal of this partnership is to move towards an environmentally sustainable and resilient healthcare system through structural changes.

On 8 December 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care published the Chief Medical Officer's annual report which highlighted the effects of air pollution and provided recommendations for solutions.⁶⁵⁸ The report aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by emphasizing achievable solutions to protect the health of locals while also adhering to environmental sustainability principles.

On 13 December 2022, the UK, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶⁵⁹ The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

⁶⁵⁵ Japan's Statement at the 107th Meeting of the Development Committee (Joint Ministerial Committee of the Boards of Governors of the Bank and the Fund), Ministry of Finance, Japan (Tokyo) 12 April 2023. Access Date: 13 April 2023. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/imf/dc/20230412_2.html

⁶⁵⁶ United Kingdom Health Security Agency priorities in 2022 to 2023, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukhsa-priorities-in-2022-to-2023>

⁶⁵⁷ UK and South Africa to work more closely on tackling pandemics and climate change, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-south-africa-to-work-more-closely-on-tackling-pandemics-and-climate-change>

⁶⁵⁸ Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2022: air pollution, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chief-medical-officers-annual-report-2022-air-pollution>

⁶⁵⁹ Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

On 3 February 2023, the Department of Health and Social Care published a policy paper which outlines the UK's plans to ensure the resilience, reliability and effectiveness of the healthcare system.⁶⁶⁰ One aspect of this plan is aligning with sustainable initiatives in order to meet net zero carbon emissions by 2045.

On 20 February 2023, the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Affairs released an announcement stating that data will be released to monitor the implementation of sustainable energy in domestic properties.⁶⁶¹ These statistics will ensure compliance with the Social Housing Decarbonization Fund in the UK.

On 4 April 2023, Environmental Secretary Therese Coffey gave a speech regarding the government's scheme to provide a clean water supply for the public. This plan aims to invest in safe environmental practices and protect public health.⁶⁶²

On 11 April 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs released a new framework to improve air quality.⁶⁶³ This framework recognizes how pollutants are damaging to health and the environment and proposes ways to reduce the emissions of fine particulate matter.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. The UK has fulfilled two principles of this commitment by becoming less dependent on fossil fuels (i.e. climate neutrality) and promoting environmentally sustainable practices in healthcare. The UK has taken weaker action towards climate resilience by expressing verbal support in public statements and meeting with other stakeholders.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Stephanie Gyimah

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 30 June 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services catalyzed private sector commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen climate resilience and protect public health at a roundtable discussion held at the White House.⁶⁶⁴ The goal of this event was to unite private and public sector health care providers in decarbonising the health care supply chain.

On 13 July 2022, the Department of Energy invested USD2.6 billion in the Carbon Capture Demonstration Projects Program and the Carbon Dioxide Transport/Front-End Engineering Design Program through

⁶⁶⁰ Medical technology strategy, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/medical-technology-strategy>

⁶⁶¹ Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund: January 2023, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/social-housing-decarbonisation-fund-january-2023--2>

⁶⁶² The Plan for Water, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-plan-for-water>

⁶⁶³ Plans unveiled to improve local authority action on air quality, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 11 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-unveiled-to-improve-local-authority-action-on-air-quality>

⁶⁶⁴ Biden-Harris Administration catalyzes private health sector commitments to reduce climate impacts and protect public health, Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/06/30/biden-harris-administration-catalyzes-private-health-sector-commitments-reduce-climate-impacts-protect-public-health.html>

President Joe Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.⁶⁶⁵ These programs will reduce carbon emissions to protect public health and advance the country's progress towards net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

On 31 August 2022, the Department of Energy pledged USD46 million to research new technologies that will create biofuel which will lead to the decarbonization of transportation and power generation sectors.⁶⁶⁶ This research is also intended to offset the potential health effects of waste streams.

On 13 September 2022, the Department of Energy invested USD178 million into bioenergy research that will produce sustainable technologies which stand to improve public health and address climate change.⁶⁶⁷

On 17 November 2022, Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry launched the "Net-Zero Government" initiative.⁶⁶⁸ The goal of this initiative is to achieve carbon neutrality of all public services by 2050.

On 22 November 2022, the Department of Agriculture announced a USD59.4 million investment into the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's (GusNIP) Produce Prescription and Nutrition Incentive programs.⁶⁶⁹ This program facilitates and encourages healthier and more sustainable eating habits in households by increasing their access to local and fresh produce. This investment seeks to aid initiatives in improving dietary health and promote food security across US households.

On 8 December 2022, the Department of Energy announced a USD8 million pledge for six solar energy research projects that will open new economic avenues for farmers, rural communities and the solar industry to lower the barriers to utilizing farm-scale solar energy generation and further facilitate clean energy usage in agriculture.⁶⁷⁰

On 13 December 2022, the US announced their investment of USD3.7 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law into four programs that will initiate a sustainable and commercially viable carbon dioxide removal industry in the US.⁶⁷¹ This program aims to lower carbon emissions to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

On 13 December 2022, the US, along with other G7 members, promised to increase its collaboration and funding to achieve sustainable disease prevention and surveillance as part of the Pact for Pandemic Readiness.⁶⁷²

⁶⁶⁵ Biden-Harris Administration Launches \$2.6 Billion Funding Programs To Slash Carbon Emissions, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-launches-26-billion-funding-programs-slash-carbon-emissions>

⁶⁶⁶ DOE Announces \$46 Million to Explore New Technologies That Convert Carbon and Waste Into Clean Energy, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-46-million-explore-new-technologies-convert-carbon-and-waste-clean-energy>

⁶⁶⁷ DOE Announces \$178 Million to Advance Bioenergy Technology, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 13 September 2022. Access Date: November 10 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-178-million-advance-bioenergy-technology>

⁶⁶⁸ COP27: La France rejoint l'initiative "Net-Zero Government" pour la neutralité carbone de ses services publics d'ici 2050, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires et Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 17 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/cop27-france-rejoint-linitiative-net-zero-government-neutralite-carbone-services-publics-dici-2050>

⁶⁶⁹ USDA Invests More Than \$59M to Improve Dietary Health and Nutrition Security, Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/11/22/usda-invests-more-59m-improve-dietary-health-and-nutrition-security>

⁶⁷⁰ DOE Announces \$8 Million to Integrate Solar Energy Production with Farming, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-8-million-integrate-solar-energy-production-farming>

⁶⁷¹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$3.7 Billion to Kick-Start America's Carbon Dioxide Removal Industry, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-37-billion-kick-start-americas-carbon-dioxide>

⁶⁷² Roadmap for Practical Cooperation to advance the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin). Access Date: 6 March 2022. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G7/Roadmap_Pact_fin_Dec_22_bf.pdf

The members committed to improve their pandemic resilience capabilities by training their health emergency workforce, promoting the One Health approach and addressing impacts of climate change in health systems.

On 1 March 2023, the Department of Energy disclosed a funding packet of USD300 million for energy affordability and climate resilience programs to enhance energy systems in rural or remote areas and improve equitable access to public health.⁶⁷³

On 9 March 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) reinstated the Health Sector Climate Pledge, whereby health organizations agree to reduce emissions and promote climate resilience by ensuring a 50 per cent cut in greenhouse emissions over the next seven years.⁶⁷⁴ This pledge will advance President Biden's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by half in 2023 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2025.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. The US has demonstrated strong action in enhancing the climate-neutrality and environmental sustainability pillars of this commitment by, firstly, working on a bilateral level with Japan to achieve zero carbon and, secondly, moving towards biofuels as a source of energy. The US has also invested in several different domestic programs that aim to promote the uptake of clean energy technologies in healthcare. In improving the environmental sustainability of its health systems, the US has worked with GusNIP to promote food security through environmentally sustainable health practices, with the intention of improving public health outcomes.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mehr Yawar

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050.

On 5 September 2022, the EU Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) One Health Network published a document titled "AMR One Health Network Top suggestions for AMR actions," which sought to coordinate environmental and public health policies to combat antimicrobial resistance.⁶⁷⁵ The goal of this document was to highlight actions that would improve health surveying to improvements in the creation of antibiotics. The actions were selected from a variety of proposals from all 27 EU Member states.

On 29 September 2022, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency published the report "Horizon Europe: Climate Change and Health."⁶⁷⁶ The goal of this report was to research environmental stressors and their effects on human health. It was also intended to promote synergies and increase the policy impact of EU-funded research in the environment and health.

⁶⁷³ Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$315 Million to Advance Reliable Clean Energy in Rural and Remote Communities, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-invests-315-million-advance-reliable-clean-energy-rural-and>

⁶⁷⁴ HHS Reopens Health Sector Climate Pledge, Department of Health & Human Services (Washington D.C.) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/03/09/hhs-reopens-health-sector-climate-pledge.html>

⁶⁷⁵ AMR One Health Network: Top suggestions for AMR actions, European Commission (Brussels) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/amr-one-health-network-top-suggestions-amr-actions-2022-09-05_en

⁶⁷⁶ Horizon Europe Health addresses climate change concerns, European Commission (Brussels) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2023. https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/horizon-europe-health-addresses-climate-change-concerns-2022-09-29_en

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission published the third Work Plan 2023.⁶⁷⁷ The goal of this plan is to allocate funding towards crisis preparedness, health promotion and disease prevention, health care system and health care personnel while taking into account environmental and climate threats.

On 9 November 2022, the European Environment Agency published a report “Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases.”⁶⁷⁸ The aim of the report is to identify environmental-related challenges in public health.

On 30 November 2022, the European Commission released the EU Global Health Strategy.⁶⁷⁹ Within this publication, the EU reaffirmed its commitments to the sustainable development of health infrastructure and their goal to negotiate an effective international legally binding pandemic agreement with a One Health approach.

On 2 December 2022, the General Secretariat of the European Council posted an information note concerning the EU’s Global Health Strategy.⁶⁸⁰ The European Council reaffirmed its commitments to fighting current and future health threats through the One Health approach.

On 14 December 2022, the European Committee of the Regions stated in a conference that the One Health approach to healthcare must be at the forefront of the EU’s zero pollution ambition.⁶⁸¹ At the conference, First Vice-president of the European Committee of the Regions Apostolos Tzitzikostas highlighted the importance of the One Health approach highlighting how they can ensure that the most vulnerable aren’t left behind.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to enhance the sustainability and resilience of its health systems by 2050. The EU has demonstrated strong action in two pillars of the commitment, climate-neutrality and climate resilience, through international agreements to decarbonise health systems and fund pandemic preparedness and through reaffirmation of their One Health goals. The EU has also taken action towards improving the environmental sustainability of its health systems as seen with its reports on the links between climate change and health.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ilya Goheen

⁶⁷⁷ EU4Health programme: Work Plan 2023 published, Ministry of Health (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6078

⁶⁷⁸ Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases, European Environmental Agency (Copenhagen) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2023. <https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/climate-change-impacts-on-health>

⁶⁷⁹ EU Global Health Strategy: Better Health for All in a Changing World, European Commission (Brussels) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/eu-global-health-strategy-better-health-all-changing-world_en

⁶⁸⁰ Information Note: Communication on an EU Global Health Strategy (Brussels) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-15308-2022-INIT/en/pdf>

⁶⁸¹ The 'One Health' approach must be at the forefront of the EU's Zero Pollution Ambition, European Committee of the Regions (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://cor.europa.eu/it/news/Pages/EU%27s-Zero-Pollution-Ambition.aspx>

4. Climate Change: Decarbonizing the Power Sector

“We commit to ... a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035 ... prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75 (88%)		

Background

Since the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), reducing greenhouse gas emissions has been discussed internationally as a way to combat climate change.⁶⁸² The 2015 Paris Agreement set out a global framework to ideally limit the global temperature increase to 2°C, striving for 1.5°C, calling for net-zero economies.⁶⁸³ Among other measures to reach the target of the Paris Agreement, it is imperative that countries overcome the hurdle of decarbonizing their energy sector to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from electricity-generating facilities. The G7 has explored and supported a diversified energy mix since its early summits.

At the 1979 Tokyo Summit, the G7 first recognized the importance of developing clean technology.⁶⁸⁴ This summit was the first to acknowledge the pressing need to stabilize the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere and establish principled and normative directions for dealing with climate change for future summits.

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged the importance of international cooperation to develop new technologies and methods to complement energy conservation in the reduction of carbon emissions.⁶⁸⁵ Leaders supported accelerated scientific and economic research on potential responses to climate change in developing and developed countries.

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G7 leaders discussed renewable energy and its ability to mitigate climate change and air pollution.⁶⁸⁶ Leaders also discussed the findings of the G8 Environment Ministers' Meeting in Otsu and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and committed to investigating renewable energy barriers and solutions in developing countries as a way to combat pollution and climate change.

⁶⁸² What is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change?, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/what-is-the-united-nations-framework-convention-on-climate-change>

⁶⁸³ The Paris Agreement, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2021.

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/paris-agreement>

⁶⁸⁴ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 1979. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1979tokyo/communique.html>

⁶⁸⁵ Houston Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 11 July 1990. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1990houston/declaration.html#environment>

⁶⁸⁶ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

At the 2001 Environment Ministerial Meeting in Trieste, G8 Environment Ministers promoted timely action to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions.⁶⁸⁷ Leaders committed to promoting the reduction of emissions by strengthening and implementing national programs and promoting renewable energies.

At the 2002 Environment Ministerial Meeting in Banff, G8 Environment Ministers committed to working together with governments and other partners to take effective actions in the field of energy.⁶⁸⁸ These actions included increasing energy efficiency, improving energy resources, developing new technologies and promoting the use of renewable energy sources in all countries.

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 leaders committed to tackling climate change and promoting clean energy.⁶⁸⁹ Leaders also committed to taking measures to develop markets for clean energy technologies to increase their availability in developing nations and to help vulnerable communities adapt to the impact of climate change.

At the 2009 L'Aquila Summit, G8 leaders discussed renewable energy's role in the global green recovery and CO2 reduction.⁶⁹⁰ Leaders discussed barriers to combat climate change and incorporated renewable energy into action-based discussions on technology-driven paths to tackle climate change.

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed the need to commit to low carbon and renewable energies.⁶⁹¹ Leaders also called on the International Energy Agency (IEA) to develop an International Platform for low-carbon technologies for the purpose of accelerating their development and deployment.

At the 2014 Energy Ministerial Meeting in Rome, G7 Energy Ministers committed to promoting the use of low carbon technologies such as renewable energies.⁶⁹² Leaders also committed to working with institutions like the International Renewable Energy Agency and international financial institutions to supply technical assistance for renewable energies in Ukraine and other European nations.

At the 2015 Energy Ministerial Meeting in Hamburg, G7 Energy Ministers committed to supporting the use of renewable energy sources.⁶⁹³ Leaders mentioned that their goal with the usage of renewable energy sources is to reduce the GHG emissions in their energy systems but also acknowledged that fossil fuels “will remain an important part of the energy mix for some time.”

At the 2016 Energy Ministerial Meeting in Fukuoka, G7 Energy Ministers committed to investing in energy sectors including renewable energy sources and other low carbon technologies to help to build economic growth from carbon emissions.⁶⁹⁴ Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in energy technology innovation, research, development and deployment in order to accelerate technological progress towards clean energy including renewable energy sources.

⁶⁸⁷ G8 Environment Ministers Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 March. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2001-environment.html>

⁶⁸⁸ Banff Ministerial Statement on the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Information Centre (Toronto) 14 April 2002.

Access Date: 9 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/020415.html>

⁶⁸⁹ Chairs' Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/summary.html>

⁶⁹⁰ Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2009. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-declaration.pdf>

⁶⁹¹ Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communiqu.html#green>

⁶⁹² Rome G7 Energy Initiative for Energy Security, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 May 2014. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/energy/140506-rome.html>

⁶⁹³ G7 Hamburg Initiative for Sustainable Energy Security, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 May 2015. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/energy/150512-hamburg.html>

⁶⁹⁴ G7 Kitakyushu Energy Ministerial Meeting Kitakyushu Initiative on Energy Security for Global Growth Joint Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 May 2016. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/energy/160502-statement.html>

At the 2018 Energy Ministers' Meeting in Halifax, G7 Energy Ministers highlighted their progress in the development and deployment of renewable energy including solar and wind power.⁶⁹⁵ This progress was highlighted in the context of the need to reduce emissions and improve the sustainability of energy systems.

At the 2019 Energy Ministers' Meeting in Metz, G7 Energy Ministers committed to promoting highly efficient technologies, including renewable energies, and the best standard policies in order to increase energy efficiency.⁶⁹⁶ Ministers emphasized the importance of energy efficiency for a low emission global economy that sustainably uses natural resources.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders committed to accelerating the deployment of zero emissions energy and reducing wasteful consumption.⁶⁹⁷ The push for renewable energy alternatives was also a way to “build back better” from the COVID-19 pandemic, as per the roadmap designed by the International Energy Agency and to adhere to the targets from the Paris Agreement.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders committed to “a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035 ... prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.”⁶⁹⁸ The actionable and measurable aspect of this commitment is therefore to accelerate a phase-out of domestic unabated coal power in pursuit of decarbonizing power sectors.

“Decarbonise” is understood to mean to “reduce the levels of carbon emission.”⁶⁹⁹ In the context of this commitment, decarbonised refers to means of producing, storing, and using energy that are less carbon-intensive than fossil fuels, such as renewable energies.

“Power sector” is understood to mean “a sector that consists of electricity only and combined heat and power plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.”⁷⁰⁰

“Timely” refers to something coming early or at the right time.⁷⁰¹ In the context of the commitment, it refers to decarbonisation steps that are taken at the time during which they are needed and whose implementation is prompt.

“Accelerate” is understood to mean “to bring [something] about at an earlier time” or “to hasten the progress or development of [something].”⁷⁰² This indicates that the commitment deals with a process that has already been started, which is the transition away from coal power, and that the G7 members agree to move quickly to speed up the process of a coal phase-out.

⁶⁹⁵ Chair's Summary: G7 Energy Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 September 2018. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/energy/2018-energy.html>

⁶⁹⁶ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 May 2019. Access Date: 24 September. 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2019-environment.html>

⁶⁹⁷ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/13/carbis-bay-g7-summit-communique/>

⁶⁹⁸ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communiqué.html>

⁶⁹⁹ Decarbonize, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/decarbonize>

⁷⁰⁰ Electric Power Sector, Energy Information Administration (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 22 September 2022. <https://www.eia.gov/tools/glossary/index.php?id=Electric%20power%20sector>

⁷⁰¹ Timely, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/timely>

⁷⁰² Accelerate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

“Phase-out” refers to a gradual stopping of something or closing it down by phases.⁷⁰³

“Unabated coal power” refers to the “use of coal that is not mitigated with technologies to reduce the CO₂ [carbon dioxide] emissions, such as Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS).”⁷⁰⁴

Examples of weak actions toward the phasing-out of unabated domestic coal power can include, but are not limited to: making a public statement on the importance of phasing out coal power generation without providing concrete support.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members who take strong action within the compliance period to accelerate, or to do more than they have before, to speed up a domestic phase-out of unabated coal power. Examples of strong actions include, but are not limited to: deploying CCUS systems for coal power plants, phasing-out infrastructures supporting coal power, implementing a carbon tax, putting an end to public financing of coal and relevant policy and legislation.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members who take less than strong action to phase out domestic unabated coal power plants. Examples of less than strong action include efforts that are weaker than those listed above dealing with legislation, policy, financing and investments. This can include diplomatic efforts, public awareness efforts, information or knowledge sharing, and reiterations of support for the commitment.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned to G7 members who backslide on this commitment by opening new domestic coal plants with or without abatement technology or who fail to take even weak action to phase-out existing plants. Actions taken internationally do not count towards compliance, as the commitment explicitly identifies countries’ domestic coal markets as the target.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member takes very weak actions OR takes no actions to phase-out domestic unabated coal power OR takes action that is antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G7 member takes some action to phase-out domestic unabated coal power.
+1	The G7 member takes strong action to for a timely phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

On 11 July 2022, Minister of Natural Resources Jonathon Wilkinson announced an investment of nearly CAD10 million for five projects in Saskatchewan that support renewable energy technologies in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.⁷⁰⁵ Technologies include the replacement of propane heating systems, an 816-kilowatt solar farm and development of other renewable energy projects to replace existing higher carbon options in the electricity system.

⁷⁰³ Phaseout, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/phaseout>

⁷⁰⁴ What does ‘unabated coal’ mean?, E3G (London) 24 June 2021. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <https://www.e3g.org/news/explained-what-does-unabated-coal-mean/>

⁷⁰⁵ Minister Wilkinson Announces Nearly \$10 million in Clean Energy Support for Indigenous Communities in Saskatchewan, Natural Resources Canada (Regina) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/07/minister-wilkinson-announces-nearly-10-million-in-clean-energy-support-for-indigenous-communities-in-saskatchewan.html>

On 26 July 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced the second round of consultations to develop the Clean Electricity Regulations, which follow feedback gathered from a March 2022 discussion paper regarding a Clean Electricity Standard.⁷⁰⁶ Draft regulations are expected by the end of 2022. Ensuring access to affordable and reliable clean electricity for powering transportation, residences, and commercial and industrial businesses is critical to achieving a net zero economy by 2050.

On 26 July 2022, Member of Parliament René Arseneault announced CAD5.4 million in federal funding for Edmundston's first solar panels.⁷⁰⁷ The one-megawatt (MW) solar panels on the Jean Daigle Centre will help decarbonize the power system and reduce emissions.

On 27 July 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Julie Dabrusin announced CAD175,000 in funding to assist Toronto in transitioning to low carbon and renewable energy.⁷⁰⁸ The projects focus on two childcare and community centres.

On 28 July 2022, Member of Parliament Ryan Turnbull announced the first investment of CAD44,250 for a geothermal district heating project in Whitby, Ontario.⁷⁰⁹ The geothermal system will be integrated with construction of a sports complex and is expected to be 90 per cent more efficient than external electricity sources, which will help decarbonize the power sector.

On 28 July 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced the call for proposals for the new Toward Net Zero Homes and Communities Program.⁷¹⁰ The program will help drive innovation increasing the use of renewables and low-carbon energy and electricity sources in buildings and communities, which will reduce emissions and ensure resilience. The program will invest CAD14.6 million over four years and proposals will be accepted until 31 August 2022.

On 2 August 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced Canada's investment of CAD9 million to install a 4.86-MW solar project in the Smoky Lake County at Metis Crossing.⁷¹¹ The 100 per cent Metis-owned initiative will help decarbonize Alberta's power system and will reduce 4,700 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

⁷⁰⁶ Government of Canada launches second round of public engagements to establish the Clean Electricity Regulations, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/07/government-of-canada-launches-second-round-of-public-engagements-to-establish-the-clean-electricity-regulations.html>

⁷⁰⁷ Canada and New Brunswick Invest in Solar Energy Generation and Sewer Infrastructure in Edmundston, Infrastructure Canada (Edmundston) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2022/07/canada-and-new-brunswick-invest-in-solar-energy-generation-and-sewer-infrastructure-in-edmundston.html>

⁷⁰⁸ Canada and FCM Deliver Investments in Net Zero Energy Buildings in Toronto, Natural Resources Canada (Toronto) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/07/canada-and-fcm-deliver-investments-in-net-zero-energy-buildings-in-toronto.html>

⁷⁰⁹ New Investment in a Geothermal District Energy Project in Whitby, Natural Resources Canada (Whitby) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/07/new-investment-in-a-geothermal-district-energy-project-in-whitby.html>

⁷¹⁰ Canada Launches the First Call for Proposals for the Toward Net Zero Homes and Communities Program, Natural Resources Canada (Vancouver) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/07/canada-launches-the-first-call-for-proposals-for-the-toward-net-zero-homes-and-communities-program.html>

⁷¹¹ Canada Invests in Smoky Lake County Metis Crossing Solar Project, Natural Resources Canada (Smoky Lake) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/07/canada-invests-in-smoky-lake-county-metis-crossing-solar-project.html>

On 2 August 2022, Minister of Tourism Randy Boissonnault announced a contribution of CAD6.6 million for the new net zero River Valley Outdoor Activity Centre.⁷¹² The new facility will incorporate solar panels and other design features to decarbonize the building and power systems.

On 9 August 2022, Minister of Northern Affairs Daniel Vandal announced funding of CAD1.2 million over three years to assess Nunavut's geothermal potential.⁷¹³ The project will assess geothermal production and waste energy storage in Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay and Resolute Bay and will provide the groundwork for design and cost estimates for future phases. Geothermal has the potential to decrease reliance on diesel and other carbon-based heating and electricity sources in Canada's north.

On 15 August 2022, Ministers Vandal and Wilkinson announced a CAD5.586 million investment in a solar project in Inuvik, Northwest Territories by Nihtat Energy Ltd., a northern and Indigenous owned enterprise.⁷¹⁴ The one-MW solar initiative will divert use from diesel to create electricity in the amount of 1,435 MW hours. Inuvik currently uses the most diesel of anywhere in the Northwest Territories. It will also reduce some 824 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. The project is an important part of decarbonizing the power system in Canada's north.

On 16 August 2022, Minister Guilbeault kicked off in-person consultations regarding the regional assessment for offshore wind projects in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.⁷¹⁵ Clean wind power is a critical component to help decarbonize the power system.

On 17 August 2022, Minister Vandal announced a federal contribution of nearly CAD15.5 million towards the Beaver Creek Solar Project in the Yukon.⁷¹⁶ The project is in partnership with and sits on the Traditional Territory of the White River First Nation. It involves 1.9 MW of solar panels and 3.5 MW of battery storage, and will displace 55 per cent of the diesel used for electricity generation. It will reduce 1100 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, reduce reliance on diesel fuel and increase energy security for the First Nation.

On 17 August 2022, Minister Wilkinson launched public consultations on the Canada Green Building Strategy.⁷¹⁷ The strategy is part of an effort to decarbonize Canada's economy, including the building and power sectors, and to achieve a net-zero economy by 2050. The strategy will address new building retrofits including space and water heating, electrical systems and other design features. It will be backed by CAD150 million. The building sector accounts for some 30 per cent of Canada's emissions.

⁷¹² Government of Canada Funds New Net Zero River Valley Outdoor Activity Centre in Edmonton, Infrastructure Canada (Edmonton) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-funds-new-net-zero-river-valley-outdoor-activity-centre-in-edmonton.html>

⁷¹³ Minister Vandal Announces Federal Investments in Geothermal Energy Feasibility Across Nunavut, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, (Baker Lake) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/northern-economic-development/news/2022/08/minister-vandal-announces-federal-investments-in-geothermal-energy-feasibility-across-nunavut.html>

⁷¹⁴ Indigenous-owned Company Forging a New Path Toward Renewable Energy in Inuvik, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (Inuvik) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2022/08/indigenous-owned-company-forging-a-new-path-toward-renewable-energy-in-inuvik.html>

⁷¹⁵ Minister Guilbeault Kicks off in-person engagement on the future of clean offshore wind power in Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia, Environment and Climate Change Canada (St. John's) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/minister-guilbeault-kicks-off-in-person-engagement-on-the-future-of-clean-offshore-wind-power-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-and-nova-scotia.html>

⁷¹⁶ Minister Vandal announces a CAD15.5 million Investment in the Yukon's Largest Solar Project, Natural Resources Canada (Yukon) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/minister-vandal-announces-a-155-million-investment-in-the-yukons-largest-solar-project.html>

⁷¹⁷ Minister Wilkinson Advances the Canada Green Buildings Strategy and Announces Funding to Revitalize Community Recreation Centre, Natural Resources Canada (North Vancouver) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/minister-wilkinson-advances-the-canada-green-buildings-strategy-and-announces-funding-to-revitalize-community-recreation-centre.html>

On 19 August 2022, Associate Minister of Finance Rachel Bendayan, announced CAD10 million in federal funding for a net-zero community centre for Sun Youth.⁷¹⁸ The building will incorporate measures to help Canada decarbonize its power system and reduce emissions. The measures include solar panels, natural lighting and energy efficiency in structural design.

On 23 August 2022, Minister Wilkinson and Vice Chancellor of Germany Robert Habeck signed an agreement to establish a Canada-Germany Hydrogen Alliance.⁷¹⁹ The joint declaration recognizes the energy security challenges for Germany posed by Russian weaponization of conventional fuels and builds on Canada's December 2020 Hydrogen Strategy to expedite transitions to clean energy globally. The two countries intend to establish a policy and regulatory framework to encourage investment in secure hydrogen value chains in both countries through a trans-Atlantic corridor and to export Canadian hydrogen to Germany by 2025.

On 25 August 2022, Minister Wilkinson issued a call for proposals for establishing biomass supply chain projects.⁷²⁰ The goal is to ensure steady reliable feedstock supplies for clean fuel producers across Canada. Renewable biofuels will help Canada decarbonize its energy systems and reduce GHG emissions.

On 25 August 2022, Member of Parliament Wayne Long announced funding of CAD815,115 for Smart Grid Innovation Network Canada.⁷²¹ The funds will be used to support electric utilities to decarbonize and expand the electricity grid using smart benchmarking. A Smart Energy Scorecard will be developed for utilities to use to guide their visions, activities and progress toward decarbonization.

On 26 August 2022, Minister Wilkinson released a report documenting the needs for public charging for electric vehicles across Canada.⁷²² The report noted that it is critical to have objective data to determine the quantity and location of public charging stations to facilitate the transition to a pollution-free electrified transportation system. Transportation accounts for some 25 per cent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions. There is a need to make it easy for individuals and businesses to purchase electric vehicles to decarbonize Canada's industries.

On 26 August 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced the Net Zero Challenge, a voluntary business initiative to encourage businesses, including provincial and municipal utilities, to become more environmentally resilient and competitive.⁷²³ The challenge includes minimum performance targets, and annual and five-year reporting. The challenge will assist Canada's industry sectors to reduce their emissions and transition away from carbon to help Canada meet its decarbonization and climate change goals.

⁷¹⁸ Construction of a Net Zero Community Centre for Sun Youth, Infrastructure Canada (Montreal) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2022/08/construction-of-a-net-zero-community-centre-for-sun-youth.html>

⁷¹⁹ Canada and Germany Sign Agreement to Enhance German Energy Security with Clean Canadian Hydrogen, Natural Resources Canada (Stephenville) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/canada-and-germany-sign-agreement-to-enhance-german-energy-security-with-clean-canadian-hydrogen.html>

⁷²⁰ Canada Launches Call for Proposals for Establishing Biomass Supply Chains Projects, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 25 August 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/canada-launches-call-for-proposals-for-establishing-biomass-supply-chains-projects.html>

⁷²¹ Canada Invests in Smart Energy Benchmarking to Decarbonize Electricity Grid, Natural Resources Canada (Saint John) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/canada-invests-in-smart-energy-benchmarking-to-decarbonize-electricity-grid.html>

⁷²² Minister Wilkinson Releases Report on Public Charging Needs for Electric Vehicles in Canada, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/minister-wilkinson-releases-report-on-public-charging-needs-for-electric-vehicles-in-canada.html>

⁷²³ Launching the Net Zero Challenge to Recognize and Support Businesses Transitioning to Cleaner Operations, Environment and Climate Change Canada (St-Constant) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/launching-the-net-zero-challenge-to-recognize-and-support-businesses-transitioning-to-cleaner-operations.html>

On 2 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services Vince Badawey announced CAD5.4 million in funding to build a net zero carbon library.⁷²⁴ The new library will include rooftop solar panels, glazing and natural lighting to lower Canada's use of carbon in the power system.

On 6 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood Francis Drouin announced CAD1.4 million in funding for SixRing Clean Technology.⁷²⁵ The funds will help the company scale up production of its renewable biofuels made from agricultural wastes as well as production of advanced sustainable materials. Success will help decarbonize the fuels system and reduce Canada's emission levels.

On 8 September 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced a CAD11.5 million contribution to construct a net-zero energy ready RCMP building in North Cowichan.⁷²⁶ The building will include the incorporation of energy efficiency in all aspects of the structure and site orientation, solar panels on the roof, solar shading and daylight sensors. The program will help shift power choices away from carbon sources, reduce GHG emissions, and help Canada advance towards net zero by 2050.

On 15 September 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced an investment of CAD250 million over four years into the Low Carbon Economy Fund.⁷²⁷ The fund will help homeowners who use home heating oil transition to greener home heating sources like electric heat pumps. The program will help decarbonize the power and fuel system and will improve affordability for Canadians, especially those in areas like Atlantic Canada where home heating oil use is prevalent.

On 23 September 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced Canada's Methane Strategy to cut methane emissions and help decarbonize the power system.⁷²⁸ Measures outlined in the plan will reduce Canada's methane emissions by more than 35 per cent by 2030 from a base year of 2020.

On 23 September 2022, Member of Parliament Marcus Powlowski announced funding of CAD1.3 million for the Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology.⁷²⁹ The funding will enable the college to establish a net zero facility, pursue renewable energy projects with excess capacity sold to the grid and modernize its curriculum as it pertains to decarbonizing the power system.

On 27 September 2022, Minister of Transportation Omar Alghabra released Canada's Aviation Climate Action Plan.⁷³⁰ The plan presents a net-zero vision for 2050 (including electrification and batteries) and specific actions

⁷²⁴ Pelham Residents to Benefit from New Zero Carbon Library, Canada Infrastructure Bank (Pelham) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2022/09/pelham-residents-to-benefit-from-new-zero-carbon-library.html>

⁷²⁵ Government of Canada Invests Over CAD1.4 million in SixRing Clean Technology, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada (Calgary) 6 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-invests-over-14-million-in-sixring-clean-technology.html>

⁷²⁶ New Investments for Net Zero RCMP building in North Cowichan, Natural Resources Canada (North Cowichan) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/09/new-investments-for-net-zero-rcmp-building-in-north-cowichan.html>

⁷²⁷ Making Home Heating More Affordable for Atlantic Canada and Other Regions, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/making-home-heating-more-affordable-for-atlantic-canada-and-other-regions.html>

⁷²⁸ Canada Releases Faster and Further: Canada's Methane Strategy, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 23 September 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/canada-releases-faster-and-further-canadas-methane-strategy2.html>

⁷²⁹ Government of Canada Contributes CAD1.3 million to Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology to Advance Renewable Energy Projects, Natural Resources Canada (Thunder Bay) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-contributes-13-million-to-the-confederation-college-of-applied-arts-and-technology-to-advance-renewable-energy-projects.html>

⁷³⁰ Minister Alghabra Announces the Release of Canada's Aviation Climate Action Plan, Transport Canada (Montreal) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/09/minister-althabra-announces-the-release-of-canadas-aviation-climate-action-plan.html>

between 2020 and 2030 to develop and use sustainable aviation fuels by 2030. It also includes pathways to improve efficiency and reduce emissions in the interim.

On 28 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary Dabrusin announced funding of CAD2.3 million for energy storage infrastructure being delivered by SWITCH Power Ontario Battery Operations Corporation.⁷³¹ The project involves six storage systems, 3.82 MW of energy storage capacity and distributed energy resources in a partnership between SWITCH and the Independent Electricity System Operator. Grid modernization is important to bolster Canada's green electricity system, which is more than 75 per cent emissions-free.

On 3 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced funds for Calgary, St. Albert, Lethbridge and Canmore to improve building energy efficiency.⁷³² The CAD25.6 million investment permits the municipalities to create loan and grant funding programs to enable homeowners to retrofit buildings to lower carbon use, reduce emissions and transition to renewable energy sources.

On 4 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced funding of nearly CAD3.4 million to Elemental Energy's 20 MW East Strathmore Solar project.⁷³³ Elemental Energy invested over CAD30 million in the initiative with debt financing from the Alberta Treasury. The funding supports the renewable energy sector as a means to decarbonize the power system and to reduce emissions.

On 4 October 2022, the Canadian Coast Guard announced the start of a biodiesel testing project and the construction of Canada's first hybrid electric vessel.⁷³⁴ Biodiesel blend ratios will be tested for operational efficiency and to ascertain the technological capacity for higher blends in different operational settings. In addition to fuel testing, the Coast Guard has issued a request for proposals to build its Near-shore Fishery Research Vessel. The successful bidder will begin construction incorporating the overall design by British Columbia vessel designer Robert Allan Ltd and will lower the overall fleet's carbon emissions.

On 12 October 2022, the Canadian government issued payments to Canadians living in Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, where the federal carbon pollution pricing system operates.⁷³⁵ The carbon price exists to provide price signals to Canadians to lower their use of carbon and to help facilitate the transition to a decarbonized power system. The climate action incentive payments occur quarterly.

On 12 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson, Minister Vandal and Minister of Indigenous Services Patty Hajdu announced the call for applications for the second cohort of Indigenous off-diesel projects.⁷³⁶ Successful applicants will receive a total of CAD1.525 million funds in three phases to help switch their community off diesel for heating in order to decarbonize the power system.

⁷³¹ Canada Invests CAD2.3 million in Ontario Energy Market Transformation, Natural Resources Canada (Toronto) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/09/canada-invests-23-million-in-ontarios-energy-market-transformation.html>

⁷³² CAD25.6 million in New Federal Home Energy Investments for Four Alberta Communities, Natural Resources Canada (Calgary) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/256-million-in-new-federal-home-energy-investments-for-four-alberta-communities.html>

⁷³³ Minister Wilkinson Delivers Nearly CAD3.4 million for Solar in Strathmore Alberta, Natural Resources Canada (Strathmore) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/minister-wilkinson-delivers-nearly-34-million-for-solar-in-strathmore-alberta.html>

⁷³⁴ Canadian Coast Guard Takes Important Steps to Reduce Fleet Emissions, Canadian Coast Guard (Ottawa) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-coast-guard/news/2022/10/canadian-coast-guard-takes-important-steps-to-reduce-fleet-emissions.html>

⁷³⁵ Latest Climate Action Incentive Payments Helping Make Life More Affordable and Fight Climate Change, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/latest-climate-action-incentive-payments-helping-make-life-more-affordable-and-fight-climate-change.html>

⁷³⁶ Call for Funding Applications Now Open for Clean Energy Projects in Indigenous and Remote Communities, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/call-for-funding-applications-now-open-for-clean-energy-projects-in-indigenous-and-remote-communities.html>

On 13 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced the second phase of work by Regional Energy and Resource Tables.⁷³⁷ New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories and Yukon joined following the phase one launch by Canada, British Columbia, Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador. Canada wants all provinces and territories to join by early 2023. The objective is to align regulatory, timeline and resource allocation efforts to decarbonize the power system and to advance economic opportunities related to the low-carbon economy. These opportunities include critical mineral mining for EV vehicles and batteries, hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs), biofuels, carbon capture and wind and solar projects.

On 13 October 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Seniors Darren Fisher announced a CAD3.7 million contribution to the Clean Foundation's clean energy and equity network.⁷³⁸ The network will help Indigenous and African Nova Scotians access resources and capital for wind, solar and energy efficiency installations and upgrades. The partnership will assist Canada to decarbonize the power system and will ensure that historically under-represented communities can participate in these efforts.

On 21 October 2022, Minister of Labour Seamus O'Regan Jr. announced an investment of CAD37,000 to advance a fuel switching project for Sea Force Hyperbaric Inc.⁷³⁹ The project will reduce carbon emissions and facilitate the company's transition from oil by replacing three furnaces with air to water heat pumps.

On 25 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson and Ontario Minister of Energy Todd Smith announced that Ontario would join the partnership among the federal and provincial governments to transition energy systems sustainably and inclusively for security and environmental and economic benefit.⁷⁴⁰ The priorities that Ontario and Canada have set are expanding Ontario's clean electricity grid, leading in nuclear technology, and expediting hydrogen production. The goal is to align regulatory approaches, timelines, and resource allocations.

On 26 October 2022, Minister Wilkinson issued Canada's National Statement on Nuclear Energy and announced Canada's support of new nuclear technology, such as SMRs, in addition to its existing CANDU nuclear reactors.⁷⁴¹ Minister Wilkinson also announced a CAD970 million loan from the Canada Infrastructure Bank for a commercial SMR of 300 MW to be built on the site of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station in Ontario to come on-line by 2028. These projects build on recent federal budget commitments to develop and deploy SMRs, improve fuel supply chains, minimize waste generation and enhance the role of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in regulating SMRs.

On 28 October, Parliamentary Secretary Dabrusin announced funding of CAD1.6 million as a contribution to CanREA's Electricity Transition Hub.⁷⁴² The hub adds capacity to system operators and utilities to implement

⁷³⁷ Minister Wilkinson Launches Phase 2 of the Regional Energy and Resource Tables, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/minister-wilkinson-launches-phase-2-of-the-regional-energy-and-resource-tables.html>

⁷³⁸ MP Fisher announces CAD3.7 million for clean energy and equity network in Nova Scotia, Natural Resources Canada (Dartmouth) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/mp-fisher-announces-37-million-for-clean-energy-and-equity-network-in-nova-scotia.html>

⁷³⁹ Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Invest in Heat Pumps with Sea Force Hyperbaric Inc., Environment and Climate Change Canada (St. John's) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/canada-and-the-government-of-newfoundland-and-labrador-invest-in-heat-pumps-with-sea-force-hyperbaric-inc.html>

⁷⁴⁰ Ontario Becomes Ninth Jurisdiction to Join Canada's Regional Energy and Resource Tables, Natural Resources Canada (Pickering) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/ontario-becomes-ninth-jurisdiction-to-join-canadas-regional-energy-and-resource-tables.html>

⁷⁴¹ Canada's National Statement on Nuclear Energy by the Honourable Jonathon Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources to the International Atomic Energy Agency's 5th Ministers' Conference, Natural Resources Canada (Washington) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/canadas-national-statement-on-nuclear-energy--the-honourable-jonathan-wilkinson-minister-of-natural-resources--the-international-atomic-energy-agen.html>

⁷⁴² Parliamentary Secretary Julie Dabrusin Delivers CAD1.6 million in Federal Support for CanREA's Electricity Transition Hub, Natural Resources Canada (Toronto) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/ps-julie-dabrusin-delivers-16-million-in-federal-support-for-canreas-electricity-transition-hub.html>

clean power, storage, and grid modernization. Its electronic library will foster knowledge and tool exchange to accelerate change and decarbonization of the power system.

On 3 November 2022, Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland delivered the 2022 Fall Economic Statement, which outlined measures to decarbonize and transition the Canadian economy.⁷⁴³ The statement's technical background document describes operationalization and governance of the CAD15 billion Canada Growth Fund to attract the scale of private sector capital necessary to accelerate deployment of the innovative technologies required to transform and grow Canada's economy with net-zero emission goals. The statement also outlined CAD250 million over five years to help Canadian workers adjust to the changing economy and retrain for clean energy jobs through a Sustainable Jobs Training Centre, a new sustainable stream within the Union Training and Innovation Program and a Sustainable Jobs Secretariat as a one-stop shop for federal green jobs. Minister Freeland also announced two tax credits. A refundable tax credit equal to 30 per cent of capital cost investments will be effective Budget Day 2023 through 2035 for investments in clean electricity systems (solar, small modular nuclear, wind, small hydro, run-of-river, wave and tidal power), stationary electricity storage systems, low carbon heat equipment and industrial zero emissions vehicles. A clean hydrogen investment tax credit will also be implemented effective Budget Day 2023 with the level of tax credit tied to lifecycle carbon intensity and labour conditions.

On 7 November 2022, Minister Alghabra committed Canada to the Canadian Green Shipping Corridors Framework and to Canada becoming a member supporter of the Zero Emission Shipping Mission.⁷⁴⁴ Specifically, Minister Alghabra referenced Canada's joint work with the United States to address zero emission shipping within the Great Lakes and the busy St. Lawrence Seaway corridor. The Canadian initiative will test scalable net zero fuels and hybrid electric technologies.

On 8 November 2022, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry Francois-Philippe Champagne, along with other federal and Alberta representatives, announced the investment of CAD300 million towards a CAD1.6 billion hydrogen production and liquefaction facility in Edmonton.⁷⁴⁵ The plant will spur Canada's hydrogen production sector and establish Edmonton and Alberta as a hydrogen hub in the new economy. Minister Champagne also stated that ten projects have been selected for further assessment in the call to action for high emitting sectors. The projects have been identified as early movers to expedite decarbonization efforts in their sectors and project greenhouse gas reductions of 10 million tonnes by 2030, or the equivalent of two million cars.

On 9 November 2022, Minister Wilkinson participated with Awasis Solar Limited Partnership and its community partners to recognize the commissioning of the 10-MW solar initiative.⁷⁴⁶ More than 14,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent will be reduced in the first year, leading to a reduction of over 350,000 tonnes over the project's lifetime. The announcement shows support for indigenous-led energy projects that demonstrate community energy security and achievement of decarbonization and climate change goals.

On 9 November 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Jaime Battiste announced federal funding of CAD1.3 million for geothermal energy capacity development in Nova Scotia.

⁷⁴³ Jobs, Growth and An Economy That Works for Everyone Backgrounder, Department of Finance (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/11/jobs-growth-and-an-economy-that-works-for-everyone.html>

⁷⁴⁴ Minister of Transport Announces Canadian Green Shipping Corridors Framework and Canada Joining the Zero Emission Shipping Mission, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/11/minister-of-transport-announces-canadian-green-shipping-corridors-framework-and-canada-joining-the-zero-emission-shipping-mission.html>

⁷⁴⁵ Canada Makes Significant Investment in Alberta's Clean Hydrogen Sector and Outlines Next Steps to help Canadian Industry Sectors Cut Pollution, Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (Edmonton) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-makes-significant-investment-in-albertas-clean-hydrogen-sector-and-outlines-next-steps-to-help-canadian-industry-sectors-cut-p.html>

⁷⁴⁶ Canada Invests CAD18.5 million in Cowessess First Nation Awasis Solar Project, Natural Resources Canada (Regina) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/canada-invests-185-million-in-cowessess-first-nation-awasis-solar-project.html>

Geothermal projects will be undertaken in five Mi'kmaw and twelve rural communities in Nova Scotia.⁷⁴⁷ The projects will be delivered through Net Zero Atlantic in partnership with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and Nova Scotia's Department of Natural Resources and Renewables.

On 9 November 2022, Minister Champagne, along with industry representatives, released the cement industry's roadmap to net-zero concrete.⁷⁴⁸ The initiative is important given concrete's role as the most used building material and its 7 per cent share of global carbon dioxide emissions. Realization of the plan will reduce more than 15 million tonnes by 2030 and over 4 million tonnes annually thereafter. The government and industry partnership will focus on deployment of industrial decarbonization technologies, electricity generation with excess sales to the grid, research and development and skills upgrading. The initiative ties into Canada's agreement to lead the post-Glasgow Breakthrough on Cement and Concrete and will accelerate domestic and international efforts to decarbonize cement and concrete.

On 10 November 2022, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller announced a CAD750,000 investment in Edgehog Advanced Technologies.⁷⁴⁹ The investment assists the scale-up of proprietary glass technology to enhance performance of solar panels. The scale-up aims to increase winter energy production and facilitate the adoption of solar panels in northern and remote locations.

On 10 November 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard Mike Kelloway announced funding of CAD1.8 million towards building offshore wind capacity in the Atlantic Region.⁷⁵⁰ The projects will be delivered through Net Zero Atlantic in partnership with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. Infrastructure investment through the project will also be eligible for the Clean Technology Tax Credit announced in the Fall 2022 Economic Statement.

On 15 November 2022, Minister Guilbeault released the most recent report of the Powering Past Coal Alliance to demonstrate current progress towards decarbonization of the power sector.⁷⁵¹ He also noted a new partnership between the alliance and health groups globally, Canadian investments towards the coal phase out domestically and internationally and Canada's funding of the Just Transition Partnership to foster change in the developing world.

On 16 November 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced a CAD500,000 investment in Opus One Solutions Inc. to advance a clean energy grid.⁷⁵² Combined with its own funds, the company enhanced Opus One DERMS, software technology, which assists utilities in increasing the number and types of distributed energy systems

⁷⁴⁷ MP Battiste Announces over CAD1.3 million to Unlock Clean Geothermal Energy in Nova Scotia, Natural Resources Canada (Membertou) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/mp-battiste-announces-over-13-million-to-unlock-clean-geothermal-energy-in-nova-scotia-highlights-clean-investments-in-fall-economic-statement.html>

⁷⁴⁸ Government of Canada and Cement Association of Canada Launch Roadmap to Net Zero Carbon Concrete by 2050, Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (Saskatoon) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-and-cement-association-of-canada-launch-roadmap-to-net-zero-carbon-concrete-by-2050.html>

⁷⁴⁹ Minister Miller Announces Federal Investment for Clean Energy Technology in Montreal, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/minister-miller-announces-federal-investment-for-clean-energy-technology-in-montreal.html>

⁷⁵⁰ MP Kelloway Delivers nearly CAD1.8 million to Support Offshore Wind Development, Natural Resources Canada (Port Hawkesbury) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/mp-kelloway-delivers-nearly-18-million-to-support-offshore-wind-development-highlights-clean-investments-in-fall-economic-statement.html>

⁷⁵¹ Canada supports the global transition to clean and secure energy with investments to phase out coal electricity around the world, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Sharm El-Sheikh) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/canada-supports-the-global-transition-to-clean-and-secure-energy-with-investments-to-phase-out-coal-electricity-around-the-world.html>

⁷⁵² Canada invests in clean energy technology in Toronto, Natural Resources Canada (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/canada-invests-in-clean-energy-technology-in-toronto.html>

which can connect with the grid. The software provides real time monitoring and optimal dispatch integration to ensure sustainable, reliable and affordable electricity grids.

On 25 November 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced an agreement between Natural Resources Canada and Enbridge Gas to co-deliver the Canada Greener Homes initiative across Ontario through the company's Home Efficiency Rebate Plus program.⁷⁵³ This follows up on the May 2021 original Canada Greener Homes program announcement. Rebates will be provided to homeowners to offset the costs of green home assessment audits (up to CAD600) and deep energy retrofits (up to CAD40,000) such as window and door replacements, home insulation improvements and renewable energy systems.

On 1 December 2022, the Department of Finance launched consultations regarding an investment tax credit for clean hydrogen and related labour conditions as a follow-up to commitments contained in the Fall Economic Statement.⁷⁵⁴ The federal government seeks to learn the levels of support needed to develop a variety of production pathways and a corollary skilled workforce.

On 8 December 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced nearly CAD3 million for the Fraser Basin Council's Energy Peers in Indigenous Communities Network (EPIC).⁷⁵⁵ Funds will flow from the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways program, and EPIC will work with eight communities to hire clean energy champions to develop knowledge and skills to develop small scale under-100-kw on-grid renewable energy projects.

On 8 December 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced the Government of Canada's practical steps to deliver on its international commitment to end public support for international unabated fossil fuel energy.⁷⁵⁶ The Minister released policy guidelines which will direct how federal departments and agencies meet, or exceed, the goals set out at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow to end financial support for the fossil fuel sector. This means that Canada will be investing in clean energy and electricity only. Minister Wilkinson also committed to eliminating further domestic fossil fuel subsidies early in 2023 to build on the phase-out of flow-through shares for oil, gas and coal production, and to end nine other subsidy initiatives.

On 12 December 2022, Minister Hajdu, Minister for the Pacific Economic Development Canada Harjit Sajjan and CEO of the New Relationship Trust Walter Schneider announced CAD10 million in new clean energy initiatives.⁷⁵⁷ The funds will support a First Nations owned and operated hydroelectric project and solar farm that will generate clean electricity to replace diesel, thereby decarbonizing the power system, reducing GHG emissions and saving the community over CAD600,000 annually in diesel fuel operating and maintenance costs.

⁷⁵³ Minister Wilkinson announces Canada Greener Homes initiative delivery across Ontario with Enbridge Gas, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/minister-wilkinson-announces-canada-greener-homes-initiative-delivery-across-ontario-with-enbridge-gas.html>

⁷⁵⁴ Government consulting on clean hydrogen and labour conditions for clean investment tax credits, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/12/government-consulting-on-clean-hydrogen-and-labour-conditions-for-clean-investment-tax-credits.html>

⁷⁵⁵ Canada invests nearly CAD3 million for a renewable energy capacity building program for Indigenous communities in British Columbia, Natural Resources Canada (Vancouver) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/canada-invests-nearly-3-million-for-a-renewable-energy-capacity-building-program-for-indigenous-communities-in-british-columbia.html>

⁷⁵⁶ Government of Canada delivers on key international climate commitment to end new public support for the international unabated fossil fuel energy, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-delivers-on-key-international-climate-commitment-to-end-new-public-support-for-the-international-unabated-fossil-fuel-energy-s.html>

⁷⁵⁷ New Federal Investments announced for British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative, Pacific Economic Development Canada (Vancouver, Coast Salish Territory), 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/news/2022/12/new-federal-investments-announced-for-british-columbia-indigenous-clean-energy-initiative.html>

On 13 December 2022, Parliamentary Secretary Badaway announced a CAD4.9 million investment in a woody biomass to renewable energy facility to be developed in Thorold, Ontario.⁷⁵⁸ The funds increase the previous FederalDev ON contribution of CAD1.5 million to bring the total federal assistance to CAD6.4 million.

On 16 December 2022, Member of Parliament Wayne Long announced a CAD45.9 million joint investment by the Canadian and New Brunswick governments to support green retrofits at the New Brunswick Community College's Saint John Campus.⁷⁵⁹ In addition to adding new courtyards and facility spaces, the funds will support on-site renewable sources, building energy efficiency upgrades and electric vehicle chargers. The investments will reduce emissions by 385 tonnes of CO₂ per year.

On 3 January 2023, Minister Guilbeault submitted Canada's Climate Action Progress Report to the United Nations.⁷⁶⁰ The report documented the progress which Canada has made towards its 2030 targets and outlined specific legislated, regulated, policy and program measures to alter the trajectory of its emissions profile for the public and private sectors. Measures covered include those designed to decarbonize the power and energy sectors.

On 11 January 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced a CAD455,000 investment in the Nunavut All-of-Government Energy Forum.⁷⁶¹ The forum organized leaders from the federal, territorial, and municipal levels of government along with economic development agencies to identify and address policy and legislative barriers in the transition to clean energy. It also introduced the numerous funding programs available to commit to renewable energy projects. Funding for the project came from the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways program to build capacity and implement projects which decarbonize the power sector, reduce emissions towards climate change goals, address sustainable economic advancement and prove consistent with reconciliation efforts.

On 15 January 2023, 11 Arctic Energy champions gathered in Whitehorse, Yukon as part of the Arctic Remote Energy Networks Academy.⁷⁶² The group exchanged information, developed collaborative approaches, visited renewable energy projects in Old Crow and Teslin and discussed how to better integrate renewable energy projects in their communities to diversify away from coal and diesel fuels. Natural Resources Canada provided CAD199,572, and Crown-Indigenous Affairs and Northern Affairs Canada provided CAD81,725 for this event.

On 27 January 2023, Minister Guilbeault released the first annual report of the Net-Zero Advisory Body (NZAB).⁷⁶³ The report contains advice and recommendations for Canada related to development of policies

⁷⁵⁸ MP Badaway announces investment of CAD\$4.9 million for a first of its kind woody biomass to renewable energy facility in Canada, Natural Resources (Thorold) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/mp-badaway-announces-investment-of-49-million-for-a-first-of-its-kind-woody-biomass-to-renewable-energy-facility-in-canada.html>

⁷⁵⁹ Canada and New Brunswick partner to support green retrofits on New Brunswick Community College's Saint John Campus, Infrastructure Canada (Saint John) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2022/12/canada-and-new-brunswick-partner-to-support-green-retrofits-on-new-brunswick-community-colleges-saint-john-campus.html>

⁷⁶⁰ Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada Submits Climate Action Progress Report to the United Nations, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 07 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/minister-guilbeault-submits-climate-action-progress-report-to-the-united-nations.html>

⁷⁶¹ Minister of Natural Resources Invests in Nunavut All-of-Government Energy Forum, Natural Resources Canada (Iqaluit) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/01/minister-wilkinson-announces-an-investment-for-the-nunavut-all-of-government-energy-forum.html>

⁷⁶² Arctic Energy Champions Come Together to Learn and Share Renewable Energy Expertise on Renewable Energy in the North, Natural Resources Canada (Whitehorse) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/01/arctic-energy-champions-come-together-to-learn-and-share-expertise-on-renewable-energy-in-the-north.html>

⁷⁶³ Minister Guilbeault welcomes the 2022 Annual Report from the Net-Zero Advisory Body, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/minister-guilbeault-welcomes-the-2022-annual-report-from-the-net-zero-advisory-body.html>

and programs to achieve the Paris Agreement targets and to establish a pathway to zero emissions by 2050. A key line of inquiry for the NZAB included net-zero energy systems.

On 10 February 2023, the Canadian and Ontario governments announced their plans to build the largest battery storage facility in the country, the 250-megawatt Oneida Energy Storage Project.⁷⁶⁴ The initiative is part of the Canadian and Ontario plans to build a reliable and affordable clean electricity grid towards decarbonization of the power system and net zero emission goals. The federal government committed a further CAD50 million with the Canada Infrastructure Bank negotiating the investment agreement. Ontario also directed the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) to negotiate a 20-year contract with the project.

On 10 February 2023, Minister Vandal announced a CAD5.5 million investment in Tarquti Energy. Tarquti will work in 12 communities developing renewable energy projects to meet local Inuit community needs and priorities.⁷⁶⁵ Building clean electricity capacity in the Nunavik region of Quebec will help meet Canada's decarbonization and net zero emissions goals.

On 13 February 2023, Minister Wilkinson and Minister Vandal announced the Indigenous Council, Wah-ila-toos, to guide the transition to clean energy in Indigenous, rural, and remote communities.⁷⁶⁶ The Council will act as the jury for the second cohort of the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative and will support community clean energy projects through the CAD300 million streamlined window access fund. Wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and biomass projects will help decarbonize the power sector, increase community security of supply and affordability, and help Canada to meet its climate change and net zero emissions goals.

On 23 February 2023, Parliamentary Secretary Dabrusin announced the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Funding Program.⁷⁶⁷ The initiative fosters safe, commercial development of SMRs to decarbonize the power system and to help mitigate climate change. With CAD29.6 million, the program will support supply chain development and research into SMR waste management approaches.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced a CAD35 million investment in the new Whitesand First Nation energy facility.⁷⁶⁸ Sagatay Co-generation Limited Partnership will build and operate a 6.5 MW combined heat and power facility which will connect to the local microgrid. It will use locally sourced wood waste to displace diesel in heating and electricity for the First Nation as well as the communities of Armstrong and Collins. This will help towards Canada's net zero and decarbonization of the power sector goals with co-benefits to improve air quality and affordability.

On 5 April 2023, Minister Guilbeault provided further details on the five transformational clean investment tax credits and other expenditures announced in the 2023 Federal Budget to foster Canada's net zero journey,

⁷⁶⁴ Governments of Canada and Ontario Working Together to Build the Largest Battery Storage Project in Canada, Natural Resources Canada (Oshweken) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/governments-of-canada-and-ontario-working-together-to-build-largest-electricity-battery-storage-project-in-canada0.html>

⁷⁶⁵ Canada Supports Tarquti Energy to Empower Inuit to Take Charge of Nunavik's Energy Transition, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/canada-supports-tarquti-energy-to-empower-inuit-to-charge-of-nunaviks-energy-transition.html>

⁷⁶⁶ New Indigenous Council to Play Key Role in Advancing Clean Energy Projects in Indigenous, Rural, and Remote Communities, Natural Resources Canada (Edmonton) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/new-indigenous-council-to-play-key-role-in-advancing-clean-energy-projects-in-indigenous-rural-and-remote-communities.html>

⁷⁶⁷ Canada Launches New Small Modular Reactor Funding Program, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/canada-launches-new-small-modular-reactor-funding-program.html>

⁷⁶⁸ Minister Wilkinson announces CAD35 million in support for clean air and good jobs through new Whitesand First Nation energy facility, Natural Resources Canada (Thunder Bay) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/minister-wilkinson-announces-35-million-in-support-for-clean-air-and-good-jobs-through-new-whitesand-first-nation-energy-facility.html>

including decarbonization of the power sector and development of the made-in-Canada economy.⁷⁶⁹ The five tax credits will cost CAD60 billion over the next 10 years. They include: a 15 per cent refundable Clean Electricity Tax Credit for investments in clean generation, storage, and transmission technology, a Clean Hydrogen Tax Credit which covers 15 to 40 percent of eligible project costs for production of hydrogen in Canada, an expansion of the Carbon Capture and Underground Storage tax credit and further broadening of the Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit to include geothermal energy systems. The budget also included CAD20 billion for the Canada Infrastructure Bank to fund the building of major clean electricity and infrastructure projects. The Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways program, the Smart Grids program, and other science-based activities to foster development of Canada's off-shore wind potential will be supported by an additional CAD3 billion.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. Canada built upon its a foundation of coal phase-out in Ontario and abatement systems on remaining coal facilities in other provinces. Canada also strengthened its clean electricity power system regulatory framework and funded direct and indirect phase-out of carbon fuels such as coal, propane, diesel and oil. Canada has also increased renewable and alternate fuel sources and modernized its grid infrastructure.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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On 8 July 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion announced its Energy Sobriety Plan, which details strategies to reduce energy consumption and introduce alternative methods of energy generation to increase energy efficiency.⁷⁷⁰ The objectives are reflected in the plan's actions to expedite the development of renewable energies and the relaunching of the French nuclear energy industry.

On 13 July 2022, Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne, along with the Ministries of Economy, Energy Transition and Industry announced the third phase of the Zero Fossil Industry plan, which is part of the overall France 2030 project to decarbonize the economy.⁷⁷¹ The third phase of the plan is centered on recruiting small to medium-sized companies to take part in the decarbonization plan, and any prospective applicants must submit technologies that aim to decarbonize the economy, including the power sector. The first phase of the program, which focused on developing biomass power for the power sector as part of a plan to phase out fossil fuel, opened earlier this year and has attracted large investments from private firms.

On 2 August 2022, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion Christophe Béchu, Minister for Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Secretary of State for the Sea Hervé Berville began the

⁷⁶⁹ Minister Guilbeault highlights the big five Clean Investment Tax Credits in Budget 2023 to support sustainable made-in-Canada clean economy, Environment and Climate Change Canada (St. Jerome, PQ) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/04/minister-guilbeault-highlights-the-big-five-new-clean-investment-tax-credits-in-budget-2023-to-support-sustainable-made-in-canada-clean-economy.html>

⁷⁷⁰ Energy sobriety: a plan to reduce our energy consumption, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sobriete-energetique-plan-reduire-notre-consommation-denergie>

⁷⁷¹ France 2030: launch of the third part of the call for projects to accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuels in industry, aimed at small industrial sites, Prime Minister's Office (Paris) 13 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/france-2030-lancement-du-troisieme-volet-de-l-appel-a-projets-pour-accelerer-la-sortie-des>

selection phase of companies for the construction of 50 offshore wind farms by 2050.⁷⁷² 13 corporate groups will compete for this contract to reduce greenhouse emissions in the energy sector.

On 26 August 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion announced the expansion of the production capacity of the hydroelectric power network by 200 megawatts by 2023 and by 1,200 megawatts by 2028.⁷⁷³ The expansion is planned to be done through upgrading about 60 per cent of the current infrastructure. There are also plans to equip dams in France with more hydroelectric facilities.

On 26 September 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion announced that EUR1.2 billion of its EUR19 billion total annual budget for 2023 will be dedicated to investments in developing its nuclear power sector.⁷⁷⁴ The ministry would also continue its support in building other renewable energy infrastructure for the future and is researching the feasibility of building offshore wind farms. The investments in nuclear and renewable energy will aid in the decarbonization of the French energy sector.

On 28 September 2022, Prime Minister Borne introduced a EUR2.1 billion funding scheme for the development of hydrogen power in France.⁷⁷⁵ The money would be primarily used to fund research and development within the power sector as part of France's long-term goal of completely decarbonizing its power grid. The plan is also expected to raise 5,200 jobs in the power sector for the development of future technologies, such as electrolyzers for generating hydrogen power.

On 30 September 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion sought to decrease and eventually eliminate the mining and utilization of fossil fuels, including coal, within France.⁷⁷⁶ The French government plans to eliminate all fossil fuel exploitation by 2040 and aims to restrict the opening of new mining operations with existing laws and permits after the passing of a law that stops research of new sources of hydrocarbons in 2017.

On 4 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion confirmed that the plan for increasing the usage of biogas in powering the French power generation sector will be continuing.⁷⁷⁷ The plan is part of an ongoing initiative for replacing fossil fuels with biogas energy since 2014.

On 12 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition introduced objectives regarding the development of offshore wind power to increase its share in the French electricity mix.⁷⁷⁸ The plan is part of the France 2030 initiative, which plans to increase the offshore wind deployed capacity to 2.4 gigawatts in 2023 and 5 gigawatts in 2028. Currently, the project comprises 17 offshore wind farms under construction or bidding, with the

⁷⁷² Wind farms in the Mediterranean Sea: the Government announces the selection of 13 candidates to participate in the second phase of the procedure, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022.

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⁷⁷³ Hydroelectricity, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/hydroelectricite>

⁷⁷⁴ 2023 budget of the Ministry of Energy Transition: 19 billion euros to accelerate the decarbonization of our lifestyles and protect the French against rising energy prices, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/budget-2023-du-ministere-transition-energetique-19-milliards-deuros-accelerer-decarbonation-nos>

⁷⁷⁵ Make France the "leader" in carbon-free hydrogen with France 2030, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 28 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022.

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/faire-de-la-france-le-leader-de-lhydrogene-decarbone-avec-france-2030>

⁷⁷⁶ 2023 budget of the Ministry of Energy Transition: 19 billion euros to accelerate the decarbonization of our lifestyles and protect the French against rising energy prices, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/budget-2023-du-ministere-transition-energetique-19-milliards-deuros-accelerer-decarbonation-nos>

⁷⁷⁷ Biogas, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 04 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/biogaz>

⁷⁷⁸ Offshore wind, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/eolien-en-mer-0>

earliest being ready in 2025 and are set to contribute to the goal of generating 40 per cent of France's power with renewables.

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion reviewed the results of the first year of the France 2030 plan to decarbonize the economy.⁷⁷⁹ Of the EUR8.4 billion spent on various sectors of the economy to decarbonize them, EUR105 million is directly invested in the development of clean energy, while EUR64 million is spent on decarbonization and hydrogen power research. The majority of the budget is spent on three other areas, which are other unspecified investment funds that are involved in decarbonization (EUR1.9 billion), research in universities (EUR1.7 billion), and clean energy start-ups (EUR1.5 billion). Out of the 1,752 projects funded by the plans, 669 projects are from small companies.

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion detailed the plans for geothermal energy in France that is being developed.⁷⁸⁰ By 2023, it plans to raise the power generation of geothermal facilities to generate 24 megawatt hours.

On 14 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion met with representatives of 45 French startup companies that are designated as Greentech Innovators for their work on technologies that would allow the transition of the French economy to meet its climate targets.⁷⁸¹ Among these startups, there are several that aim to develop renewable energy technologies that aim to decarbonize the energy sector.

On 14 October 2022, the French government announced that the offshore wind power site at Saint-Nazaire has successfully produced hydrogen from desalinated seawater that can be transported back to land for hydrogen power production.⁷⁸² Production of hydrogen through electrolysis in offshore wind facilities can greatly increase the efficiency of renewable power production and has the added benefit of increasing the efficiency of production, as the facility now contributes to two renewable energy sources targeted in the French 2030 plan. The development and operation of the power station of Saint-Nazaire is part of the renewables plan that France intends to implement in the future.

On 2 November 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion announced a bill to investigate the feasibility of the construction of new nuclear reactors as a part of the French government's goals of decarbonizing the power sector.⁷⁸³ The bill specifically facilitates the construction of nuclear power plants close to any existing nuclear power generation facilities and will aim to accelerate the bureaucratic processes regarding the building of new nuclear plants and the maintenance of any existing nuclear plants.

On 4 November 2022, President Emmanuel Macron announced new plans for the decarbonization of the power sector during a pre-meeting of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.⁷⁸⁴ Chief among these plans is the announcement to build 40 windfarms by 2050 and build an additional six nuclear reactors. Offshore wind power is also planned to be the primary source of energy generation for France. President Macron also announced that EUR30 billion will be pledged in a

⁷⁷⁹ "France 2030" celebrates its first anniversary, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 30 September 2022. Access Date 27 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/france-2030-fete-son-premier-anniversaire>

⁷⁸⁰ Geothermal, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/geothermie>

⁷⁸¹ Christophe Béchu welcomes the 45 laureates labeled "Greentech Innovation", Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/christophe-bechu-accueille-45-laureats-labellises-greentech-innovation>

⁷⁸² Renewable hydrogen at sea, a world first, Government of France (Paris) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/de-lhydrogene-renouvelable-en-mer-une-premiere-mondiale>

⁷⁸³ Minutes of the Council of Ministers of November 02, 2022, Government of France (Paris) 2 November 2022. Access date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/conseil-des-ministres/compte-rendu-du-conseil-des-ministres-du-02-11-2022>

⁷⁸⁴ COP 27 in Sharm el-Sheikh: assessment of our ecological action, Élysée (Paris) 04 November 2022. Access Date: 27 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/04/cop-27-a-charm-el-cheikh-bilan-de-notre-action-ecologique>

recovery plan to boost environmental friendliness, with a significant amount of these funds being devoted to green energy in 2023.

On 24 November 2022, France and Germany hosted the Fifth Franco-German Energy Forum and collaborated to implement and shape the energy transition.⁷⁸⁵ They included the fundamental role of energy in achieving the energy and climate targets for 2030, the challenges of energy reform in the geopolitical context, and concrete questions about how to finance energy reforms and industry decarbonization.

On 6 December 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial announced progress towards using and further developing methods of water electrolysis to produce hydrogen power carbon-free.⁷⁸⁶ Water electrolysis will ultimately replace the processing of fossil fuels to generate hydrogen.

On 7 December 2022, Minister Pannier-Runacher, Minister Delegate for Industry Roland Lescure and Minister of Economics and Finance Bruno Le Maire announced the creation of a working group for designing the long-term national hydrogen strategy.⁷⁸⁷ The plan outlines that industries must develop hydrogen hubs close to high-carbon industries to provide them with effective energy with reduced transport costs. They also announced that electric companies in France need to integrate hydrogen power generation into their power grids through long-term contracts.

On 7 December 2022, President Macron pledged to continually follow the Fit for 55 plan laid out by the European Union, which plans to cut emissions by 55 per cent by 2030.⁷⁸⁸ President Macron reassured that the objectives will be met by the measures implemented by the French Energy Sobriety plan, which plans to cut emissions by replacing fossil fuels with renewable and low-carbon energy sources.

On 9 December 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion approved funding for research for firms that aim to develop innovative measures in radioactive waste management.⁷⁸⁹ In total, EUR134.9 million will be allocated to this research.

On 9 December 2022, Minister of Economics and Finance Bruno Le Maire reiterated the plan to build six new nuclear power plants to boost nuclear power production as fossil fuels are being phased out.⁷⁹⁰ The new nuclear reactors will utilize the new “Evolutionary Power Reactor 2” technology to reduce the cost of the nuclear power generated. All six nuclear reactors are planned to be completed between 2034 to 2035.

⁷⁸⁵ 5th Franco-German Energy Forum: Germany and France successfully collaborate on shaping the energy transition, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/11/20221124-5-5th-franco-german-energy-forum-germany-and-france-successfully-collaborate-on-shaping-the-energy-transition.html>

⁷⁸⁶ Fuels and combustibles authorized in France, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/carburants-et-combustibles-autorises-en-france>

⁷⁸⁷ National hydrogen strategy, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (Paris) 07 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/07122022-strategie-nationale-hydrogene/>

⁷⁸⁸ Visit of the President of the Republic to the Arab Republic of Egypt on the occasion of COP 27, Élysée (Paris) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 27 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/07/deplacement-du-president-de-la-republique-en-republique-arabe-degypte-a-loccasion-de-la-cop-27>

⁷⁸⁹ France 2030: Bruno Le Maire, Agnes Pannier-Runacher and Roland Lescure Announce the Winners of the Call for Projects Aimed at Supporting Innovation for the Management of Radioactive Waste and Materials, Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty (Paris) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09122022-france-2030-bruno-le-maire-agnes-pannier-runacher-et-roland-lescurer-annoncent-les-laureats-de-lappel-a-projets-visant-a-soutenir-linnovation-pour-la-gestion-des-dechets-et-matieres-radioactives/>

⁷⁹⁰ Speech by Bruno Le Maire at the Penly nuclear power plant, Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty (Paris) 09 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022 <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09122022-discours-de-bruno-le-maire-a-la-centrale-nucleaire-de-penly/>

On 10 December 2022, the General Commission of Planning proposed the launching of a comprehensive plan to utilize geothermal power sources within France.⁷⁹¹ It is predicted that if all deposits within France are used in power generation for heat, it can save about 100TWh per year within 15 to 20 years.

On 9 January 2023, the Ministry of Economy, Finance, Digital, and Industrial Sovereignty announced an additional EUR500 million to fund the France 2030 program, which aims to promote sustainability across all sectors of the economy, including the energy sector.⁷⁹² However, at this moment it is unknown how much will be allocated specifically for the development of low-carbon power generation.

On 16 January 2023, Minister Lescure declared the harbors of Dunkirk and Fos-sur-Mer to be low-carbon industrial areas.⁷⁹³ There is a grant of EUR13.6 million to conduct studies of feasibility of incorporating carbon capture infrastructure into the facilities of the harbor and the establishment of hydrogen production facilities for future energy needs. The traditional fossil fuel power grids of these harbors will be replaced if deemed appropriate. The plan is part of a policy to eventually convert 10 industrial sites within France to be bases of low carbon industry.

On 19 January 2023, the French government announced the decarbonization of the power sector as a key aspect of its future ecological planning operations.⁷⁹⁴ The plan also aims to specifically remodel the energy system of France with renewable energies such as nuclear energy as the main source of power.

On 20 January 2023, Minister of Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Minister Lescure announced new work groups to organize the renewable energies and nuclear power sector while the government present two bills in the legislature relating to the acceleration of nuclear energy.⁷⁹⁵ The workgroup on renewable energy will focus on the expansion of production chains of renewable energies domestically to avoid dependency, while the nuclear energy work group specifically aims to provide innovation in the nuclear sector.

On 1 February 2023, Minister Pannier-Runacher announced 14 winners of the “Territorial hydrogen ecosystems” project, which aims to provide the transport sector with hydrogen production facilities.⁷⁹⁶ A total of EUR126 million of funding will be allocated to the winning projects.

On 1 February 2023, Minister Pannier-Runacher and the High Commissioner for Planning François Bayrou presented details of a program focusing on the acceleration of geothermal energy development.⁷⁹⁷ The new geothermal power development plan will focus on building human capital and technical research for the future development of the geothermal sector, such as improving knowledge of the geothermal vents located

⁷⁹¹ Climate responsibility. Surface geothermal energy: a powerful weapon, General Commission of Planning (Paris) 10 December 2022. Access Date: 05 February 2022 <https://www.gouvernement.fr/responsabilite-climatique-la-geothermie-de-surface-une-arme-puissante>

⁷⁹² 09/01/2023 – CP – France 2030 : Le gouvernement investit 500 millions d’euros supplémentaires pour faire émerger davantage de start-up issues de la recherche, Ministère de l’Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 9 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023.

<https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09012023-cp-france-2030-le-gouvernement-investit-500-millions-deuros-supplementaires-pour-faire-emerger-davantage-de-start-up-issues-de-la-recherche/>

⁷⁹³ 01/16/2023 - Roland Lescure announces the industrial-port areas of Dunkirk and Fos sur Mer as winners of the call for "low-carbon industrial areas" (ZIBAC) projects, as part of France 2030, Office of the Minister Delegate in charge of Industry (Paris) 16 January 2022. Access Date: 05 February 2022 <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/16012023-roland-lescurer-annonce-les-zones-industriales-portuaires-de-dunkerque-et-de-fos-sur-mer-comme-laureates-de-lappel-a-projets-zones-industrielles-bas-carbone-zibac-dans-le-cadre-de-france-2030/>

⁷⁹⁴ Ecological planning, The Government of France (Paris) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023 <https://www.gouvernement.fr/france-nation-verte>

⁷⁹⁵ Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Roland Lescure announce the launch of working groups on the renewable and nuclear energy production industry, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 05 February 2023

<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/agnes-pannier-runacher-et-roland-lescurer-annoncent-lancement-groupes-travail-sur-lindustrie>
⁷⁹⁶ "Ecosystèmes territoriaux hydrogène" : Agnès Pannier-Runacher annonce 14 nouveaux lauréats de l'appel à projets, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023

⁷⁹⁷ Agnès Pannier-Runacher présentera un plan d'action pour accélérer le développement de la géothermie, aux côtés de François Bayrou le jeudi 2 février à Clamart (92), Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023

throughout France. The plan will also look into building legal systems that facilitate the development of Geothermal power and offer monetary support for players in the industry.

On 2 February 2023, Minister Pannier-Runacher and High Commissioner for Planning Bayrou provided a concrete development target for the geothermal power industry in France.⁷⁹⁸ By 2030, the government aims to grow the number of active geothermal projects by 40 per cent as part of its plan to decarbonize the power sector and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

On 7 February 2023, the legislature adopted the bill to accelerate the development of all renewable energies.⁷⁹⁹ The bill aims to reduce legal and procedural hurdles to the development of all renewable energies in order to comply with the plans outlined in the France 2030 initiative. In addition, funding for renewable energy projects will be easier to secure in the future, which creates economic incentives for future developments.

On 8 February 2023, Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty identified four key areas of energy industry development to eventually achieve complete decarbonization of the power sector.⁸⁰⁰ Future investments will be directed to projects relating to Green Hydrogen, Biomass, Carbon-Free electricity, and Carbon Capture. The Ministry of Ecological Transition will work with the 50 highest CO₂-emitting industrial sites in France to discuss the integration of power generation technologies related to the four identified energy sectors and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

On 17 March 2023, Minister Pannier-Runacher announced the publishing of the full law that permits accelerated development for renewable energies.⁸⁰¹ The new law has four principles to hasten the deployment of low-carbon energies: increasing coordination with local officials, simplifying authorization procedures, mobilizing already artificialized spaces for the development of renewable energies and sharing the value of the new low-carbon energies with the territories that they are resided in. The law will provide a general framework for all low-carbon energy development projects in France.

On 23 March 2023, Minister Lescure announced the establishment of an investment network to support the goals of the France 2030 plan.⁸⁰² The main objective of the investment network is to mobilize corporate forces to kickstart the development of low-carbon power generation industries on a region-to-region basis. Management of individual projects will also be based on the geographic region to increase proximity between projects and management.

On 27 March 2023, Minister Pannier-Runacher announced the next phase of the offshore wind power development plan in Normandy.⁸⁰³ The Ministry of Energy Transition has found a suitable bid for the project and the new wind farm is expected to begin operation in 2031 with the ability to power 800,000 households in the region.

⁷⁹⁸ Géothermie : Un plan d'action pour accélérer, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/geothermie-plan-daction-acceler>

⁷⁹⁹ Projet de loi relatif à l'accélération de la production d'énergies renouvelables (ENER2223572L), Government of France (Paris) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/dossierlegislatif/JORFDOLE000046329719/>

⁸⁰⁰ Transition écologique : une stratégie pour accélérer la décarbonation des sites industriels, Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France (Paris) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/transition-ecologique-strategie-acceleration-decarbonation-sites-industriels#>

⁸⁰¹ Publication de la loi relative à l'accélération des énergies renouvelables, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023 <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/publication-loi-relative-lacceleration-des-energies-renouvelables>

⁸⁰² 23/03/2023 - CP - Roland Lescure, Dominique Faure et Bruno Bonnell annoncent l'installation d'un réseau départemental de sous-préfets référents chargés d'accompagner le déploiement du plan France 2030, Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France (Paris) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023 <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/23032023-cp-roland-lescur-dominique-faure-et-bruno-bonnell-annoncent-linstallation-dun-reseau-departemental-de-sous-prefets-referents-charges-daccompagner-le-dploiement-du-plan-france-2030/>

⁸⁰³ Eolien en mer : Agnès Pannier-Runacher présente le plan d'accélération de la filière et annonce le lauréat de l'appel d'offres Centre Manche 1, Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023 <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/eolien-en-mer-agnes-pannier-runacher-presente-plan-dacceleration-filiere-et-annonce-laureat-lappel>

France has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035 and prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. France partnered with the private sector to advance technology in producing more low-carbon energy. France has also funded decarbonization projects while reaffirming and pledging to increase the scope of their commitments in the latest 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Egypt. Additionally, France has halted any operations to mine coal within its borders, maintaining a low share of coal power in the nation's overall power grid. Lastly, France passed the accelerated renewable energy development bill and continues the development of renewable energies, such as offshore wind.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

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On 7 July 2022, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action announced funding of almost EUR3 billion for the industrial production of battery cells for mobile and stationary energy storage.⁸⁰⁴ This initiative aims at strengthening the technological expertise required for battery cell production to achieve carbon neutrality.

On 15 July 2022, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport had four large-scale hydrogen projects approved by the European Commission.⁸⁰⁵ The federal and state governments provided a total of more than EUR8 billion for the IPCEI Hydrogen projects.

On 27 July 2022, the German government expanded the Energy and Climate Fund to create the Climate and Transformation Special Fund to finance EUR177.4 billion between 2023 and 2026 for energy transformation and climate protection.⁸⁰⁶ The funding will help promote an environmentally friendly and reliable energy supply.

On 29 July 2022, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action revised the Renewable Energy Sources Act to further speed up the expansion of renewable energy.⁸⁰⁷ The aim is to prioritize renewable energy when making decisions to minimize the usage of fossil fuels and transform Germany's energy systems.

On 23 August 2022, Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck and Canada's Minister of Natural Resources Jonathon Wilkinson signed an agreement to establish the Canada-Germany Hydrogen Alliance.⁸⁰⁸ The joint declaration recognizes the energy security challenges for Germany posed by Russian weaponization of conventional fuels and builds on Canada's December 2020 Hydrogen Strategy to expedite transitions to clean energy globally. The two

⁸⁰⁴ Transformation to a climate-neutral industry, The Federal Government of Germany (Salzgitter) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/battery-cell-plant-vw-salzgitter-2060434>

⁸⁰⁵ European Commission approves 41 large-scale hydrogen projects – Tailwind from Brussels for four initial projects from Germany, The Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Baden) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2022/052-41-large-scale-hydrogen-projects.html>

⁸⁰⁶ 170 billion euros for energy supplies and climate protection, The Federal Government of Germany (Salzgitter) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/climate-and-transformation-fund-2066034>

⁸⁰⁷ First rules of new 2023 RES Act enter into force: "renewable energy first" and higher remuneration for solar power Introduction, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/07/20220729-first-rules-of-new-2023-res-act-enter-into-force-renewable-energy-first-and-higher-remuneration-for-solar-power.html>

⁸⁰⁸ Canada and Germany Sign Agreement to Enhance German Energy Security with Clean Canadian Hydrogen, Natural Resources Canada (Stephenville) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/canada-and-germany-sign-agreement-to-enhance-german-energy-security-with-clean-canadian-hydrogen.html>

countries intend to establish a policy and regulatory framework to encourage investment in secure hydrogen value chains in both countries through a trans-Atlantic corridor and to export Canadian hydrogen to Germany by 2022.

On 2 September 2022, the German government announced that it had committed EUR40 billion under the Structural Improvement Act to support structural change in the lignite mining regions for coal phase-out.⁸⁰⁹ The fund will be used for establishment of research institutions, promoting innovative energy transition projects and funding key infrastructure projects.

On 22 September 2022, the Ministry for Digital and Transport awarded EUR80 million to 19 Fraunhofer Institutes to support the National Fuel Cell Production Action Plan (H2GO), which is a joint project about fuel cell production.⁸¹⁰ H2GO investigates efficient and cost-effective large-scale production of fuel cells for converting hydrogen to electric power on board a vehicle.

On 7 October 2022, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action adopted Energy Security of Supply Act 3.0 to temporarily increase the production of electricity using renewables and to raise transmission capacities in the power grid.⁸¹¹ These actions aim to increase electricity production using photovoltaics, biogas and onshore wind power to cut gas consumption.

On 12 October 2022, the Ministry of Finance published the German Draft Budgetary Plan for 2023.⁸¹² It recommended policies that reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels, such as making amendments to the Renewable Energy Sources Act that increases the share of renewable energy in electricity consumption from 65 per cent to 80 per cent by 2030.

On 18 October 2022, Germany's Foreign Minister held the 6th German-Belgian Conference at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin to develop joint solutions and approaches for climate change and energy transition.⁸¹³ The conference discussed how Belgium and Germany can join forces to make sufficient amounts of green hydrogen available for industry, transport and consumers.

On 19 October 2022, the German government developed the Charging Infrastructure Master Plan II to set out the timetable for boosting the expansion of the charging infrastructure.⁸¹⁴ The plan aims to construct and operate charging stations more easily to expand the charging infrastructure for heavy commercial vehicles.

On 24 October 2022, the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection updated their Marine Environmental Protection plan.⁸¹⁵ The update emphasized the German government's effort in promoting nature-based solutions to protect the carbon storing capability of the marine ecosystem through the Federal Action Plan on Nature-based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity.

⁸⁰⁹ Prospects for the eastern German coal regions, The Federal Government of Germany (Salzgitter) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/chancellor-eastern-german-coal-states-2122692>

⁸¹⁰ Wissing: Providing more climate-friendly alternatives to HGVs, The Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Munich) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2022/066-more-climate-friendly-alternatives.html>

⁸¹¹ Bundesrat adopts Energy Security of Supply Act 3.0, The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Actions (Berlin) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/10/20221007-bundesrat-adopts-energy-security-of-supply-act-30.html>

⁸¹² German Draft Budget Plan 2023, The Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Standardartikel/Press_Room/Publications/Brochures/german-draft-budgetary-plan-2023.pdf

⁸¹³ Climate change and energy transition: German-Belgian cooperation, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/belgien-node/-/2558380>

⁸¹⁴ Boosting the expansion of charging infrastructure, The Federal Government (Berlin) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/charging-infrastructure-master-plan-2135836>

⁸¹⁵ Marine Environmental Protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/topics/water-resources-waste/marine-environment/marine-conservation-what-is-it-all-about>

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On 24 November 2022, the Ministry for Food and Agriculture launched the Climate Change Act to reduce annual emissions in agriculture to 56 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents by 2030.⁸¹⁷ By using harvested wood in the material and energy sectors, additional carbon is stored and emissions can be lowered.

On 8 December 2022, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action launched the procurement procedure for the import of green hydrogen under the H2Global programme.⁸¹⁸ Germany will purchase green hydrogen products cheaply on the world market and to sell them to the highest bidder in the European Union to support the global market ramp-up of green hydrogen.

On 21 December 2022, the Federal Government released the evaluation report on the Carbon Dioxide Storage Act.⁸¹⁹ The report describes the advances in technology, the latest scientific findings and the potential contribution from carbon capture and storage to climate change mitigation.

On 24 December 2022, the *Federal* Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action introduced a new funding guideline for energy companies for onshore wind energy.⁸²⁰ The aim of the programme is to fund the high costs incurred by citizens' energy companies during the planning and approval phase of wind turbine construction.

On 11 January 2023, the Federal Cabinet adopted a bill tabled by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action on relaunching the digitization of the energy transition.⁸²¹ The act is set to bring digitization and the smart meter rollout to a new level as a prerequisite for speeding up the energy transition. Smart meters form part of the digital infrastructure and are therefore an essential element of a close to zero emissions energy system characterized by fluctuating demand and volatile generation.

On 30 January 2023, the Federal Cabinet approved a wind and grid expansion accelerator submitted by the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, which served to implement the EU Emergency

⁸¹⁶ 5th Franco-German Energy Forum: Germany and France successfully collaborate on shaping the energy transition, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/11/20221124-5-5th-franco-german-energy-forum-germany-and-france-successfully-collaborate-on-shaping-the-energy-transition.html>

⁸¹⁷ Agriculture, climate change mitigation and climate resilience, Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bmel.de/EN/topics/farming/climate-stewardship/agriculture-climate-change-mitigation.html>

⁸¹⁸ A boost to public acceptance for the energy transition – support for citizens' energy to be expanded, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221224-a-boost-to-public-acceptance-for-the-energy-transition-support-for-citizens-energy-to-be-expanded.html>

⁸¹⁹ Federal cabinet adopts evaluation report on the Carbon Dioxide Storage Act, the Federal Government (Berlin) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221221-federal-cabinet-adopts-evaluation-report-on-the-carbon-dioxide-storage-act.html>

⁸²⁰ Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action launches first auction procedure for H2Global – €900 million for the purchase of green hydrogen derivatives, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221208-federal-ministry-for-economic-affairs-and-climate-action-launches-first-auction-procedure-for-h2global.html>

⁸²¹ The Cabinet adopts relaunch of the digitisation of the energy transition and paves the way for accelerated smart meter rollout, the Federal Government (Berlin) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2023/01/20230111-the-cabinet-adopts-relaunch-of-the-digitisation-of-the-energy-transition-and-paves-the-way-for-accelerated-smart-meter-rollout.html>

Regulation.⁸²² The approval facilitated procedures for expanding onshore and offshore wind energy by simplifying licensing procedures.

On 31 March 2023, the Federal Environment Ministry set up the funding initiative “AI lighthouse projects for the environment, climate, nature and resources” to promote projects that use AI to tackle environmental challenges and serve as models for green, climate-friendly and nature-compatible digital technologies.⁸²³ The funding target is to reduce or prevent emissions of greenhouse gases and the projects range from smart grid operation as part of the energy transition to improved urban climate adaptation and AI-optimised rail transport.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035 and prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. Germany funded projects and policies such as the Renewable Energy Sources Act, the Structural Improvement Act and the Energy Security of Supply Act 3.0, accelerating its domestic phase-out of unabated coal power.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sau Ting Wu

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

On 11 July 2022, the Italian parliament voted in favor of the Aid decree that supports the installation of renewable energy in homes and businesses of those affected by inflation.⁸²⁴ The decrees will transition private and public sectors into low-carbon energy generators.

On 19 July 2022, Italy received EUR42.1 billion from the Cohesion Policy Partnership Agreement of the EU.⁸²⁵ EUR1 billion of the fund is meant to support the transition to renewable energy sources in Sardinia.

On 5 September 2022, Italy mandated government bonds to be used in agreement with Italy’s Green Bond Framework.⁸²⁶ The framework supports the objective of energy efficiency and renewable sources for electricity and heat production.

⁸²² Cabinet approves accelerator for wind and grid expansion – EU Emergency Regulation to be implemented – Procedures to become even faster, the Federal Government (Berlin) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2023/01/20230130-cabinet-approves-accelerator-for-wind-and-grid-expansion.html>

⁸²³ Annual Economic Report 2023 Renewing prosperity, Artificial Intelligence in support of environmental protection BMUV funding initiative "AI lighthouse projects for the environment, climate, nature and resources", Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 31 March 2023. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/topics/sustainability-digitalisation/digitalisation/our-support-programme-for-artificial-intelligence>

⁸²⁴ Report of the Assembly, Stenographic report of the Assembly (Rome) 11 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.camera.it/leg18/410?idSeduta=0723&tipo=stenografico>

⁸²⁵ EU Cohesion Policy: €42.7 billion for Italy to support sustainable growth, employment and modernisation while reducing regional disparities, European Commission (Brussels) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 30 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4562

⁸²⁶ Syndicated issuance of a new BTP Green April 2035, Press release (Rome) 5 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.mef.gov.it/en/ufficio-stampa/comunicati/2022/Syndicated-issuance-of-a-new-BTP-Green-April-2035-00001/>

On 6 October 2022, the Council of Ministers approved the construction of eight renewable energy projects that were introduced in March 2022.⁸²⁷ The projects include wind energy that has a capacity of 314 MW when totaled and aim to further reduce reliance on gas.

On 7 November 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed Italy's commitment to the Paris Agreement during the COP27 summit.⁸²⁸ Part of the agreement focuses on decarbonization and achieving climate neutrality by 2050. On that occasion, Prime Minister Meloni announced that Italy has almost tripled its financial commitment to climate finance to USD1.4 billion for the next five years, including EUR840 million in the new "Italian Climate Fund." This investment is dedicated towards creating and deploying clean technology to assist in climate change in developing countries. In October 2022, the Minister of Ecological Transition, together with the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, adopted ministerial decrees setting up the structure of the new Fund, which will start its operations in the first half of 2023.

On 13 December 2022, Italy, alongside other G7 members, reaffirmed its commitment to continue its work on Just Energy Transitions Partnerships.

On 20 December 2022 the EU granted Italy EUR1 billion under the Just Transition Fund (JTF) to support the just climate transition in Taranto, Apulia, and in Sulcis Iglesiente, Sardinia.⁸²⁹ Currently, the last coal mine of the country is in Sardinia. JTF aid will invest in construction of wind turbines and the development of green hydrogen to phase out the usage of coal.

On 23 January 2023, the EIB and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti agreed to provide EUR200 million to public authorities in Italy to support sustainability projects.⁸³⁰ This investment represents the first partnership between the two institutions focusing solely on public sector green investment. The funds will target renewable energy projects to decarbonize the power system along with projects to support cycling, public transportation, energy efficiency in school and public buildings, and reforestation.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, by accelerating the deployment of low-carbon energy sources. However, the phase-out of coal power has not been addressed through direct policy implementation.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Manraj Johal

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

⁸²⁷ Italian government loosens permits for more large-scale renewables (Berlin) 6 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2022/10/06/italian-government-loosens-permits-for-more-large-scale-renewables/>

⁸²⁸ Speech by President Meloni at the COP27 Summit of Heads of State and Government, Rappresentanza Permanente d'Italia ONU, (Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt) 7 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 November 2022. https://italyun.esteri.it/en/news/dalla_rappresentanza/2022/11/speech-by-president-meloni-at-the-cop27-summit-of-heads-of-state-and-government/

⁸²⁹ EU Cohesion Policy: €1 billion for Italy, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7800.

⁸³⁰ Italy: EIB and CDP provide public authorities with EUR200 million to fund sustainability projects, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-020-da-bei-e-cdp-200-milioni-alla-pubblica-amministrazione-per-finanziare-progetti-di-sostenibilita>

On 30 September 2022, the Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Industry held the Second International Conference on Fuel Ammonia.⁸³¹ Japan is considering the use of ammonia to replace coal and natural gas for dispatchable power generation as part of its energy system decarbonation strategy.

On 28 October 2022, the Ministry of the Environment invested JPY10.2 billion to set up the Japan Green Investment Corporation for decarbonization projects.⁸³² This corporation operated a fund business to provide investments and loans for projects contributing to decarbonization and created cash flow for achieving carbon neutrality.

On 7 December 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China held the second bilateral policy dialogue on decarbonization.⁸³³ Participants discussed, among other things, the possibilities of using hydrogen and ammonia as energy sources.

On 22 December 2022, the Government of Japan announced during the Green Transformation Executive Committee that it will maximize the use of its nuclear infrastructures by restarting as many reactors as possible, as well as extending their lifetime beyond the original 60-years limit.⁸³⁴ Reactors at their end-of-life would also be recommissioned.

On 10 February 2023, the Cabinet formally adopted a policy that will allow for the operation of nuclear reactors beyond their current 60-year limit alongside the building of new units to replace aging ones.⁸³⁵ This can cut carbon emissions while ensuring adequate national energy supply.

On 17 March 2023, the Government of Japan decided to launch the Basic Policy on the Rationalizing Use of Energy and Shifting to Non-fossil Energy to coincide with the Act on Rationalizing Energy use and Shifting to Non-fossil Energy on 1 April 2023.⁸³⁶ It requires businesses that use energy to install equipment that contributes to the use of non-fossil electricity and will also change the legal system to encourage the optimization of power demand in light of the need to expand the introduction of non-fossil energy toward achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, by accelerating the deployment of low-carbon energy sources. However, the phase-out of coal power has not been addressed through direct policy implementation.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sau Ting Wu

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035 and prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

⁸³¹ Second International Conference on Fuel Ammonia Held, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0930_002.html

⁸³² Foundation and held 1st meeting of stockholders of Japan Green Investment Corp. for Carbon Neutrality (JICN), The Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00704.html

⁸³³ Second Japan-China Policy Dialogue on Decarbonization Held, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1207_002.html

⁸³⁴ Basic Policy (Draft) for Realizing the GX Roadmap for the Next 10 Years, GX Committee (Tokyo) 22 December 2022. Translation provided by analyst. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/gx_jikkou_kaigi/dai5/siryou1.pdf

⁸³⁵ Cabinet formally adopts policy of using nuclear reactors past 60 yrs, Mainichi Japan (Tokyo) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230210/p2g/00m/0na/014000c>

⁸³⁶ Cabinet Decision on the Basic Policy on the Rationalizing Use of Energy and Shifting to Non-fossil Energy, The Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 30 March 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0317_003.html

On 7 July 2022, the Contracts for Difference scheme of the British government attracted investments in low-carbon and renewable energy, such as offshore wind, onshore wind, solar and tidal power to power 12 million homes.⁸³⁷ The plan provides investors with future energy infrastructure to invest in while protecting them and consumers from the price fluctuations of the energy market.

On 19 July 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy enacted the Nuclear Fuel Fund.⁸³⁸ The program aims to protect the UK's nuclear power industry and to replace more of the infrastructure of the current energy sector with nuclear power plants. Up to GBP75 million in funding will be spent on achieving these nuclear power objectives.

On 19 July 2022, the Coal Authority of the UK issued a report in which they recognized the role of the coal industry in contributing to global warming.⁸³⁹ The Coal Authority outlined measures to reduce the carbon emissions of the process, such as using low-carbon vehicles in the extraction of coal and recycling 86 per cent of their waste.

On 11 August 2022, the UK Government launched a consultation to develop biomass energy to reduce carbon emissions in the national power sector.⁸⁴⁰ This announcement is preceded by a grant of GBP37 million in funding to various biomass energy projects around the UK.

On 12 August 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced that it had allowed 20 projects focusing on carbon capture, usage and storage to be considered in future development schemes.⁸⁴¹ The plan is significant as it is a step forward in facilitating the capturing of greenhouse gases in the seabeds of the North Sea, which can mitigate emissions for years to come.

On 23 September 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the investment of GBP49.4 million to key industries such as steel, pharmaceuticals and food production to develop technologies that will reduce the use of fossil fuels.⁸⁴² The technologies developed with the funding are expected to also allow these industries to move to more sustainable means of powering their operations, such as renewable power and hydrogen.

On 27 October 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy called for research proposals that inquire into the feasibility of using low-carbon hydrogen to heat homes as part of its plan to decarbonize the energy sector.⁸⁴³ The plan is also seeking to introduce any potential effective solutions that result from the research to designate metropolitan areas in the future to test their effectiveness.

⁸³⁷ Biggest renewables auction accelerates move away from fossil fuels, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/biggest-renewables-auction-accelerates-move-away-from-fossil-fuels>

⁸³⁸ Nuclear Fuel Fund (NFF), Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nuclear-fuel-fund-nff>

⁸³⁹ The Coal Authority annual report and accounts 2021 to 2022, Coal Authority (London) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-coal-authority-annual-report-and-accounts-2021-to-2022#full-publication-update-history>

⁸⁴⁰ Government seeks to further improve diversity of energy supply by boosting biomass, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-seeks-to-further-improve-diversity-of-energy-supply-by-boosting-biomass>

⁸⁴¹ UK's industrial heartlands boosted by next stage of carbon capture clusters, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-industrial-heartlands-boosted-by-next-stage-of-carbon-capture-clusters>

⁸⁴² Nearly £50 million boost for Britain's industrial future, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nearly-50-million-boost-for-britains-industrial-future>

⁸⁴³ Hydrogen Heating Town pilot: open letter to Gas Distribution Networks, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 10 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hydrogen-heating-town-pilot-open-letter-to-gas-distribution-networks>

On 31 October 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the winners of the Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 Competition, which aims to select innovative projects that are feasible in producing low-carbon hydrogen for the energy sector of the future.⁸⁴⁴ In total, five projects have been successful in their efforts, including one that aims to produce low-carbon hydrogen through ammonia reactors.

On 7 November 2022, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak promised to accelerate the decarbonization process of the British energy sector in light of the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine.⁸⁴⁵ Prime Minister Sunak promised to continue to create high-skill professions within the low-carbon energy sector to keep up with the demand.

On 11 November 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy signed a joint declaration with energy importers and exporters on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels.⁸⁴⁶ The declaration signed during the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Egypt aims to limit various types of emissions as part of the plan to phase out coal in the UK.

On 29 November 2022, Business and Energy Secretary Grant Shapps of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the decision to fund the development of the Sizewell C nuclear power station with GBP700 million.⁸⁴⁷ The station is set to create 10,000 high-skill jobs in the low-carbon nuclear energy sector while powering six million homes in the UK. The decision is part of the plan to decarbonize the British energy sector and will work with other government schemes such as the plan to deliver 50 gigawatts of offshore wind power.

On 13 December 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced new strategies for increasing the hydrogen production capacity to 10 gigawatts in 2030 as part of the UK's plan to achieve net-zero in the power sector by 2050.⁸⁴⁸ The UK government aims to achieve this goal in hydrogen power production by increasing the sponsoring of private market-driven initiatives to drive innovation and research in the hydrogen power sector.

On 13 December 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy started the second phase of its Hydrogen BECCS Innovation Programme.⁸⁴⁹ The program will fund projects that are proven to be feasible enough to produce hydrogen from low-cost biomass and that can be integrated with carbon capture technologies to lessen environmental impact. There are currently 22 projects eligible for application for the second phase.

On 13 December 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy launched a funding program designed to facilitate nuclear and hydrogen technology development in the UK.⁸⁵⁰ The UK

⁸⁴⁴ Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 Competition (closed to applications), Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/low-carbon-hydrogen-supply-2-competition#full-publication-update-history>

⁸⁴⁵ PM pledges to make UK a clean energy superpower ahead of COP27, Prime Minister's Office (London) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-pledges-to-make-uk-a-clean-energy-superpower-ahead-of-cop27>

⁸⁴⁶ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels: joint declaration from energy importers and exporters, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-fossil-fuels-joint-declaration-from-energy-importers-and-exporters>

⁸⁴⁷ UK government takes major steps forward to secure Britain's energy independence, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-takes-major-steps-forward-to-secure-britains-energy-independence>

⁸⁴⁸ UK hydrogen strategy, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-hydrogen-strategy>

⁸⁴⁹ Hydrogen BECCS Innovation Programme: Phase 2, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hydrogen-beccs-innovation-programme>

⁸⁵⁰ £102 million government backing for nuclear and hydrogen innovation in the UK, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/102-million-government-backing-for-nuclear-and-hydrogen-innovation-in-the-uk>

government has pledged GBP102 million to support the nuclear and hydrogen power industries. GBP77 million will be distributed for projects relating to the development of more advanced nuclear reactors and nuclear fuel, while GBP25 million would be used in developing technologies to obtain low-carbon hydrogen through biomass.

On 29 December 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy outlined an upgraded plan for offshore wind energy production, which is part of the Energy Security Bill passed on 6 July 2022.⁸⁵¹ The improvement plan entails an Offshore Wind Environmental Improvement Package, which aims to accelerate the pace of deploying new offshore wind production facilities by 25 per cent starting 2023.

On 2 January 2023, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the plans to allocate GBP75 million to boost domestic production of nuclear fuel to reduce reliance on Russian Uranium.⁸⁵² GBP13 million of the total funding will be used for developing uranium conversion of new and used fuel rods. GBP50 million will be used to develop a stronger nuclear fuel market that can handle the increased projected demand for nuclear fuels and develop new fuel types for modular reactors that are expected to be introduced in the 2030s. The plan is also made in accordance with the objective to increase nuclear power output to 24GW by 2050.

On 3 February 2023, the Environment Agency of the United Kingdom released production guidelines regarding 'blue' hydrogen, hydrogen produced from methane with the use of carbon capture technologies.⁸⁵³ The objective of the guidelines is to provide businesses with a standardized framework for future designs of sites that produce 'blue' hydrogen for power generation purposes.

On 21 February 2023, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy extended the deadline for the Advance Modular Reactor Research, Development, and Demonstration Programme.⁸⁵⁴ The ministries have cited significant technological changes in the energy market as a reason for this extension. The winners of the competition will receive a grant of GBP27.5 million for the continued development of their project.

On 3 March 2023, the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning added a new decommissioning project under consideration.⁸⁵⁵ A proposal for the decommissioning of the Western Isles FPSO pipeline is submitted to the government and outlines all risks and procedures for the operation.

On 8 March 2023, the Department for Business and Trade and Department for International Trade published a plan for exporting offshore decommissioning strategies worldwide.⁸⁵⁶ While the plan is focused on

⁸⁵¹ Energy Security Bill factsheet: Offshore wind environmental improvement package, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-security-bill-factsheets/energy-security-bill-factsheet-offshore-wind-environmental-improvement-package>

⁸⁵² Ministers bolster UK nuclear fuel capacity to squeeze out Russian influence, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 2 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-bolster-uk-nuclear-fuel-capacity-to-squeeze-out-russian-influence>

⁸⁵³ Environment Agency publishes guidance on production of 'blue' hydrogen, Environment Agency (Bristol) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-publishes-guidance-on-production-of-blue-hydrogen>

⁸⁵⁴ Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR) Research, Development and Demonstration Programme: Phase B competition, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advanced-modular-reactor-amr-research-development-and-demonstration-programme-phase-b-competition>

⁸⁵⁵ Oil and gas: decommissioning of offshore installations and pipelines, Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (London) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/oil-and-gas-decommissioning-of-offshore-installations-and-pipelines>

⁸⁵⁶ Export strategy for global offshore upstream decommissioning, Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/export-strategy-for-global-offshore-upstream-decommissioning>

international offshore petroleum decommissioning, it shows that the UK currently has the technical expertise in decommissioning oil platforms.

On 16 March 2023, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero announced the launch of a scheme to encourage investment in new low-carbon power generation projects.⁸⁵⁷ The government has pledged a total GBP205 million to the Contracts for Difference scheme that subsidises companies that develop low-carbon energy generation technologies domestically.

On 30 March 2023, the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero announced the launch of a new green energy plan that would promote the use and deployment of CCUS and hydrogen power generation technologies in Scotland.⁸⁵⁸ Scotland will be given a total of GBP240 million drawn from the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund to construct its domestic hydrogen energy sector, while GBP20 million will be given for the CCUS projects. GBP160 million is also allocated for offshore wind projects in Scotland. These projects aim to eventually eliminating the need for fossil fuel imports in Scotland and raising the total production capacity of hydrogen power in the UK to 10 gigawatts in 2030.

On 30 March 2023, Secretary Shapps announced the establishment of the Great British Nuclear.⁸⁵⁹ The organization will be tasked with overseeing the nuclear development schemes of the United Kingdom. The current objective for this organization is to organize a competition for finding the best design for small modular nuclear reactors by autumn.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. The UK funded programs that aim to transform the power sector to lower its carbon output, particularly in developing renewable energy sources such as nuclear, hydrogen, and wind farms. The UK also implemented carbon capture, utilization and storage technologies to reduce carbon emissions and has adopted measures such as using low-carbon vehicles and recycling while reducing coal. The UK plans to cease coal power production by October 2024, despite energy security setbacks in winter 2022. The government remains committed to this deadline, while the coal industry adopts low-carbon measures and reduces domestic production. Although the power sector still imports most of its coal, imports are declining.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Harry Pun

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power.

⁸⁵⁷ UK confirms £205 million budget to power more of Britain from Britain, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London). Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-confirms-205-million-budget-to-power-more-of-britain-from-britain>

⁸⁵⁸ Green growth for Scotland with multi billion pound investment, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (Edinburgh), Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-growth-for-scotland-with-multi-billion-pound-investment>

⁸⁵⁹ Shapps sets out plans to drive multi billion pound investment in energy revolution, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 30 March 2023. Access Date: April 7 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/shapps-sets-out-plans-to-drive-multi-billion-pound-investment-in-energy-revolution>

On 3 August 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the Climate Smart Buildings Initiative, which is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2.8 million metric tonnes annually by 2030.⁸⁶⁰ It will also grow the clean energy industry by increasing on-site clean electricity generation by catalyzing USD8 billion of private sector investments.

On 16 August 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration enacted the Inflation Reduction Act.⁸⁶¹ The Act seeks to lower energy costs and build a clean energy economy by installing 950 million solar panels, 120,000 wind turbines and 2,300 grid-scale battery plants to power businesses and homes with clean energy by 2030. The Inflation Reduction Act also set up a USD5 billion fund for retrofitting existing coal plants to abate emissions, as well as funding for energy communities dependent on coal power.

On 26 August 2022, the Department of Energy and the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management announced a funding of USD31 million for ten projects to develop carbon capture technologies.⁸⁶² The carbon capture technologies are capable of capturing 95 per cent of carbon dioxide emissions from natural gas power plants, waste-to-energy power plants and industrial applications, including cement and steel. These technologies will transition the energy and industrial sectors to net-zero emissions.

On 12 September 2022, President Joe Biden implemented the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.⁸⁶³ The Act seeks to increase the deployment of clean energy technologies in both private and public sectors, incentivize the purchase of electric vehicles, invest in domestic clean energy supply chains and expand research to increase the development of clean energy, climate, and related technologies.

On 21 October 2022, the Department of Energy announced USD28 million to fund research and development projects that will advance hydropower as a source of clean energy.⁸⁶⁴ The first project aims to develop sustainable hydropower, while the remaining two projects involve researching the environmental impact and sustainability of hydropower.

On 14 November 2022, the Biden-Harris administration announced USD350 million in funding towards Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstrations (LDES).⁸⁶⁵ LDES apply to projects that can deliver electricity for longer than 10 hours to support a reliable, carbon-free electric grid, and the funding of LDES will advance new renewable energy technologies.

On 17 November 2022, Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm announced that the US joined Mission Innovation's Net-Zero Industries Mission at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations

⁸⁶⁰ White House Takes Action on Climate by Accelerating Energy Efficiency Projects Across Federal Government, The White House, Statements and Releases (Washington D.C.) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/03/fact-sheet-white-house-takes-action-on-climate-by-accelerating-energy-efficiency-projects-across-federal-government/>

⁸⁶¹ The Inflation Reduction Act, The White House: Statements and Releases (Washington D.C.) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/15/by-the-numbers-the-inflation-reduction-act/>

⁸⁶² US Department of Energy Invests \$31 Million to Advance Carbon Capture and Storage for Natural Gas Power and Industrial Sectors, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (Washington D.C.) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/us-department-energy-invests-31-million-advance-carbon-capture-and-storage-natural>

⁸⁶³ Executive Order on the Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/12/executive-order-on-the-implementation-of-the-energy-and-infrastructure-provisions-of-the-inflation-reduction-act-of-2022/>

⁸⁶⁴ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$28 Million To Advance And Deploy Hydropower Technology, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 30 November 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-28-million-advance-and-deploy-hydropower-technology>

⁸⁶⁵ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$350 Million For Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstration Projects, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-350-million-long-duration-energy-storage>

Framework Convention on Climate Change.⁸⁶⁶ The Mission aims to tackle technical challenges that impede on clean energy innovations and a clean energy economy.

On 17 November 2022, Secretary Granholm signed a Memorandum of Understanding to advance Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles.⁸⁶⁷ This non-binding memorandum is part of the Drive to Zero Campaign of the Electric Vehicles Initiative under the Clean Energy Ministerial.

On 21 November 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced an investment of USD6 billion towards the Civil Nuclear Credit program (CNC).⁸⁶⁸ The CNC provides clean, reliable nuclear energy facilities and avoids carbon emissions.

On 8 December 2022, the Department of Energy announced USD8 million in funding for six solar energy research projects across six states.⁸⁶⁹ The project supports the co-location of agricultural production and solar energy generation on the same land and reduces barriers to larger community-scale solar energy.

On 13 December 2022, the Biden-Harris administration, through the Department of Energy, funded four programs to remove the domestic carbon dioxide industry.⁸⁷⁰ USD3.7 billion will be directed to these programs, which are a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The programs are the following: the Direct Air Capture Commercial and Pre-Commercial Prize, the Regional Direct Air Capture Hubs, the Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technology Commercialization Fund.

On 14 December 2022, the Department of Energy announced USD15 million in funding towards two geothermal energy projects.⁸⁷¹ The projects are the following: the Geothermal Limitless Approach to Drilling Efficiencies (GLADE) in the Denver-Julesburg Basin of Colorado and the Evaluation of Physics-Based Drilling and Alternative Bit Design in the Geysers Geothermal Field of California. The GLADE project seeks to drill twin high-temperature geothermal wells at a deeper depth at a rapid rate compared to current standard for Geothermal drilling.

On 16 December 2022, the Biden-Harris administration announced the issue of USD750 million on behalf of the Department of Energy to reduce the cost of clean hydro energy.⁸⁷² The funding will advance the technical expansion required to achieve the Department's Hydrogen Shot goal of USD1 per kilogram of clean hydrogen by 2030.

⁸⁶⁶ US Secretary of Energy Advances America's Commitment to Reaching Net Zero Global Emissions and Combatting Climate Change at COP27, US Department of Energy (Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-secretary-energy-advances-americas-commitment-reaching-net-zero-global-emissions-and>

⁸⁶⁷ US Secretary of Energy Advances America's Commitment to Reaching Net Zero Global Emissions and Combatting Climate Change at COP27, US Department of Energy (Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-secretary-energy-advances-americas-commitment-reaching-net-zero-global-emissions-and>

⁸⁶⁸ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Major Investment to Preserve America's Clean Nuclear Energy Infrastructure, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 30 November 2022.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-major-investment-preserve-americas-clean-nuclear>

⁸⁶⁹ DOE Announces \$8 Million to Integrate Solar Energy Production with Farming, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-8-million-integrate-solar-energy-production-farming>

⁸⁷⁰ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$3.7 Billion to Kick-Start America's Carbon Dioxide Removal Industry, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-37-billion-kick-start-americas-carbon-dioxide>

⁸⁷¹ US Department of Energy Announces Over \$15 Million to Drive Down Costs of Geothermal Drilling, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-announces-over-15-million-drive-down-costs-geothermal-drilling>

⁸⁷² Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$750 Million To Accelerate Clean Hydrogen Technologies, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date 18 December 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-750-million-accelerate-clean-hydrogen-technologies>

On 22 February 2023, the Biden-Harris administration announced the proposal of the advancement of the offshore wind lease in the Gulf of Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.⁸⁷³ This announcement is a part of the President's Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. If carried out, these areas could generate 1.3 billion American homes with clean energy.

On 22 February 2023, the Department of Energy announced new actions to accelerate offshore wind development.⁸⁷⁴ This action is a part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Floating Offshore Wind Shot Summit and the Floating Offshore Wind Shot. These actions seek to deploy 15 gigawatts of floating offshore wind by 2035.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector by 2035, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. The US has funded initiatives and projects, such as the Climate Smart buildings, investments in solar panels and offshore wind energy that accelerate the transition to clean energy.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

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On 29 June 2022, the European Council adopted its negotiating position regarding the Fit for 55 package.⁸⁷⁵ Fit for 55 will enable the EU to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 55 per cent by 2030 compared to 2019 levels and to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. The package places strong emphases on decarbonization of the power sector and accelerating renewables deployment.

On 5 July 2022, the European Investment Bank (EIB) invested EUR475 million for wind energy in Denmark.⁸⁷⁶ The European Investment Bank will loan the funds to Vesta A/S to accelerate deployment of its wind power generation technology to more sites in Denmark.

On 13 July 2022, the EIB strengthened its lending for sustainable transportation and approved EUR8.6 billion for innovation, renewable energy, education and water projects.⁸⁷⁷ Specifically, the European Investment Bank

⁸⁷³ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Expand Offshore Wind Nationally and Harness More Reliable, Affordable Clean Energy (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/22/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-expand-offshore-wind-nationally-and-harness-more-reliable-affordable-clean-energy/>

⁸⁷⁴ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Expand Offshore Wind Nationally and Harness More Reliable, Affordable Clean Energy (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/22/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-expand-offshore-wind-nationally-and-harness-more-reliable-affordable-clean-energy/>

⁸⁷⁵ Fit for 55 package Council reaches general approaches relating to emissions reductions and removals and their social impacts, European Council (Brussels) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/29/fit-for-55-council-reaches-general-approaches-relating-to-emissions-reductions-and-removals-and-their-social-impacts/>

⁸⁷⁶ Denmark: EIB investing EUR475 million for wind energy in Denmark, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-309-eib-investing-eur475-million-for-wind-energy-in-denmark>

⁸⁷⁷ EIB strengthens sustainable transport lending and approves EUR8.6 billion for innovation, renewable energy, education and water, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-318-eib-strengthens-sustainable-transport-lending-and-approves-eur-8-6-billion-for-innovation-renewable-energy-education-and-water>

backed research and development into on and offshore wind turbine technology, three large scale solar power farms in central Spain and the acceleration of small-scale wind and solar projects in France and Italy.

On 14 July 2022, the European Commission published new rules to drive more renewable energy generation so that its share comprises 40 per cent of the energy mix by 2030 and to cut energy consumption by 9 per cent by 2030.⁸⁷⁸ The Fit for 55 package must be negotiated by EU countries and the European Parliament in a process that takes approximately two years.

On 18 July 2022, the EIB and BBVA agreed to mobilize EUR1.194 billion to boost climate action and the economic recovery of small and medium enterprises in Spain.⁸⁷⁹ EUR512 million will fund clean energy and climate action including the construction and operation of photovoltaic plants.

On 22 July 2022, Iberdrola and the EIB signed a EUR550 million green loan to boost renewable energy in Spain.⁸⁸⁰ The agreement will accelerate Spain's green energy transition, and the funds will finance some 1800-MW of photovoltaic and wind farms in rural areas around the country. The new facilities will supply the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power over one million homes.

On 8 August 2022, the European Commission approved a EUR149 million Romanian measure to support development of renewable hydrogen production under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.⁸⁸¹ Romania's measure will run until December 2023 and is open to companies of any size active in electricity and/or hydrogen production, administrative territorial units and national institutes for research and development in the energy field. By the end of December 2025, Romania aims to install 100 MW capable of producing at least 10,000 tonnes of hydrogen annually.

On 10 August 2022, the EIB provided the Unicredit Bank of Austria with a EUR92 million framework loan.⁸⁸² Unicredit will create a financing portfolio for funding clean energy projects from small and medium sized companies. The long-term loan meets a financing vehicle gap created by Austria's goal to power itself 100 per cent by renewables by 2030.

On 1 September 2022, the EIB lent EUR3 million to Osterreichische Bundesforste AG for an additional four wind turbines.⁸⁸³ The funding built on European Investment Bank's Initial investment of EUR36.7 million for the Pretul 42-MW wind farm and the seven-kilometer line connecting it to the electricity system. Austria plans to generate 100 per cent of its electricity from renewables by 2030, and the four new turbines will add an incremental 16.6 MW.

⁸⁷⁸ Fit for 55 – The EU plan for a green transition, European Council (Brussels) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/green-deal/fit-for-55-the-eu-plan-for-a-green-transition/>

⁸⁷⁹ Spain: the EIB group and BBVA agree to mobilize EUR1.194 billion to boost climate action and the economic recovery of SMEs in Spain, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-326-the-eib-group-and-bbva-agree-to-mobilize-eur1-194-billion-to-boost-climate-action-and-the-economic-recovery-of-smes-in-spain>

⁸⁸⁰ Spain: Iberdrola and EIB sign EUR550 million green loan to boost renewable energy, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-334-spain-iberdrola-and-eib-sign-eur550-million-green-loan-to-boost-renewable-energy>

⁸⁸¹ State aid: Commission approves €149 million Romanian scheme under Recovery and Resilience Facility to support development of renewable hydrogen production, European Commission (Brussels) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4865

⁸⁸² Austria: EIB and Unicredit bank Austria enable companies to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-333-eib-and-unicredit-bank-austria-enable-companies-to-invest-in-renewable-energy-and-energy-efficiency>

⁸⁸³ Austria: EIB supports extension of pretul wind farm, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-351-austria-eib-supports-extension-of-pretul-wind-farm>

On 5 September 2022, the European Commission approved a EUR341 million Green measure under the Recovery and Resilience Facility to support the development of electricity storage facilities.⁸⁸⁴ Construction and operation of storage facilities will smooth the integration of wind and solar installations into the Greek electricity system.

On 7 September 2022, the EIB signed an agreement with the European Commission on the Public Sector Loan Facility under the Just Transition Fund.⁸⁸⁵ The EIB will combine EUR10 billion with an EU budgeted EUR1.5 billion to the loan facility. The facility will offer loans and grants to reduce the burden on public coffers in the affected regions transitioning away from coal and other fossil fuels.

On 7 September 2022, Aquila Clean Energy raised financing for 2.6 gigawatt (GW) of capacity for renewable energy projects in Spain and Portugal with the support of Invest EU.⁸⁸⁶ There will be more than 50 projects consisting of solar photovoltaics and onshore wind, and total generation capacity will be the equivalent of serving 1.4 million households.

On 14 September 2022, the EIB approved EUR15 billion for business, climate action, sustainable transport, innovation and urban investment.⁸⁸⁷ Specifically, the European Investment Bank allocated EUR4.4 billion for projects such as wind, photovoltaic, hydro and geothermal power in France; small scale solar in Italy; and larger scale wind farms in central Spain.

On 27 September 2022, the European Commission approved additional German measures to support electricity production from renewable energy sources.⁸⁸⁸ The measures include the introduction of financial incentives to encourage consumers to install rooftop solar photovoltaic panels and to incentivize selling excess power to the grid.

On 27 September 2022, at the 41st assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization, the European Commission advocated for “a long-term aspirational goal for net-zero aviation emissions by 2050.”⁸⁸⁹ Additionally, it reaffirmed its commitment to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation as well as its future implementation.

⁸⁸⁴ State aid: Commission approves Greek scheme under Recovery and Resilience Facility to support development of electricity storage facilities, European Commission (Brussels) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4582

⁸⁸⁵ Just transition: EIB to provide up to EUR10 billion in support of regions most affected by the shift away from fossil fuels, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-346-just-transition-eib-to-provide-up-to-eur10-billion-in-support-of-regions-most-affected-by-the-shift-away-from-fossil-fuels>

⁸⁸⁶ Aquila Clean Energy raises financing for 2.6 GW capacity renewable energy projects in Southern Europe with support of InvestEU, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5370

⁸⁸⁷ EIB approves EUR15 billion for business, climate action, sustainable transport, innovation, and urban investment, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-361-eib-approves-eur15-billion-for-business-climate-action-sustainable-transport-innovation-and-urban-investment>

⁸⁸⁸ State aid: Commission approves additional German measures to support electricity production from renewable energy sources, European Commission (Brussels) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5811

⁸⁸⁹ ICAO 41st Assembly opening speech, European Commission (Brussels) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_22_5842

On 3 October 2022, Iberdrola and the EIB signed a EUR220 million green loan top up to boost smart grids in Spain.⁸⁹⁰ The additional resources will focus on the distribution company's strategic plan which emphasizes renewables and smart grids in twelve Spanish regions.

On 4 October 2022, the European Council agreed to its general approach on the May 2022 REPowerEU plan.⁸⁹¹ The approach revised several measures designed to decrease dependency on fossil fuels and accelerate renewable generation. It also allocates an additional EUR20 billion, as proposed by the European Commission. The Council modified the formula for allocation of funds to consider fossil fuel dependency, member social cohesion policy, and increased renewable investment prices.

On 13 October 2022, the European Commission approved EUR220 million to support a Spanish measure for COBRA in the production of renewable hydrogen.⁸⁹² COBRA will start its first renewable hydrogen production facility with the intent of supplying hard to abate sectors such as refineries and ceramics who need to reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels. There will be two electrolyzers in Cartagena and Castillon with a total capacity of 205 MW, which will help generate 8,550 tonnes of renewable hydrogen and reduce 47,038 tonnes of emissions annually.

On 18 October 2022, the European Commission issued its call for applications for candidate projects in all categories under the new energy infrastructure regulation.⁸⁹³ The categories include projects for electricity transmission, offshore grids for renewable energy, electricity storage, hydrogen, electrolyzers, smart electricity grids, smart gas grids and CO2 networks.

On 19 October 2022, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) called for the 2023 EU budget to address energy and climate.⁸⁹⁴ Specifically, MEPs supported an additional EUR533 million to increase EU energy independence, help citizens and small/medium enterprises with their bills, and accelerate the green energy transition to combat climate change.

On 21 October 2022, the European Commission and Latvia adopted a partnership agreement to allocate EUR4.6 billion to support a green and fair economy and society as Latvia shifts out of coal and other fossil fuels from 2021 to 2027.⁸⁹⁵ Specifically, EUR839 million will be allocated to renewable energy projects including wind and solar.

On 21 October 2022, the German Lander North-Rhine Westphalia, Brandenburg, Saxony and Saxony Anhalt launched their programming under their EUR2.5 billion share of the EU Just Transition Fund to support a fair transition to the green economy.⁸⁹⁶ Germany's commitment to phase out of coal by 2038 means these territorial

⁸⁹⁰ Iberdrola and EIB sign a EUR220 million green loan top up to boost smart grids in Spain, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-391-iberdrola-and-eib-sign-a-eur220-million-green-loan-top-up-to-boost-smart-grids-in-spain>

⁸⁹¹ REPowerEU: Council agrees to its position, European Council (Brussels) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/04/repowereu-council-agrees-its-position/>

⁸⁹² State aid: Commission approves €220 million Spanish measure to support COBRA in production of renewable hydrogen, European Commission (Brussels) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6017

⁸⁹³ Call for applications for candidate projects in all categories under new energy infrastructure regulation, European Commission (Brussels) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/call-applications-candidate-projects-all-categories-under-new-energy-infrastructure-regulation-2022-oct-18_en

⁸⁹⁴ MEPs want EU budget for 2023 to focus on Ukraine, energy, and the pandemic, European Parliament (Brussels) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221014IPR43214/meps-want-eu-budget-for-2023-to-focus-on-ukraine-energy-and-pandemic>

⁸⁹⁵ EU Cohesion Policy: €4.6 billion for Latvia to support a green and fair economy and society 2021-2027, European Commission (Brussels) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6249

⁸⁹⁶ EU Cohesion Policy: €2.5 billion for just climate transition in Germany, European Commission (Brussels) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6275

regions need to be supported so that the local economy and population do not fall behind economically and socially.

On 21 October 2022, the European Council issued its meeting conclusions.⁸⁹⁷ One conclusion recommended an emergency measure to simplify and expedite administrative approvals for renewable energy projects under Article 122 of the Treaty given worsening energy market conditions from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 26 October 2022, the EIB announced support for the REPowerEU plan with an additional EUR30 billion in equity financing over the next five years.⁸⁹⁸ The funds will be directed to renewables, energy efficiency, grids and storage, electric vehicle charging stations, and breakthrough technologies such as low carbon hydrogen.

On 28 October 2022, the European Environment Agency issued a statement to cities that they can offer new opportunities for consumers to both produce and consume renewable energy.⁸⁹⁹ Through efficient use of rooftops and targeted financing, city dwellers can be encouraged to pursue citizen-led renewable energy generation. Municipalities can also act as information and resource hubs to build capacity. The brief accelerates renewable generation which is critical to decarbonizing the power system.

On 3 November 2022, the European Commission announced its third call for large scale projects as part of the EU Innovation Fund.⁹⁰⁰ The objective of the projects is to accelerate energy independence from Russian fossil fuels and to deliver on REPowerEU. Projects may include general decarbonization, innovative electrification in industry and hydrogen, clean tech manufacturing and mid-size pilots.

On 7 November 2022, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen and Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov concluded a strategic partnership on raw materials, batteries, and renewable hydrogen.⁹⁰¹ The agreement's objectives include a sustainable and secure supply of raw and refined materials critical to renewable energy deployment. It also focuses on battery and green hydrogen value chains.

On 8 November 2022, President von der Leyen and President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi issued a joint statement announcing a green hydrogen partnership.⁹⁰² They committed to a long-term partnership focused on accelerating deployment of renewable energy sources as an enabler for green hydrogen production. They intend to cooperate on regulatory frameworks, market assessment and research and development. They also plan to promote investments which will lead to production, storage, distribution and transportation of green hydrogen.

⁸⁹⁷ European Council Conclusions, European Council (Brussels) 20 and 21 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/59728/2022-10-2021-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>

⁸⁹⁸ EIB boosts clean energy financing in support of repowereu plan, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg City) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-450-eib-boosts-clean-energy-financing-in-support-of-repowereu-plan>

⁸⁹⁹ Cities can offer new opportunities for prosumers for renewable energy, European Environment Agency (Copenhagen) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. https://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/cities-can-offer-new-opportunities?utm_source=EEASubscriptions&utm_medium=RSSFeeds&utm_campaign=Generic

⁹⁰⁰ Commission invests €3 Billion in innovative clean tech projects to deliver on REPowerEU and accelerate energy independence from Russian fossil fuels, European Commission (Brussels) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6489

⁹⁰¹ COP27: European Commission concludes a strategic partnership with Kazakhstan on raw materials, batteries and renewable hydrogen, European Commission (Brussels) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6585

⁹⁰² Joint Statement on the EU-Egypt Green Hydrogen Partnership, European Commission (Sharm El-Sheikh) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6646

On 9 November 2022, the European Commission proposed a temporary new emergency regulation to expedite the permitting of renewables.⁹⁰³ The Commission proposed a European Council regulation under Article 122 of the Treaty to apply for one year until member countries adopt and transpose the Renewables Directive.

On 10 November 2022, MEPs voted to include energy measures in their national recovery plans.⁹⁰⁴ Measures would include reductions in energy use, production of clean energy and diversification of energy supplies. The proposal aims to support acceleration of independence from Russian fossil fuel supplies and towards a clean energy transition as per the EU's RePowerEU Plan. Members also called for an additional EUR20 billion and additional funding to financially assist members with these measures.

On 10 November 2022, Eiffel Investment Group and the European Investment Fund backed by InvestEU announced the launch of Eiffel Transition Infrastructure, an innovative bridge equity fund.⁹⁰⁵ The EIF committed EUR75 million to the new fund. Several top institutional investors joined the fund as well, which is expected to raise EUR500 million for its first close. The fund's goal is to accelerate development of renewable energy assets for developers and independent power producers who may have difficulty accessing capital for the development phase of their projects. The fund expects to expedite up to 7 GW of renewable assets and offset four million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

On 15 November 2022, the European Commission pledged an additional EUR10 million in funds “for a project to reduce international shipping’s greenhouse gas emissions.”⁹⁰⁶ This project is being managed by the International Maritime Organization and intends to establish five Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres around the world. These centres are designed to increase energy efficiency through solar power vessels, data collection systems and energy-efficiency assessments.

On 17 November 2022, the EIB approved EUR11 billion in additional investments for climate action and clean energy, business, sustainable transport, health and urban renewal.⁹⁰⁷ The EUR4 billion meant for climate action and clean energy includes projects to reinforce energy networks in Spain, the Czech Republic and Moldova, as well as renewable energy endeavors in Greece, Estonia and Cyprus.

On 21 November 2022, the European Commission approved EUR37.3 billion for Spain between 2021 and 2027 to support its green transition and to develop a fair and competitive economy.⁹⁰⁸ Some EUR3.3 billion will assist the country to meet its target of 74 per cent of electricity produced from renewable sources by 2030.

⁹⁰³ REPowerEU: Commission steps up green transition away from Russian gas by accelerating renewables permitting, European Commission (Brussels) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 13 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6657

⁹⁰⁴ MEPs Vote to Include Energy Measures in National Recovery Plans, European Parliament (Brussels) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221107IPR49607/meps-vote-to-include-energy-measures-in-national-recovery-plans>

⁹⁰⁵ Eiffel Investment Group and the European Investment Fund backed by InvestEU announce innovative equity bridge solution to support renewable energy development, European Commission (Brussels) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6746

⁹⁰⁶ Decarbonising international shipping: At COP 27, European Commission provides additional €10 million, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2023. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/decarbonising-international-shipping-cop-27-european-commission-provides-additional-eu10-million-2022-11-15_en

⁹⁰⁷ EIB approves EUR11 billion for climate action and clean energy, business, sustainable transport, health and urban investment, European Investment Bank (EIB) (Luxembourg) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-491-eib-approves-eur-11-billion-for-climate-action-and-clean-energy-business-sustainable-transport-health-and-urban-investmen>

⁹⁰⁸ EU Cohesion Policy: Euro 37.3 billion for Spain to support its green transition and a fair and competitive economy, European Commission (Brussels) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6964

On 23 November 2022, Eurazeo announced its first close of EUR210 million for its Eurazeo Transition Infrastructure Fund.⁹⁰⁹ The objectives of the Fund include climate change mitigation and infrastructure transition towards zero carbon futures.

On 23 November 2022, MEPs approved the 2023 Budget with focus on key priorities including decarbonizing the power sector.⁹¹⁰ Specifically, they added EUR103.5 million to the Connecting Europe Facility, which funds high quality cross-border transmission and energy systems, modernizes infrastructure and fosters renewable connectivity. Members also added EUR30 million to the environment and climate action LIFE programme.

On 24 November 2022, EU Energy Ministers agreed to changes in permit granting processes to expedite renewable energy projects.⁹¹¹ The temporary 18-month regulation will accelerate projects which can deploy quickly and carry limited environmental impacts. Solar energy equipment will be permitted within three months and some projects may be excused from environmental impact assessment. Projects above 50 MW will be approved within one month assuming no grid reliability or connectivity issues. Repowering of existing renewable energy projects will carry a maximum six-month deadline for approval. Where repowering increases plant capacity more than 15 per cent, the deadline will be three months. Heat pumps with less than 50MW will be approved within one month and ground source heat pumps within three months.

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission approved EUR459 million for a just climate transition in Slovakia.⁹¹² The funds allocated will assist Slovakia in phasing out coal mining and thermal power production in its Trenčín/Upper Nitra region during 2023. The funds will also invest in renewable energy projects, electricity system improvements, building efficiency and geothermal heating.

On 2 December 2022, the European Commission announced EUR623 million in funding for a just transition to climate neutrality for the Netherlands.⁹¹³ In addition to moving away from carbon intensive energy sources, greening traditional manufacturing, economic diversification and worker up-skilling, the Just Transition Fund will support renewable energy production and improvements to the electricity transmission system.

On 2 December 2022, the EIB established a EUR100 million framework loan with Austria's regional bank RLB NO-Wien to support Austria's national green energy goals.⁹¹⁴ The loan will permit RLB NO-Wien to institute a EUR200 million credit portfolio to fund clean energy products.

On 5 December 2022, the European Commission announced EUR3.85 billion in funding to support a just climate transition in five Polish regions.⁹¹⁵ One region, Silesia, is the largest hard coal mining centre in the EU. Besides economic diversification, worker training and reskilling and land rehabilitation, the funds will support renewable energy projects and energy efficiency.

⁹⁰⁹ Eurazeo announces the first close of its transition infrastructure fund to support the transition to a low carbon economy with a commitment from the European Investment Fund backed by InvestEU, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7115

⁹¹⁰ MEPs adopt EU Budget 2023 focusing on Ukraine, energy and recovery, European Parliament (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221118IPR55709/meps-adopt-eu-budget-2023-focus-on-ukraine-energy-and-recovery>

⁹¹¹ EU to speed up permitting process for renewable energy projects, European Council (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/24/eu-to-speed-up-permitting-process-for-renewable-energy-projects/>

⁹¹² EU Cohesion Policy: EUR459 million for a just climate transition in Slovakia, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7086

⁹¹³ EU Cohesion Policy: EUR623 million for a just transition to climate neutrality for the Netherlands, European Commission (Brussels) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7372

⁹¹⁴ Austria: EIB supports RLB NO-Wien's investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-515-austria-eib-supports-rlb-no-wien-s-investments-in-renewable-energy-and-energy-efficiency>

⁹¹⁵ EU Cohesion Policy: EUR3.85 billion for a just transition toward climate neutrality in five Polish regions, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7413

On 7 December 2022, the European Commission announced EUR67 million in funding for Luxembourg to support its green transition.⁹¹⁶ Some EUR23 million will be invested in renewable energy production such as biomass and solar.

On 7 December 2022, the EIB signed a partnership agreement with Caisse d'Épargne CEPAC, which is dedicated to financing French solar and wind projects.⁹¹⁷ The financing package is valued at EUR350 million.

On 8 December 2022, EU members agreed to a European Commission proposal to allocate EUR602 million in eight trans-European energy infrastructure projects.⁹¹⁸ These include a high voltage undersea cable to connect the electricity infrastructure of Italy and Tunisia, a smart grid project between Austria-Croatia and Slovenia, a hydroelectric pumped storage project in Ireland and carbon capture and storage initiatives in Belgium and France.

On 9 December 2022, the European Commission announced EUR2.14 billion in funding for a just climate transition in Romania.⁹¹⁹ In addition to worker training and reskilling along with economic diversification, the funds will support renewable energy projects, hydrogen production, and other clean energy sources.

On 9 December 2022, the European Commission launched a new industrial alliance with partners from industry sectors, research organizations and other associations.⁹²⁰ The alliance's main target encompasses 30 GW of manufacturing capacity by 2025 across the value chain to support REPowerEU targets of 320 GW of solar photovoltaic power by 2025. The group proposes to increase domestic production capacity, diversify import sources, support investment, and address policy and other regulatory barriers to mitigate supply risks.

On 12 December 2022, the EIB announced a EUR790 million loan to the Czech Republic.⁹²¹ The loan provides financing for modernization of the Czech electricity grid and facilitates connectivity for renewable energy sources. CEZ, the country's energy utility, will connect approximately 2.2 GW of new renewable energy supply to help decarbonize the Czech economy.

On 12 December 2022, the European Commission signed an InvestEU agreement with the Nordic Investment Bank.⁹²² The agreement, which is worth up to EUR114 million, will unlock some EUR480 million in green energy investments, including decarbonization and modernization of the power system. The funds are expected to generate overall private and public investments of EUR2 billion. Eligible projects must be sited in Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, and/or Finland and Sweden.

⁹¹⁶ EU Cohesion Policy: EUR67 million for Luxembourg to support its green and digital transition, jobs, and inclusion, European Commission (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7524

⁹¹⁷ France energy transition: Caisse d'Épargne Cepac and EIB sign major partnership agreement, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-519-energy-transition-caisse-d-epargne-cepac-and-eib-sign-major-partnership-agreement>

⁹¹⁸ Connecting Europe Facility: Over EUR600 million energy infrastructure support to support European green deal and REPowerEU, European Commission (Brussels) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/connecting-europe-facility-over-eu-600-million-energy-infrastructure-support-european-green-deal-and-2022-12-08_en

⁹¹⁹ EU Cohesion Policy: EUR2.14 billion for a just climate transition for Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7562

⁹²⁰ REPowerEU: New Industrial Alliance to boost the EU's solar power and energy security, European Commission (Brussels) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7617

⁹²¹ Czech Republic: EIB to finance modernisation of CEZ's distribution grid and connection of new renewable energy sources with a record-breaking loan of EUR790 million, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-529-czech-republic-eib-to-finance-modernisation-of-cez-s-distribution-grid-and-connection-of-new-renewable-energy-sources-with-a-record-breaking-loan-of-eur790-million>

⁹²² InvestEU: Commission signs agreement with Nordic Investment Bank to unlock EUR480 million in green energy investments, European Commission (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7541

On 13 December 2022, the European Parliament and the European Council struck an agreement on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).⁹²³ The CBAM is the EU's tool to put a fair price on carbon for goods entering the EU market and to foster lower carbon production in non-EU countries. The agreement will spark amendment of the Emissions Trading System to encourage EU production and power systems to decarbonize and reduce carbon leakage risk.

On 14 December 2022, the European Commission announced that Belgium will receive nearly EUR3 billion as part of EU Cohesion Policy to support its green and digital transition between 2021 and 2027.⁹²⁴ Almost EUR400 million will be invested in emission reductions, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

On 14 December 2022, the European Parliament struck a deal with the European Council to include REPowerEU measures in national recovery plans to accelerate decarbonization and the transition away from Russian fuel.⁹²⁵ Under the provisional agreement, EU countries who apply for extra funds under amended recovery and resilience plans must include specific efforts to reduce energy use, produce clean energy and diversify energy supplies consistent with REPowerEU.

On 14 December 2022, MEPs amended the European Commission legislative proposal to expedite approvals of renewable energy projects.⁹²⁶ Specifically, the proposed law accelerates timelines for approvals for renewable energy proposals from one year to nine months. EU countries must also approve solar panel on roof proposals within one month. The European Commission tabled the draft legislation as part of the REPowerEU package.

On 15 December 2022, the European Commission welcomed the agreements reached at the 20th Ministerial Council meeting of the Energy Community.⁹²⁷ The agreement included a renewable energy target of 31 per cent for 2030 along with energy efficiency and reduction objectives. The Parties also committed to adopting the EU electricity market rules.

On 15 December 2022, the European Council issued its meeting conclusions.⁹²⁸ In the energy and economy section, the Council called for rapid completion of the Renewable Energy Directive, the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. It emphasized the importance of innovation and investment in the decarbonized power and energy systems to meet green deal objectives, reduce dependence on Russian energy supplies and ensure energy security. The Council asked the European Commission to submit its impact assessment on the structural reform of the electricity market by early 2023 to facilitate uptake of renewable energy and make it fully decarbonized.

On 15 December 2022, the EU institutions, European Parliament, European Council and European Commission released their joint 2023-24 priorities and legislative measures.⁹²⁹ Highest priority will be accorded

⁹²³ European Green Deal: Agreement reached on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), European Commission (Brussels) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7719

⁹²⁴ European Cohesion Policy: almost EUR3 billion for Belgium's green and digital transition and economic development from 2021-2027, European Commission (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7673

⁹²⁵ REPowerEU: Deal on energy measures in national recovery plans, European Parliament (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221212IPR64514/repowereu-deal-on-energy-measures-in-national-recovery-plans>

⁹²⁶ Energy Crisis: MEPs back plans to boost the deployment of renewables, European Parliament (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221209IPR64422/energy-crisis-meps-back-plans-to-boost-the-deployment-of-renewables>

⁹²⁷ Commission welcomes Energy Community's agreement on 2030 energy and climate targets, European Commission (Vienna) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-welcomes-energy-communitys-agreement-2030-energy-and-climate-targets-2022-12-15_en

⁹²⁸ European Council Meeting – Conclusions, European Council (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/60872/2022-12-15-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>

⁹²⁹ EU institutions agree on joint priorities for 2023 and 2024, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221214IPR64711/eu-institutions-agree-on-joint-priorities-for-2023-and-2024>

to laws and regulations required to expedite implementation of the European Green Deal with its decarbonization of the power system and investment in renewable and alternate energy sources.

On 16 December, the European Commission announced that Slovenia will be granted EUR258 million to work towards a just climate transition in the regions of Savinjsko-Saleska (SASA) and Zasavje.⁹³⁰ In addition to supporting life-long training and redeployment of coal workers and economic diversification, the funds will help to repurpose the former mines for investment in renewable energy projects and hydrogen production. The fund will also redesign the district heating system to transition from coal to other sources of power such as solar and heat pumps. In SASA, coal mining and the thermal plants will close by 2033.

On 16 December 2022, the European Commission authorized EUR1.2 billion under EU state aid rules for the Czech Republic's green district heating proposal.⁹³¹ The plan supports the decarbonization and modernization of heat generation units fueled by renewable energy. Direct grants will be paid to the owners of heating generation units and district heating systems to install new or replace existing units with heat generation units based on renewable energy and to modernize units and systems to replace coal with biomass. The plan will also foster transitions from natural gas-powered systems to low or no carbon fuels and will support carbon capture systems.

On 18 January 2023, the EIB invested up to EUR35 million in PPC Renewables to support three solar farms generating some 230-megawatt in Greece.⁹³² The projects will assist Greece to decarbonize its electricity sector, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and diminish its fossil fuel dependency. The solar farms in Kazani are also backed by InvestEU and exist as part of the Western Macedonia Just Transition initiative.

On 23 January 2023, the EIB and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti agreed to provide EUR200 million to public authorities in Italy to support sustainability projects.⁹³³ This investment represents the first partnership between the two institutions focusing solely on public sector green investment. The funds will target renewable energy projects to decarbonize the power system along with projects to support cycling, public transportation, energy efficiency in school and public buildings, and reforestation.

On 26 January 2023, the EIB announced EUR900 million in investments for Greece including measures to reach climate neutrality.⁹³⁴ Approximately 33 per cent of the funds will be directed to projects designed to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency, renewable projects, and smart energy distribution. EUR600 million will flow through the 2021-2027 Partnership Agreement between Greece and the EU and EUR300 million represents support for Greece's Consignment Deposits and Loan Fund under the Antonis Tritsis Sustainable Urban Investment programme.

On 26 January 2023, the European Commission referred Bulgaria and Slovakia to the Court of Justice of the European Union to enforce financial penalties for failing to implement the EU Renewable Energy Directive in

⁹³⁰ EU Cohesion Policy: More than EUR258 million for a just climate transition for Slovenia, European Commission (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7744

⁹³¹ State aid: Commission approves EUR1.2 billion Czech scheme to promote green district heating, European Commission (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7680

⁹³² Greece: InvestEU-EIB backs PPC Renewables for 230MW capacity solar farms to increase renewable production and support just transition efforts in Greece's Western Macedonia Region, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-014-investeu-eib-backs-ppc-renewables-for-230mwp-capacity-solar-farms-to-increase-renewable-energy-production-and-support-just-transition-efforts-in-greece-s-western-macedonia-region>

⁹³³ Italy: EIB and CDP provide public authorities with EUR200 million to fund sustainability projects, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-020-da-bei-e-cdp-200-milioni-alla-pubblica-amministrazione-per-finanziare-progetti-di-sostenibilita>

⁹³⁴ Greece: EIB confirms EUR900 million in vital investments in public sector to support social cohesion, sustainable urban regeneration, and a just transition to climate neutrality, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-025-eib-confirms-eur900-million-of-support-for-vital-investments-in-greece-s-public-sector-to-finance-social-cohesion-sustainable-urban-regeneration-and-a-just-transition-toward-climate-neutrality>

national legislation by June 2021.⁹³⁵ The Commission also sought to have the Court ensure renewable development occurs in the two nations.

On 13 February 2023, the EIB loaned EUR150 million to Iberdrola for renewable energy projects in Italy. Iberdrola will build a portfolio of wind and solar projects across Italy with a capacity of 400 megawatts.⁹³⁶ The small and medium sized wind and photovoltaic plants will largely fall in EU cohesion regions in Southern Italy.

On 15 February 2023, the EIB backed EUR2.4 billion in clean energy projects. These include new renewable energy projects across France, expansion of a clean energy transmission grid in Portugal, Iceland and Romania and construction of three solar plants in Uzbekistan.⁹³⁷ The EIB also confirmed upgrades in the electricity distribution network in Hungary and priority renewable energy investment across Lithuania.

On 15 February 2023, the EIB loaned EUR50 million to Asja Ambiente Italia for the construction of wind and photovoltaic plants.⁹³⁸ The nine facilities include two wind farms in Basilicata and Campania, six solar operations in Sardinia, and repowering of a wind farm in Sicily. The projects to be completed by 2027 will generate some 460 GWh of electricity, equivalent to consumption of approximately 190,000 households.

On 27 February 2023, the EIB increased its financing support of REPowerEU by an additional EUR15 billion.⁹³⁹ This will bring EIB support for the initiative from EUR30 billion to EUR45 billion. The increase in funding aims to accelerate the EU's net zero plans, reduce the union's dependence on fossil fuels and Russian imports and address the green technology supports in the United States' Inflation Reduction Act.

On 3 March 2023, the EIB signed a EUR55 million loan for a wind farm with joint venture partners, Iberdrola, and Caja Rural de Soria. Total investment in the project will be EUR100 million.⁹⁴⁰ The 100-megawatt wind farm in Castilla y Leon will generate clean energy for 69 700 households and will reduce 90 000 tonnes of CO₂ per year. The project represents a REPowerEU initiative to accelerate the green transition and to reduce dependency on Russian fossil fuels.

On 9 March 2023, the EIB signed a new contract with the Greek state to provide technical services from its Advisory Hub to facilitate crucial investments in energy efficiency and renewable projects on smaller, remote

⁹³⁵ Commission decides to refer Bulgaria and Slovakia to the Court of Justice to ensure development of renewable energy, European Commission (Brussels) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 7 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_163

⁹³⁶ Italy: Iberdrola Receives EUR150 million EIB loan for renewable energy, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-055-iberdrola-firma-con-la-bei-un-prestito-verde-di-150-milioni-di-euro-per-la-costruzione-di-parchi-di-rinnovabili-in-italia>

⁹³⁷ EIB Approves EUR5.5 billion Investment for Energy, Business, Transport, Health and Cities, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-060-eib-approves-eur-5-5-billion-investment-for-energy-business-transport-health-and-cities>

⁹³⁸ Italy: InvestEU and EIB Lends EUR50 million to Asja Ambiente Italia to Build Wind and Photovoltaic Power Plants in Basilicata, Campania, Sardinia, and Sicily, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-059-investeu-eib-lends-eur50-million-to-asja-ambiente-italia-to-build-wind-and-photovoltaic-power-plants-in-basilicata-campania-sardinia-and-sicily>

⁹³⁹ EIB Group Forum: President Hoyer Signals Readiness to Boost Green Energy Finance in Support of EU Autonomy and Competitiveness, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-077-eib-group-forum-president-hoyer-signals-readiness-to-boost-green-energy-finance-in-support-of-eu-autonomy-competitiveness>

⁹⁴⁰ EIB Signs EUR55 million green loan for Iberdrola and Caja Rural de Soria for Wind Farm in Castilla y Leon Region, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-089-eib-signs-eur-55-million-green-loan-for-iberdrola-and-caja-rural-de-soria-for-wind-farm-in-castilla-y-leon>

islands.⁹⁴¹ Regions including island and coastal areas along the Ionian Sea, the North and South Aegean, and around Crete will be assisted.

On 15 March 2023, the EIB agreed to lend EUR63.7 million to Landsnet for next generation transmission lines to upgrade Iceland's national power grid and to facilitate the energy transition and incorporation of additional renewable power systems.⁹⁴² Two new transmission lines will improve the interconnectivity between the country's north-eastern and eastern regions. Transmission line work will ensure more homes are reached to be powered by Iceland's 85 per cent renewable generation system and will increase system reliability overall.

On 23 March 2023, the EIB granted a EUR600 million loan to the German utility company Energie Baden-Württemberg to construct a massive offshore wind farm in the North Sea.⁹⁴³ The He Drei wind farm will have a capacity of 960 megawatts and is expected to supply green power to some 1.1 million households. The wind farm will consist of 64 wind turbines, each with 15 MW capacity, and grid connection is scheduled for December 2025.

On 24 March 2023, the EIB signed a EUR450 million green loan contract with Portugal. The green loan contributes to REN's 2022-2026 investment plan to enhance and modernize Portugal's electricity transmission network throughout Portugal. The financing will also support the connection and integration of additional renewable energy projects as part of the REPowerEU plan to reduce use of and dependency on foreign fossil fuels.⁹⁴⁴

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to a fully or predominantly decarbonized power sector, prioritizing concrete and timely steps towards the goal of accelerating phase-out of domestic unabated coal power. The EU strengthened its regulatory regime, increased funding, established strategic partnerships and adopted other measures to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy and secure a just transition away from coal and other fossil fuels for the power sector.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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⁹⁴¹ Greece: EIB Group to provide advisory services to improve sustainable and energy efficient infrastructure projects on smaller, remote islands, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-101-eib-group-to-provide-advisory-services-to-improve-sustainable-and-energy-efficiency-infrastructure-projects-on-smaller-remote-islands-in-greece>

⁹⁴² Iceland: Landsnet gets EUR63.7 million EIB loan for new generation power lines, European Investment Bank, (Luxembourg) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-109-landsnet-gets-usd63-7-million-eib-loan-for-new-generation-power-lines>

⁹⁴³ Germany: EIB co-finances large offshore wind farm in the North Sea with EnBW, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-148-germany-eib-co-finances-large-offshore-wind-farm-in-the-north-sea-with-enbw>

⁹⁴⁴ Portugal: EIB commits EUR450 million green loan to support REN plan for the extension and reinforcement of the electricity transmission network, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-151-eib-commits-eur450-million-green-loan-to-support-ren-plan-for-the-extension-and-reinforcement-of-the-electricity-transmission-network-in-portugal>

5. Energy: Securing Supply

“We will take immediate action to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

Over the decades, G7 leaders have expressed their concerns of the rising tension within the energy sector, the market’s instability and the need for zero-emission energy alternatives. In response to Russia’s ongoing invasion of Ukraine, launched on 24 February 2022, G7 members adopted economic sanctions, and price caps on Russian coal, crude oil, petroleum oils, and other solid fossil fuels.⁹⁴⁵ Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has heavily impacted the global market, specifically in regard to energy, due to the increasing prices of fuel and the suspension of Russian gas delivery, threatening the global energy supply. Despite the recent urgency, efforts to secure energy supply and increase renewable energy have been pushed by G7 leaders since early summits to decrease their dependency on oil and imported energy.

At the 1975 Rambouillet Summit, G7 leaders first introduced the importance of increasing the availability of energy sources to increase economic growth.⁹⁴⁶ At the time, the leaders prioritized reducing their dependency on imported energy through the conservation and development of alternative energy sources.

At the 1977 London Summit, G7 leaders discussed increasing and diversifying energy production to reduce the dependency on oil.⁹⁴⁷ To meet the world’s energy requirements at the time, the G7 leaders agreed on the importance of increasing the supply of nuclear energy while reducing the risks of nuclear proliferation.

At the 1978 Bonn Summit, G7 leaders reiterated their commitment to reducing the dependency on imported oil.⁹⁴⁸ At this summit, G7 leaders agreed to review and speed up their national energy programs and agreed on the importance of efficiently using private and public investment to produce energy in the industrial world. This conversation led to joint and coordinated energy research to hasten the development and efficient use of new and existing energy sources.

⁹⁴⁵ EU response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Consilium Europa EU (Brussels) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-response-ukraine-invasion/>

⁹⁴⁶ Rambouillet Summit G7 Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 July 1975. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1975rambouillet/communique.html>

⁹⁴⁷ London G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 May 1977. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1977london/communique.html>

⁹⁴⁸ Bonn Summit G7 Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 July 1978. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1978bonn/communique.html>

At the 1980 Venice Summit, G7 leaders agreed to expand their nuclear-generating capacity, acknowledging the importance of nuclear power in securing energy supply.⁹⁴⁹ At this summit, the G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring the reliable supply of nuclear fuel while minimizing the risk of nuclear proliferation.

At the 1996 Moscow Summit, G8 leaders agreed on market-oriented strategies to reform the energy sector to promote nuclear safety to address their goal of generating investments and encouraging energy conversation.⁹⁵⁰

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders discussed renewable energy for the first time since 1981. This conversation preceded the findings of the G8 Environment Ministers' Meeting in Otsu and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.⁹⁵¹ At this summit, the leaders committed to investigating renewable energy barriers and solutions in developing countries to combat pollution and climate change.

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 leaders committed to tackling climate change and promoting clean energy.⁹⁵² The leaders committed to taking measures to develop markets for clean energy technologies to increase their availability in developing nations, and to help vulnerable communities to adapt to the impact of climate change.

At the 2009 L'Aquila Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their commitment to advancing technologies such as energy efficiency, solar energy, carbon capture, lower-emissions coal technologies and bioenergy.⁹⁵³ The G8 leaders discussed that a low-carbon economy can promote economic growth and thus, low-cost transformational clean energy is necessary.

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders discussed diversifying energy supply and modernizing energy infrastructure.⁹⁵⁴ To secure energy supply, G7 leaders have agreed to liquefy the natural gas market, including through new supplies, the development of transport infrastructure, storage capabilities and the promotion of flexible gas markets.

At the 2015 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders further discussed the diversification of energy mix, energy fuels, sources and routes of energy supply.⁹⁵⁵ The leaders discussed ensuring a level of public investment, promoting quality infrastructure investment to address effective resource mobilization with the private sector and strengthening cooperation in the cybersecurity of the energy sector.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders agreed to play an important role in providing incentives for emission reduction activities, including domestic policies and carbon policing.⁹⁵⁶ The G7 leaders introduced the idea of establishing the carbon market platform, facilitating energy investments, and encouraging relevant stakeholders. G7 leaders also discussed enhancing well-functioning natural gas markets with great transparency, development of price indices and further strategic view of the liquified natural gas supply chain at a global level.

⁹⁴⁹ Venice Summit G7 Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 June 1980. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1980venice/communique/index.html>

⁹⁵⁰ Moscow Nuclear Safety and Security Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 April 1996. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1996moscow/index.html>

⁹⁵¹ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.html>

⁹⁵² Chairs' Summary, G7 Information Center (Toronto) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/summary.html>

⁹⁵³ G8 L'Aquila Summit: Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2009. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-mef.html>

⁹⁵⁴ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 05 June 2014. Access Date: 05 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

⁹⁵⁵ Leader's Declaration G7 Elmau Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 08 June 2015. Access Date: 05 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en.html>

⁹⁵⁶ G7 Ise-Shima Leader's Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 05 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders agreed to strengthen their collective energy security and ensure open transparent liquid and secure global markets for energy resources and technologies.⁹⁵⁷ The G7 leaders also discussed the importance of monetary policies to ensure price stability in light of price surges.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders discussed the importance of carbon pricing, innovation, and technology collaboration to secure energy supply.⁹⁵⁸ G7 leaders reiterated their commitment to diversifying the energy supply, promoting universal access to affordable energy resources and increasing public-private investments in energy infrastructure.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, the G7 strived to push renewable energy alternatives to holistically “build back better” from the COVID-19 pandemic, as per the roadmap designed by the International Energy Agency and adhere to the targets from the Paris Agreement.⁹⁵⁹ G7 leaders also agreed to increase industrial efforts to stimulate green products and enhance energy efficiency in industries.

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders expressed their concerns for the energy sector in light of Russia’s attack on Ukraine and declared the importance of securing the energy supply in Europe.⁹⁶⁰ Concerned with the increasing energy prices and the market’s instability, G7 leaders agreed to explore additional price reduction measures, provide assistance to developing countries through financial technical capacity support and technology transfer development, develop energy reserves, encourage the increase of production and reduce the dependency on Russian energy and oil from domestic markets.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders committed to “take immediate action to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.”⁹⁶¹ The G7 leaders added that they “will not compromise our climate and biodiversity goals including the energy transition nor on our commitments to phase out our dependency on Russian energy, including by phasing out or banning the import of Russian coal and oil.”⁹⁶² There are two dimensions of this commitment that must be fulfilled to achieve full compliance: 1) taking action to secure energy supply and 2) reducing price surges through price caps or other modes.

“Secure” is understood to mean “to relieve from exposure to danger, act to make safe against adverse contingencies.”⁹⁶³ In the context of this commitment, securing energy supply refers to ensuring there is uninterrupted availability of energy sources; this is often associated with an affordable price.

“Energy supply” refers to the concept of primary energy supply, which is understood to mean “energy production plus energy imports, minus energy exports, minus international bunkers, then plus or minus stock

⁹⁵⁷ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 05 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

⁹⁵⁸ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 09 June 2018. Access Date: 05 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

⁹⁵⁹ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.g7uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Carbis-Bay-G7-Summit-Communique-PDF-430KB-25-pages-3.pdf>

⁹⁶⁰ Elmau Summit G7 Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

⁹⁶¹ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Executive summary, European Council (Brussels) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/28/g7-leaders-communique/>

⁹⁶² Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

⁹⁶³ Achieve, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/secure>

changes”⁹⁶⁴ In the context of this commitment, energy supply refers to the availability of primary energy supply that is accessible at an affordable price.

“Price” is understood to mean “the amount of money given or set as consideration for the sale of a specified thing,” hereby energy.⁹⁶⁵ In the context of this commitment, energy prices refer to the price of energy under its various forms, including but not limited to spot and wholesale electricity and natural gas prices. To “surge” is understood to mean “to rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal value.”⁹⁶⁶

“To explore” is understood to mean “to investigate, study, or analyze,” “to become familiar with by testing or experimenting.”⁹⁶⁷ In the context of this commitment, it refers to addressing the possibility of implementing price caps related to energy.

“Price cap” is understood to mean “a system for regulating the prices of a bundle of services of a regulated firm under which the individual price for each service is not controlled but there is a ceiling on the weighted average of all the prices in the bundle.”⁹⁶⁸ Price caps can be used as tools in a bid to reduce energy prices. The G7 leaders “welcome the decision of the European Union to explore with international partners ways to curb rising energy prices, including the feasibility of introducing temporary import price caps where appropriate.”⁹⁶⁹

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong action in both of the two commitment dimensions: action to secure energy supply and action to reduce energy price surges. Examples of strong actions to secure energy supply can include but are not limited to: signing bilateral contracts for energy supply with trade partners, increasing short-term domestic or multinational energy production, implementing measures for sustainable management of energy reserves, creating an interministerial task force for energy security. Examples of strong actions to reduce price surges can include but are not limited to: implementing price caps on residential electricity prices, providing financial support for vulnerable groups to support energy affordability and reforming energy trade mechanisms to lower costs. An example of overall full compliance includes one action that designates funding to diversify energy supply routes and one action that provides financial support for lower-income households. Furthermore, the G7 committed at this point “to explore” price caps, not to implement price caps. As such, full compliance will be awarded for this part of the commitment should G7 members advance discussions on the possibility of exploring a price cap.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that have taken strong action in one of the two commitment dimensions. For example, if a G7 member were to have signed a long-term natural gas supply contract and failed to implement a price shield for industrial electricity prices, they would have taken strong action in only one commitment dimension. Partial compliance is also assigned when strong actions in one dimension of the commitment are coupled with weak actions in another dimension. Examples of weak actions to secure energy supply can include but are not limited to verbal references to energy supply, organizing meetings with trade partners for establishing supply contracts and measures to secure energy supply without concrete timelines. Examples of weak actions to reduce price surges can include but are not limited to: verbal references to energy prices, organizing meetings with power producers for fighting price surges and expressing the will to reform market structures in order to lower prices. Further, if the G7 member does not explore price caps, this will prevent it from achieving a score of +1.

⁹⁶⁴ Primary Energy Supply, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://data.oecd.org/energy/primary-energy-supply.htm>

⁹⁶⁵ Electric Power Sector, Energy Information Administration (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <https://www.eia.gov/tools/glossary/index.php?id=Electric%20power%20sector>

⁹⁶⁶ Surge, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/surge>

⁹⁶⁷ Explore, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/explore>

⁹⁶⁸ Price Cap Definition, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <https://stats.oecd.org/glossary/detail.asp?ID=6749>

⁹⁶⁹ Elmau Summit G7 Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communiqué.html>

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, will be assigned to any G7 member that fails to meet the threshold of partial compliance, whether by taking only weak action(s) or taking no action toward fulfilling the commitment. For example, if a member solely gives verbal references to energy prices and organizes meetings with power producers then they will be assigned a non-compliance score. Additionally, G7 members can be assigned a non-compliance score if they are actively threatening the security of energy supply. This could include explicitly driving energy price surges.

Scoring Guidelines

–1	The G7 member has taken no strong action to immediately secure energy supply and price surges, including exploring price caps, OR the G7 member has taken strong action to threaten the security of the energy supply
0	The G7 member has taken strong action in ONLY one of the two commitment dimensions: taking action to secure energy supply and reduce energy price surges OR some of both, and has not explored price caps.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action in BOTH of the two commitment dimensions: taking action to secure energy supply and reduce energy price surges, including exploring price caps.

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Canada: +1

Canada has complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 23 August 2022, the Government of Canada signed a joint declaration with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to establish a Canadian-German Hydrogen Alliance.⁹⁷⁰ The strategic alliance emphasizes safeguarding international energy security by facilitating the bilateral trade of hydrogen and its derivatives by 2025. This initiative also explores financial support mechanisms to help government and industry investment planning.

On 24 August 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly announced Canada’s intent to return to Germany the five remaining turbines used in the Russian Nord Stream One pipeline, which provides natural gas to European countries.⁹⁷¹ The federal government qualified the move as “necessary to secure supplies for Germany.”

On 15 September 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced the Low Carbon Economy Fund that over the next four years, Canada would invest up to CAD250 million in funding low-income households especially in Atlantic provinces to switch from heating oil to more affordable home heating sources.⁹⁷²

On 11 October 2022, Minister Joly met with the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi and committed to growing a bilateral energy partnership.⁹⁷³ The partnership is committed to facilitating progress in

⁹⁷⁰ Joint declaration of intent between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on establishing a Canada-Germany Hydrogen Alliance, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/climate-change-adapting-impacts-and-reducing-emissions/canadas-green-future/the-hydrogen-strategy/joint-declaration-intent-between-the-government-canada-and-the-government-the-federal/24607>

⁹⁷¹ Canada will return remaining gas turbines covered under sanction exemption, Joly says, CBC (Ottawa) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-sanction-exemption-five-remaining-turbines-1.6560744>

⁹⁷² Making home heating more affordable for Atlantic Canada and other regions, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/making-home-heating-more-affordable-for-atlantic-canada-and-other-regions.html>

⁹⁷³ Canada-Japan Action Plan for contributing to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-japan-action-plan-for-contributing-to-a-free-and-open-indo-pacific-region.html>

the energy transition, performing technical exchanges on nuclear technology, and strengthening critical minerals supply chains.

On 11 October 2022, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland announced that Canada will fast-track energy and mining projects to achieve Canada's net-zero targets, reduce its dependency on oil giants, encourage investment in Canada's natural source sector and support allies in responding to the energy crisis.⁹⁷⁴

On 26 October 2022, Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson noted the importance of Canadian nuclear energy in securing the global energy supply.⁹⁷⁵ Minister Wilkinson introduced a series of small nuclear reactors (SMR) projects to be deployed in 2026. Minister Wilkinson discussed the Canadian government's list of SMR investment programs to support their development to further support Canada's transition to nuclear energy and strengthen the country's supply of new and reliable energy sources.

On 4 November 2022, Minister Joly met with G7 foreign ministers and agreed to encourage oil-producing countries to increase production.⁹⁷⁶ G7 members will also finalize a price cap on seaborne Russian oil.

On 22 November 2022, the Government of Canada announced an increase in the Climate Action Incentive Payment (CAI) amounts to support households in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, starting in 2023 to align with the high federal fuel charge.⁹⁷⁷ Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will start receiving CAI payments in July 2023.

On 30 November 2022, the Government of Canada approved the expansion of the NOVA Gas Transmission Limited West Path Delivery 2023 pipeline project.⁹⁷⁸ 40 kilometres of natural gas pipelines will be added in southwestern Alberta to increase the Canadian natural gas supply.

On 7 December 2022, Canada and G7+ partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from "providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil" should the price per barrel exceed this cap.⁹⁷⁹

On 9 December 2022, recognizing the importance of critical minerals in the development of energy sources, Canada announced its Critical Minerals Strategy which develops Canadian resources to support its development of clean energy. The project aims to enhance energy security and secure global supply by establishing a secure

⁹⁷⁴ Canada will fast-track energy and mining projects important to allies: Freeland, Financial Post (Toronto) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://financialpost.com/commodities/energy/canada-will-fast-track-energy-and-mining-projects-important-to-allies-freeland>

⁹⁷⁵ Canada's national statement on nuclear energy, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/canadas-national-statement-on-nuclear-energy--the-honourable-jonathan-wilkinson-minister-of-natural-resources--the-international-atomic-energy-agency.html>

⁹⁷⁶ G7 foreign ministers statement, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g7/documents/2022-11-04-joint-statement-declaration-commune.aspx?lang=eng

⁹⁷⁷ Climate Action Incentive payment amounts for 2023-24, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/11/climate-action-incentive-payment-amounts-for-2023-24.html>

⁹⁷⁸ Government of Canada approves West Path Delivery 2023 Project, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-approves-west-path-delivery-2023-project.html>

⁹⁷⁹ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

and reliable energy supply chain, increasing global alliances, and placing Canada as a main global supplier of clean energy.⁹⁸⁰

On 19 January 2023, Minister Wilkinson concluded a trade mission featuring 16 Canadian companies and organizations to strengthen the collaboration between Canada and Japan on energy security.⁹⁸¹ Minister Wilkinson also highlighted opportunities for further cooperation with Japan on critical minerals and hydrogen.

On 4 February 2023, Canada with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.⁹⁸²

On 22 February 2023, Member of Parliament for Central Nova Sean Fraser and Member of Parliament Heath MacDonald announced, on behalf of Minister Wilkinson, the registration for the Oil to Heat Pump Affordability (OHPA) Program in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has opened.⁹⁸³ The program subsidizes low-to-median income Canadian households to transition to electric cold-climate heat pumps by providing a CAD5000 incentive toward the purchase and installation of new cold-climate heat pumps that will reduce their annual heating bills.

On 23 February 2023, Julie Dabrusin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources, launched the Enabling Small Modular Reactors Program.⁹⁸⁴ The program aims at supporting supply chains for SMR manufacturing and fund research on SMR waste management with a four-year investment of CAD29.6 million.

On 7 March 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced an investment of CAD344 million for Canadian Critical Minerals Development as part of the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy backed by CAD3.8 billion in federal funding.⁹⁸⁵ The newly announced development plan funds research and supply chains that support the demand for clean energy.

On 27 March 2023, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and US President Joe Biden affirmed to enhance partnership on nuclear energy and technology to facilitate the use of advanced nuclear power globally and strengthen the global nuclear fuel supply chain to secure energy supply.⁹⁸⁶

On 28 March 2023, the Government of Canada announced the Budget for 2023 which sees a launch of new investments in clean electricity to provide and secure clean and affordable energy for Canadians.⁹⁸⁷

⁹⁸⁰ Minister Wilkinson Releases Canada's \$3.8-billion Critical Minerals Strategy to Seize Generational Opportunity for Clean, Inclusive Growth, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/minister-wilkinson-releases-canadas-38-billion-critical-minerals-strategy-to-seize-generational-opportunity-for-clean-inclusive-growth.html>

⁹⁸¹ Minister Wilkinson positions Canada as a clean energy and technology supplier of choice to Japan, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/01/minister-wilkinson-positions-canada-as-a-clean-energy-and-technology-supplier-of-choice-to-japan.html>

⁹⁸² Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

⁹⁸³ Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Grant (Nova Scotia), Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/oil-to-heat-pump-affordability-grant.html>

⁹⁸⁴ Canada Launches New Small Modular Reactor Funding Program, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/02/canada-launches-new-small-modular-reactor-funding-program.html>

⁹⁸⁵ Minister Wilkinson Announces Over \$344 Million for Canadian Critical Minerals Development, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/03/minister-wilkinson-announces-over-344-million-for-canadian-critical-minerals-development.html>

⁹⁸⁶ Joint Statement Between the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of Natural Resources of Canada on Nuclear Energy Cooperation, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/03/joint-statement-between-the-department-of-energy-of-the-united-states-of-america-and-the-department-of-natural-resources-of-canada-on-nuclear-energ.html>

⁹⁸⁷ A Made-In-Canada Plan: Affordable Energy, Good Jobs, and a Growing Clean Economy (Ottawa) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2023/report-rapport/chap3-en.html#a5>

On 30 March 2023, Minister Wilkinson highlighted Canada's upcoming projects with Germany on the export and production of clean hydrogen to secure Canadian and German energy supply.⁹⁸⁸

Canada has complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. To respond to the current energy crisis, Canada has made multiple proposals and partnerships to secure the energy supply. Moreover, Canada has announced plans to reduce energy price surges and met extraordinary market conditions, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, with a price cap.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 28 June 2022, the French government confirmed the construction of a new liquified natural gas terminal in Le Havre to aid the security of the French energy supply.⁹⁸⁹ The new terminal will enable France to access 3.9 million tonnes of natural gas imported from the United States and Canada.

On 18 July 2022, France signed an energy cooperation deal with the United Arab Emirates.⁹⁹⁰ The deal signed aims to diversify France's energy supply and to break away from Russian energy dependence.

On 28 July 2022, the Ministry of Energy Transition announced emergency measures to accelerate the development of renewable energies.⁹⁹¹ It aims to increase investments in renewable projects in a bid to ensure French energy independence by increasing the importance of renewables in its domestic energy mix.⁹⁹²

On 14 September 2022, the French government announced a cap on energy price hikes at 15 per cent in 2023.⁹⁹³ The aim is to dampen the inflationary impacts on consumers.

On 14 September 2022, the French government introduced an energy check of EUR100 to EUR200 for low-income households.⁹⁹⁴ 12 million households will receive the aid to support them with rising energy costs.

⁹⁸⁸ Minister Wilkinson Marks Progress in Supplying Germany With Clean, Reliable Energy (Berlin) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/03/minister-wilkinson-marks-progress-in-supplying-germany-with-clean-reliable-energy.html>

⁹⁸⁹ Crise énergétique : un terminal GNL flottant sera construit dans le port du Havre, La Tribune (Paris) 28 June 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/industrie/energie-environnement/crise-energetique-elisabeth-borne-pleins-gaz-sur-le-terminal-gnl-flottant-du-havre-923499.html>

⁹⁹⁰ La France et les Emirats arabes unis signent un accord de partenariat stratégique global sur la coopération énergétique, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 18 July 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/france-et-emirats-arabes-unis-signent-accord-partenariat-strategique-global-sur-cooperation>

⁹⁹¹ Agnès Pannier-Runacher annonce des mesures d'urgence pour accélérer le développement de la production d'énergies renouvelables, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 28 July 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 6 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/agnes-pannier-runacher-annonce-des-mesures-durgence-acceler-developpement-production-denergies>

⁹⁹² Projet de loi relatif à l'accélération de la production d'énergie renouvelables, Sénat Français (Paris) 26 September 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 6 November 2022 <http://www.senat.fr/leg/pjl21-889.html>

⁹⁹³ La hausse des prix de l'électricité et du gaz limitée à 15% en 2023, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 14 September 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/la-hausse-des-prix-de-lelectricite-et-du-gaz-limitee-a-15-en-2023>

⁹⁹⁴ Chèque énergie exceptionnel en 2022 : 100 to 200 € supplémentaires, Service Public (Paris) 19 September 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 24 October 2022. <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/actualites/A15168>

On 6 October 2022, the French government announced its energy sobriety plan.⁹⁹⁵ The plan's objective is to cut energy consumption by 10 per cent by 2024 by incentivising the state, businesses, communities, and individuals to slash energy use as a means to secure its energy supply.

On 27 October 2022, the Ministry of Energy revealed the implementation of an “electricity shock absorber,” starting in January 2023.⁹⁹⁶ The aid is aimed towards businesses that have not benefited from the tariff shield, enabling the reduction of annual electricity prices to EUR180 per megawatt-hour for qualifying businesses.

On 7 December 2022, France and G7-plus partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from “providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil” should the price per barrel exceed this cap.⁹⁹⁷

On 10 December 2022, the French government announced plans to explore geothermal energy.⁹⁹⁸ It is estimated that such an energy source would save 100 terawatt-hours of energy annually.

On 24 January 2023, the French Senate adopted a bill which aimed to accelerate the procedures around the construction of nuclear facilities to increase energy supply.⁹⁹⁹ At the same time, the bill will also push back France's planned reduction target in the share of nuclear power in its energy mix from 75 per cent to 50 per cent from 2025 to 2035.

On 4 February 2023, France with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰⁰⁰

On 10 March 2023, France and the United Kingdom signed two energy partnerships during the 36th Franco-British summit.¹⁰⁰¹ These agreements aim to enhance energy cooperation with an emphasis on nuclear energy, ensuring energy resilience. Additionally, the partnerships enable greater collaboration between the two states for low-carbon technologies such as hydrogen, capture and storage, and offshore wind, securing energy supply.

On 21 March 2023, the French National Assembly adopted the Nuclear Acceleration Bill.¹⁰⁰² The bill's objective is to ease administrative delays in order to build six new European Pressurized Reactors by 2035 to enhance nuclear energy supply.¹⁰⁰³

⁹⁹⁵ Plan de sobriété énergétique, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 6 October 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 4 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/dp-plan-sobriete.pdf>

⁹⁹⁶ Mise en place de l'amortisseur électricité au 1er janvier 2023, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 29 November 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Date Access: 20 December 2022. <https://entreprendre.service-public.fr/actualites/A16101>

⁹⁹⁷ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

⁹⁹⁸ Responsabilité climatique. La géothermie de surface : une arme puissante, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 12 December 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/responsabilite-climatique-la-geothermie-de-surface-une-arme-puissante>

⁹⁹⁹ Construction de nouvelles installations nucléaires, Sénat Français (Paris) 24 January 2023. Translation provided by analyst. Access Date: 8 March 2023. http://www.senat.fr/espace_presse/actualites/202301/construction_de_nouvelles_installations_nucleaires.html

¹⁰⁰⁰ Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰⁰¹ New UK-France partnership to bring 'more energy security and independence,' UK Government (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-france-partnership-to-bring-more-energy-security-and-independence>

¹⁰⁰² Accélération du nucléaire: le projet de loi largement adopté à l'assemblée, LCP Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 21 March 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://lcp.fr/actualites/acceleration-du-nucleaire-le-projet-de-loi-largement-adopte-a-l-assemblee-174108>

¹⁰⁰³ France's Assemblée Nationale adopts 'nuclear acceleration' bill on first reading, Le Monde (Paris) 21 March 2023. Access Date 12 April 2023. https://www.lemonde.fr/en/france/article/2023/03/21/france-s-assemblee-nationale-adopts-nuclear-acceleration-bill-on-first-reading_6020219_7.html

France has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. France has taken steps to limit the effects of price surges on its citizens by capping energy prices and subsidizing energy bills. Simultaneously, France has sought to secure its energy supply by diversifying its energy mix, decreasing its energy consumption, and reaching energy deals with foreign nations to reduce its dependence on Russia.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Spencer Lambert

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 23 August 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signed an agreement to export hydrogen fuel to Europe from Eastern Canada.¹⁰⁰⁴ This deal would contribute to expanding the hydrogen economy in Germany and deepen Germany's partnerships with other countries to diversify energy supply.

On 27 September 2022, Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck hosted the world's largest trade fair for wind energy where more than 1,400 companies and exhibitors presenting technologies and developments attended.¹⁰⁰⁵ To respond to the energy crisis, Minister Habeck expressed the urgency to transition toward renewable sources and the expansion of wind energy to ensure a sustainable and secure energy supply for Germany and the continent.

On 28 September 2022, the Cabinet passed three amendments within the Energy Security Ordinance to act upon short-term saving measures to take place from September until 28 February 2023.¹⁰⁰⁶ The adjustments include a "lighting ban for public non-residential buildings and monuments, a limit in illumination for marketing and advertising purposes, and a ban on specific types of heating, specifically swimming and bathing pools. These initiatives will help save energy consumption to secure energy supply.

On 29 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz, Minister Habeck and Finance Minister Christian Lindner announced a protective shield of USD200 billion to reduce rising energy costs.¹⁰⁰⁷ This Economic and Stabilization Fund will help citizens and businesses afford for the high prices in electricity and gas and build up a shield against Russia's efforts to destabilize Germany through their energy supply power.¹⁰⁰⁸ Some measures regarding the financial defense shield include replacing the gas levy to diversify for gas importers, slowing down rising energy prices and supporting companies by curbing electricity costs.¹⁰⁰⁹ Regarding this initiative, Minister

¹⁰⁰⁴ Canada and Germany sign agreement to enhance German Energy Security with clean Canadian hydrogen, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/08/canada-and-germany-sign-agreement-to-enhance-german-energy-security-with-clean-canadian-hydrogen.html>

¹⁰⁰⁵ Bundesminister Habeck eröffnet die weltweit größte Windenergie-Messe, WindEnergy Hamburg, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Hamburg) 27 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/09/20220927-bundesminister-habeck-eroffnet-die-weltweit-grosste-windenergie-messe-windenergy-hamburg.html>

¹⁰⁰⁶ Kabinett beschließt Anpassungen bei Energieeinspar-Verordnung, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 28 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/09/20220928-kabinett-beschliesst-anpassungen-bei-energieeinspar-verordnung.html>

¹⁰⁰⁷ 200 billion euros for economic protective shield, Bundesregierung (Berlin) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/protective-shield-2131014>

¹⁰⁰⁸ Bundesregierung spannt Abwehrschirm auf, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin), 30 September 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Artikel/Energie/bundesregierung-spannt-abwehrschirm-auf.html>

¹⁰⁰⁹ 200 billion euros for economic protective shield, Bundesregierung (Berlin) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/protective-shield-2131014>

Habeck would plan to support affected businesses and the public by also ensuring secure employment levels when setting manageable prices.

On 19 October 2022, Minister Habeck commissioned a draft law within the Nuclear Law for the three nuclear power stations to continue service until 15 April 2023.¹⁰¹⁰ By keeping these stations running, the Federal Government makes it more likely to get through the winter safely to avoid electricity shortages. The plants are only kept in service until 15 April, before more tons of new fuel are required to power them and exhaust the energy supply for this action.

On 25 October 2022, President of Excelerate Energy Steve Kobos and the State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Economics Thomas Staffen signed an agreement to build the fifth domestic floating liquid gas terminal, projected to start operating in the autumn of 2023.¹⁰¹¹ The goal of this project is to strengthen independence from pipeline natural gas, including Russian imports, and create the infrastructure and foundations to secure gas supply. Following the new government's gas triad "diversify, save, replace," the project will be implemented as soon as possible with state aid.

On 2 November 2022, Transport Minister Volker Wissing announced that Germany will introduce a 49-euro ticket starting in January to help consumers mitigate soaring levels of inflation.¹⁰¹² The "Deutschland" ticket will cost approximately EUR3 billion as financed by the Federal and state governments. This initiative follows a similar initiative taken during the summer to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and ease consumer price burdens with the 9-euro ticket, which reduced approximately two million tons of carbon dioxide from June to August.¹⁰¹³

On 17 November 2022, Mayor of Hamburg Peter Tschentscher and Minister Habeck decided on the location for a terminal of green ammonia to Germany from Import, strengthening the hydrogen economy for the long-run and green energy supply.¹⁰¹⁴ Hydrogen is a key element to sustain a climate-neutral economy which will help to reach independence and secure a sustainable energy supply for Germany in the future.

On 25 November 2022, the Chancellery and Minister Habeck adopted draft laws for electricity, heat and gas breaks to relieve consumers and the German economy from rising energy prices.¹⁰¹⁵ The price breaks allow for the protection of households, hospitals, companies and other institutions by setting an upper limit for consumption proportionately. The price breaks will be applied from March 2023 until April 2024.

On 30 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with representatives from the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, the World Bank and the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and

¹⁰¹⁰ Energy supply security is key- Nuclear power stations kept in service on a temporary basis, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/nuclear-power-continued-operation-2135918>

¹⁰¹¹ Unterzeichnung des Chartervertrags für das fünfte schwimmende LNG Terminal (FSRU), Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 25 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/10/20221025-unterzeichnung-des-chartervertrags-fur-das-funfte-schwimmende-lng-terminal.html>

¹⁰¹² For Cohesion in our society, Bundesregierung (Berlin) 6 December 2022. Access Date 04 January 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/one-year-federal-government-2152986>

¹⁰¹³ Germany to let commuters ride buses and trains for 49 euros a month, Reuters (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. (<https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/germany-let-commuters-ride-buses-trains-49-euros-month-2022-11-02/>)

¹⁰¹⁴ Habeck: Erstes Importterminal für grünen Ammoniak kommt nach Hamburg- Standortentscheidung ist Wegmarke für Hochlauf der Wasserstoffwirtschaft", Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 17 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/11/20221117-habeck-erstes-importterminal-fur-grunen-ammoniak-kommt-nach-hamburg-wegmarke-fur-hochlauf-der-wasserstoffwirtschaft.html>

¹⁰¹⁵ Bundeskabinett verabschiedet Gas- und Strompreisbremse – Wichtige Entlastung für Verbraucherinnen und Verbraucher und die Wirtschaft, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/11/20221125-bundeskabinett-verabschiedet-gas-und-strompreisbremse-wichtige-entlastung-fur-verbraucherinnen-und-verbraucher-und-die-wirtschaft.html>

Development about the surge in prices and energy security issues and discussed the need for “smart globalization” to boost resilience and reduce dependencies in order to solve the energy crisis.¹⁰¹⁶ During these discussions for collaboration, Chancellor Scholz emphasized current long-term supply contracts for liquefied gas, ensuring a wider diversification of gas-supplying countries to better secure supply.

On 7 December 2022, Germany and G7-plus partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from “providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil” should the price per barrel exceed this cap.¹⁰¹⁷

On 13 December 2022, the National Climate Protection Initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection continued the “Electricity Saving Check” project with a funding of 39 million euros.¹⁰¹⁸ According to Minister Habeck, this project will help people with low incomes receive free concrete advice and aids for energy saving such as LED lights and water-saving shower heads. These small actions are effective in quickly saving energy and further securing the energy supply for the winter amid the energy crisis and soaring prices.

On 15 December 2022, the Bundestag passed bills for electricity and price breaks to increase the fund for the economy and consumers to better endure heating hardship through support.¹⁰¹⁹ The resolution will limit the rising energy costs by setting an upper limit to relieve pressure for households, companies, hospitals, cultural institutions, etc. The relief takes place automatically and will be effective for the whole of 2023. The electricity, gas and heat prices brakes come from the EUR200 billion economic defense shield approved before.

On 21 December 2022, the European Commission approved modifications which support Germany’s Renewable Energy Act to further contribute to meeting energy and environmental targets in accordance with EU State aid rules.¹⁰²⁰ This scheme is necessary as it promotes production for renewable energy sources.

On 24 December 2022, the Cabinet brought into force the laws for electricity, gas and heat price brakes that were introduced a month ago.¹⁰²¹ With the price brake laws, the Federal Government funds heat and gas price breaks from the EUR 200 billion providing security of gas for companies and consumers. Similarly, the electricity brake provides caps electricity at 40 cent per kilowatt, which decreases the harm to consumers and companies from the rising prices. Coming into place in January 2023, the price brakes will continue until April 2024.

On 31 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz and Argentina’s President Alberto Angel Fernández signed letters of intent to intensify partnership in the energy transition and dialogue.¹⁰²² Chancellor Scholz emphasized the potential of trade relations with Argentina and other Latin American countries during his state visit in Latin America to expand cooperation for renewable energy.

¹⁰¹⁶ Strengthening the multilateral order together, Bundesregierung (Berlin) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-multilateralism-2146746>

¹⁰¹⁷ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

¹⁰¹⁸ Habeck stärkt Energiesparhilfen für einkommesschwache Haushalte, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221213-habeck-starkt-energiesparhilfen-fur-einkommesschwache-haushalte.html>

¹⁰¹⁹ Bundestag beschließt Energiepreisbremsen – Wichtige Entlastungen für Verbraucherinnen und Verbraucher, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 15 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221215-bundestag-beschliesst-energiepreisbremsen.html>

¹⁰²⁰ State aid: Commission approves modification of German scheme to support electricity production from renewable energy sources, European Commission (Brussels) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7794

¹⁰²¹ Energy price brakes are entering into effect, The Federal Government (Berlin) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/energy-price-brakes-2156430>

¹⁰²² Further development of excellent relations with Latin America, The Federal Government (Berlin) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-in-latin-america-2161914>

On 4 February 2023, Germany with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰²³

On 14 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz and Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo and consolidated efforts for their collaboration with energy supply during the Belgian-German energy summit in Zeebrugge.¹⁰²⁴ Both leaders expressed their hopes to expand LNG capacities to make use within the European market. This cooperation ensures a secure energy supply during the transformation towards a carbon-neutral economy.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. Notably, Germany has taken concrete actions to diversify its energy sector by transitioning to renewable sources, thus reducing dependence on Russian gas and reinforcing the security of its energy supply, despite challenges during the winter. In recent times, Germany has implemented regulations aimed at curtailing energy consumption across its states, whilst simultaneously assisting consumers through subsidies aimed at supporting energy bills payments.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ana Maria Guevara

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 8 August 2022, the European Commission approved an Italian scheme for Italy to diversify its energy supply by constructing and operating biomethane production plants via the Recovery and Resilience Facility.¹⁰²⁵ The approval of operating biomethane production plants will allow Italy to become less dependent on Russian fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In September 2022, the government announced the "National Plan for Containment of Natural Gas Consumption" to decrease gas consumption as one of the strategies for reducing dependence on Russian gas and diversifying its energy supplies.¹⁰²⁶

On 18 October 2022, the International Energy Agency published a fuel report on its member Italy, outlining its further implementation of the natural gas emergency plan to diversify energy supply and reduce dependency on Russian gas imports.¹⁰²⁷ The report notes Italy's solidarity arrangements with other EU countries to protect energy supply for the citizens of the countries in question. Italy signed an agreement with Slovenia in early 2022 and is holding ongoing discussions with France and Germany.

¹⁰²³ Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰²⁴ Expanding upon our current collaboration, The Federal Government (Berlin) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/energy-meeting-belgium-2165384>

¹⁰²⁵ State aid: Commission approves Italian scheme under Recovery and Resilience Facility to support biomethane production, European Commission (Brussels) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4803

¹⁰²⁶ Italy Country Commercial Guide- Natural Gas & Renewable Energy, International Trade Administration U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 26 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/italy-natural-gas-renewable-energy>

¹⁰²⁷ Italy Natural Gas Security Policy, IEA (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date 9 November 2022. <https://www.iea.org/articles/italy-natural-gas-security-policy>

On 19 October 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance published a decree detailing the extension of economic measures to reduce the excise duty rates on fuel-related energy products, including liquefied petroleum gasses, to decrease energy prices for Italians.¹⁰²⁸

On 20 October 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance published a decree outlining a value-added tax reduction to 5% for natural gas used for motor fuel.¹⁰²⁹ In an attempt to stabilize natural gas prices related to motor fuels, the decree exempts natural gas used for motor fuel from excise duty.

On 29 October 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance published a decree outlining a list of energy tax credits for businesses to purchase electric energy and natural gas with the aim of reducing the overall quarterly spending for businesses on energy.¹⁰³⁰ This measure aims to mitigate the cost of energy.¹⁰³¹

On 13 November 2022, the state-owned energy company Eni announced the first liquefied natural gas cargo departed for its Coral South project in Mozambique to develop gas resources to diversify Italy's energy supply.¹⁰³² Mozambique is one of the several African countries Italy has turned to, demonstrating a shift from energy dependence on Russia to gas suppliers in Africa.

On 7 December 2022, Italy and G7-plus partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from "providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil" should the price per barrel exceed this cap.¹⁰³³

On 29 December 2022, the Senate approved the 2023 budget which sees the allocation of EUR23 billion for energy-price reduction measures which will in turn increase aid to households and businesses.¹⁰³⁴

On 23 January 2023, the Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto announced that Italy and Algeria have agreed to a new piece of energy mosaic that will diversify Italian energy sources.¹⁰³⁵

On 4 February 2023, Italy with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰³⁶

¹⁰²⁸ Update of the Economic and Financial Document, Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2023. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/export/sites/sitodt/modules/documenti_it/analisi_progammazione/documenti_programmatici/nadef_2022/NADEF-2022_ENG_NOVEMBER.pdf

¹⁰²⁹ Update of the Economic and Financial Document, Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2023. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/export/sites/sitodt/modules/documenti_it/analisi_progammazione/documenti_programmatici/nadef_2022/NADEF-2022_ENG_NOVEMBER.pdf

¹⁰³⁰ Crediti d'imposta in favore delle imprese per l'acquisto di energia elettrica e gas naturale, Agenzia dell'Entrate (Rome) 29 November 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 04 January 2023. <https://www.agenziaentrate.gov.it/portale/documents/20143/4785312/Circolare+n+36+crediti+energia+gas+terzo+e+quarto+trimestre+ore+15.pdf/32a47299-8df0-80ef-f5af-a87059763865>

¹⁰³¹ Update of the Economic and Financial Document, Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 04 January 2023. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/export/sites/sitodt/modules/documenti_it/analisi_progammazione/documenti_programmatici/nadef_2022/NADEF-2022_ENG_NOVEMBER.pdf

¹⁰³² Africa, Eni (Rome) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 14 November 2022. <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/eni-worldwide/africa.html>

¹⁰³³ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

¹⁰³⁴ Le principali misure della manovra 2023, Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 29 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 04 January 2023. <https://www.mef.gov.it/focus/Le-principali-misure-della-manovra-2023/>

¹⁰³⁵ Italia - Algeria: Pichetto, accordi nuovo tassello del mosaico energetico, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 01 March 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/italia-algeria-pichetto-accordi-nuovo-tassello-del-mosaico-energetico>

¹⁰³⁶ Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

On 7 February 2023, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security declared that sixty-nine landfills have been reclaimed or made safe.¹⁰³⁷ This action allows Italy to achieve their zero waste target and the possibility of energy recovery of materials.

On 16 February 2023, Minister Pichetto introduced a decree-law, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, to simplify the measures of the environment and energy to focus on the deployment of plants powered by renewable sources.¹⁰³⁸ Simplification of the measures aims to reduce the exploitation of landfills and quarries, install photovoltaic cells easier, streamline areas for industrial, artisanal and commercial use, implement single authorization for renewable energy plants, simplify energy storage and a fast-track system for the development of renewable hydrogen.

On 17 March 2023, Minister Pichetto and Minister of Enterprise Adolfo Urso signed a ministerial decree aimed at strengthening production coordination at the regional level, particularly addressing environmental concerns related to purification plants.¹⁰³⁹ The decree is expected to enhance energy security and ensure that environmental issues are closely monitored, reflecting the government's commitment to sustainable development.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. Italy has taken measures to diversify its energy supplies by contracting with North African countries whilst the government is initiating a package of measures to lower energy prices, increase gas output, and preserve stocks.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gorduyus

Japan: +1

Japan has complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 20 July 2022, Minister of Economy Koichi Hagiuda attended the 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial held online by the United States.¹⁰⁴⁰ Minister Hagiuda remarked that the Task Force on Strategic Goods and Energy Supply Chains has implemented measures to secure energy supplies affected by the invasion of Ukraine.

On 3 September 2022, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Yasutoshi Nishimura told CNBC at the G20 ministers' meeting that Japan will increase dependency on nuclear energy to secure supply and increase self-sufficiency.¹⁰⁴¹

¹⁰³⁷ Ambiente, Pichetto: "Dal 2017 bonificate 69 discariche," Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 01 March 2023.

<https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/ambiente-pichetto-dal-2017-bonificate-69-discariche>

¹⁰³⁸ PNRR: MASE, rinnovabili più semplici e corsia veloce idrogeno, le novità per ambiente ed energia, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 16 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 01 March 2023.

<https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/dl-pnrr-mase-rinnovabili-piu-semplici-e-corsia-veloce-idrogeno-le-novita-ambiente-ed>

¹⁰³⁹ Priolo: Pichetto, con decreto massima attenzione a nodi ambientali, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 17 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 April 2023.

<https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/priolo-pichetto-con-decreto-massima-attenzione-nodi-ambientali>

¹⁰⁴⁰ Minister Hagiuda Attends 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 21 July 2022.

Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0721_001.html

¹⁰⁴¹ Nuclear power is key for Japan's energy security and carbon neutrality goals, minister says, CNBC (Tokyo) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/05/nuclear-power-is-key-for-japans-energy-security-yasutoshi-nishimura.html>

On 26 September 2022, State Minister Nakatani Shinichi met with Pakistani ministers at the Asia Green Growth Partnership Ministerial Meeting (AGGPM).¹⁰⁴² They shared a common recognition that Japan and Pakistan would facilitate energy transitions and ensure sufficient energy.

On 26 September 2022, State Minister Nakatani met with Brunei ministers at the Hydrogen Energy Ministerial Meeting and at AGGPM.¹⁰⁴³ They discussed bilateral energy cooperation, including a stable supply of liquefied natural gas.

On 11 October 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi met with Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly and committed to growing a bilateral energy partnership.¹⁰⁴⁴ The partnership is committed to facilitating progress in the energy transition, performing technical exchanges on nuclear technology, and strengthening critical minerals supply chains.

On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced a relief measure to reduce consumer electricity bills by 20 per cent.¹⁰⁴⁵ The government also addressed plans in reducing the price of natural gas and gasoline.

On 2 December 2022, Minister Nishimura signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Kadri Simon, European Commissioner for Energy on promoting further cooperation regarding hydrogen.

On 2 December 2022, the Parliament enacted a JPY28.92 trillion extra budget to reduce recessionary pressure on the economy and relieve the inflationary burden on households.¹⁰⁴⁶

On 7 December 2022, Japan and G7+ partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from “providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil” should the price per barrel exceed this cap.¹⁰⁴⁷

On 22 December 2022, the Government of Japan approved plans to restart nuclear reactors, increase their lifespan, and develop new reactors to increase the Japanese energy supply.¹⁰⁴⁸

On 9 January 2023, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Yasutoshi Nishimura met with the United States Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm to discuss further investments in the United States to enhance energy security and develop new reactors, maximize the use of existing reactors and fuel supply chains to secure energy supply.¹⁰⁴⁹

¹⁰⁴² State Minister Nakatani Holds Meetings with Ministers and Officials from Various Countries, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0721_001.html

¹⁰⁴³ State Minister Nakatani Holds Meetings with Ministers and Officials from Various Countries, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0927_004.html

¹⁰⁴⁴ Canada-Japan Action Plan for contributing to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-japan-action-plan-for-contributing-to-a-free-and-open-indo-pacific-region.html>

¹⁰⁴⁵ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Tokyo) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202210/_00023.html

¹⁰⁴⁶ Japan enacts ¥29 trillion extra budget to blunt inflation impact (Tokyo) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/12/02/business/extra-budget-clears-parliament/>

¹⁰⁴⁷ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

¹⁰⁴⁸ Japan approves nuclear energy U-turn to avert crisis, Financial Times (Tokyo) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.ft.com/content/721b66c6-fd73-432f-ae9f-fe59befba2cf>

¹⁰⁴⁹ Joint Statement Between METI and the U.S. Department of Energy on Cooperation toward Energy Security and Clean Energy Transition, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

On 17 January 2023, the government laid out a JPY7 subsidy per kilowatt-hour for electricity and a JPY30 subsidy per cubic meter for gas from January to August 2023 as promised from the 20 per cent reduction of energy bills in October 2022.¹⁰⁵⁰

On 18 January 2023, Minister Nakatani met with the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson to agree on strengthening cooperation in the energy sector.¹⁰⁵¹ They discussed the need for energy security, an improved nuclear supply chain and opportunities for corporations to clean energy and a stable supply of critical minerals.

On 4 February 2023, Japan with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰⁵²

On 2 March 2023, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Makoto Nagamine met with the Secretary General of the International Energy Forum Joseph McMonigle.¹⁰⁵³ They discussed the significance of upstream investment to stabilize the international crude oil market and challenges regarding soaring energy prices.

On 28 March 2023, Ambassador of Japan to the US Tomita Koji and the US Trade Representative Katherine Tai signed the Japan-US Minerals Agreement to strengthen collaboration on sustainable and equitable supply chains for critical minerals.¹⁰⁵⁴

Japan has complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. Japan has formed alliances, launched a task force and implemented price caps.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Michael Ma

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 29 July 2022, the British government announced a GBP400 energy grant for all households.¹⁰⁵⁵ It aims to make energy more affordable for British citizens.

On 29 September 2022, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy announced that GBP1.5 billion will be invested to improve energy efficiency.¹⁰⁵⁶ Around 130,000 low-income households will benefit as they will receive energy-efficient upgrades, slashing energy consumption and energy bills by GBP700.

¹⁰⁵⁰ New Subsidy to Cut Energy Bills in Japan, But Price Hikes Loom, Nippon News (Tokyo) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.nippon.com/en/japan-data/h01550/>

¹⁰⁵¹ State Minister Nakatani Holds Meeting with Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources Canada (Tokyo) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0118_001.html

¹⁰⁵² Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰⁵³ Parliamentary Vice-Minister Nagamine Holds Meeting with Mr. McMonigle, Secretary General of the International Energy Forum, IEF (Tokyo) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0302_001.html

¹⁰⁵⁴ Signing of the Japan-U.S. Critical Minerals Agreement (CMA) (Tokyo) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0328_001.html

¹⁰⁵⁵ £400 energy bills discount to support households this winter, UK Government (London) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/400-energy-bills-discount-to-support-households-this-winter>

¹⁰⁵⁶ £1.5 billion to improve energy efficiency and slash bills, UK Government (London) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/15-billion-to-improve-energy-efficiency-and-slash-bills>

On 1 October 2022, the British government introduced the Energy Price Guarantee.¹⁰⁵⁷ The policy will cap energy prices, resulting in households that use a certain amount of gas and electricity paying GBP2,500 per annum.

On 28 November 2022, the British government set a new target to reduce energy consumption by 15 per cent by 2030.¹⁰⁵⁸ The government will allocate GBP6 million to the introduction of new insulation schemes and the expansion of the government public awareness campaign surrounding the energy issue.

On 29 November 2022, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak confirmed the development of the Sizewell C nuclear power station with a GBP700 million investment.¹⁰⁵⁹ The project secures a new energy supply and is estimated to power six million British homes while creating an additional 10,000 jobs.

On 7 December 2022, the United Kingdom and the United States signed the Energy Security and Affordability Partnership.¹⁰⁶⁰ The partnership aims to increase American gas exports to the UK while deepening nuclear cooperation, securing British energy supply.

On 7 December 2022, the United Kingdom and G7+ partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from “providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil” should the price per barrel exceed this cap.¹⁰⁶¹

On 4 February 2023, the UK with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia’s wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰⁶²

On 27 February 2023, the United Kingdom introduced a new aid program, offering GBP600 to GBP28,000 to households in Northern Ireland as energy bill relief to reduce the effects of energy price surges.¹⁰⁶³ The program targets individuals that do not have a direct relationship with a domestic electricity supplier, such as those living in care homes and park homes residences.

On 2 March 2023, the British government unlocked GBP14 million in funding to accelerate the innovation and the installation of heat pumps.¹⁰⁶⁴ The funds enable the production of heat pumps to be cheaper and will boost energy security by easing the transition of green energy to households.

¹⁰⁵⁷ Government announces Energy Price Guarantee for families and businesses while urgently taking action to reform broken energy market, British Government (London) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-energy-price-guarantee-for-families-and-businesses-while-urgently-taking-action-to-reform-broken-energy-market>

¹⁰⁵⁸ Government joins with households to help millions reduce their energy bills, UK Government (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-joins-with-households-to-help-millions-reduce-their-energy-bills>

¹⁰⁵⁹ UK government takes major steps forward to secure Britain’s energy independence, UK Government (London) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-takes-major-steps-forward-to-secure-britains-energy-independence>

¹⁰⁶⁰ US-UK Energy Security and Affordability Partnership, The White House (Washington) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/07/us-uk-energy-security-and-affordability-partnership/>

¹⁰⁶¹ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

¹⁰⁶² Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰⁶³ Thousands more households in Northern Ireland on course to benefit from £600 government help with energy bills, UK Government (London) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-more-households-in-northern-ireland-on-course-to-benefit-from-600-government-help-with-energy-bills>

¹⁰⁶⁴ £14 million cash boost to accelerate rollout of low carbon heating, UK Government (London) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/14-million-cash-boost-to-accelerate-rollout-of-low-carbon-heating>

On 10 March 2023, the UK and France signed two energy partnerships during the 36th Franco-British summit.¹⁰⁶⁵ These agreements aim to enhance cooperation energy with an emphasis on nuclear energy, ensuring energy resilience. Additionally, they enable greater collaboration between the two states for low-carbon technologies such as hydrogen, capture and storage, and offshore wind.

On 16 March 2023, the British government announced a GBP205 million budget scheme to support investments in homegrown green energy projects to increase British energy security and supply.¹⁰⁶⁶

On 16 March 2023, the British chancellor Jeremy Hunt announced that GBP20 billion from the 2023 UK budget will be invested in improving carbon capture technology in Britain to secure a long-term energy supply.¹⁰⁶⁷

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. It has limited the effects of price surges through strong policies such as subsidising energy costs, capping price increases and improving household energy efficiency. In addition, the United Kingdom has taken steps in securing its energy supply as it has increased oil output in the North Sea, promoted investments in nuclear energy and signed international partnerships to procure natural gas.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Spencer Lambert

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps.

On 16 August 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs of living for America's families targeting areas including energy, prescription drugs, and health care.¹⁰⁶⁸ The Inflation Reduction Act aims at average for each family to save USD500 per year on their energy costs by letting families take advantage of clean energy and electric vehicle tax credit, rebating USD14,000 for families to buy heat pumps or other energy-efficient home appliances, and providing 30 per cent tax credit for installing solar panel on the roofs of more than 7.5 million families, and paying up to USD7,500 tax credits for new electric vehicles and USD4,000 for used.

On 18 October 2022, President Biden announced new actions to strengthen energy security by encouraging production and targeting lower energy costs and directed his administration to take corresponding necessary measures to fulfill these objectives.¹⁰⁶⁹ The Department of Energy declared to complete the 180 million barrel drawdown announced in spring by issuing a Notice of Sale for fifteen million more barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the Administration plans to repurchase crude oil for the SPR when prices are lower, approximately ranging between USD67 and USD72 per barrel, which would thus facilitate the stabilization of

¹⁰⁶⁵ New UK-France partnership to bring 'more energy security and independence,' UK Government (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-france-partnership-to-bring-more-energy-security-and-independence>

¹⁰⁶⁶ UK confirms £205 million budget to power more of Britain from Britain, UK Government (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-confirms-205-million-budget-to-power-more-of-britain-from-britain>

¹⁰⁶⁷ Support for households and energy security at the heart of the budget, UK Government (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-households-and-energy-security-at-the-heart-of-budget>

¹⁰⁶⁸ By the Numbers: The Inflation Reduction Act, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/11/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-initiatives-at-cop27-to-strengthen-u-s-leadership-in-tackling-climate-change/?utm_source=link

¹⁰⁶⁹ Fact Sheet: President Biden to Announce New Actions to Strengthen U.S. Energy Security, Encourage Production, and Bring Down Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/18/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-announce-new-actions-to-strengthen-u-s-energy-security-encourage-production-and-bring-down-costs/>

the crude oil markets, decrease prices at the pump, and contribute to global crude oil demand. The Biden Administration stated it is open to injecting additional barrels of crude oil into the market, if needed, via the Department of Energy to increase the global supply of energy, decrease prices for Americans, and support domestic inventory levels.

On 18 October 2022, the Department of Energy implemented fixed price contracts with suppliers to repurchase oil for product delivery at a future time to protect the oil industry from future uncertainty possibly tied to a fall in prices and lack of investment undertaken by firms.¹⁰⁷⁰ Thus, oil producers will have more confidence in the market and enter oil contracts knowing there will be demand.

On 14 November 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a USD350 million investment in long-term energy storage projects to secure US energy supplies.¹⁰⁷¹ Investment in research and development for renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and nuclear will help reduce the oil demand and diversify energy sources. Energy storage technology will store renewable energy without wind or sunlight.¹⁰⁷²

On 7 December 2022, the United States and the United Kingdom signed the Energy Security and Affordability Partnership.¹⁰⁷³ The partnership aims to increase American gas exports to the UK while deepening nuclear cooperation.

On 7 December 2022, the United States and G7+ partners imposed a price cap of USD60 per barrel on Russian-origin crude oil. All Canadians are prohibited from “providing select services related to the maritime transport of Russian crude oil” should the price per barrel exceed this cap.¹⁰⁷⁴

On 4 February 2023, the United States with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia’s wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰⁷⁵

On 22 February 2023, Biden-Harris Administration declared the plans to expand offshore wind nationally and generate more reliable and affordable clean energy, increasing energy security.¹⁰⁷⁶

¹⁰⁷⁰ Fact Sheet: President Biden to Announce New Actions to Strengthen U.S. Energy Security, Encourage Production, and Bring Down Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/18/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-announce-new-actions-to-strengthen-u-s-energy-security-encourage-production-and-bring-down-costs/>

¹⁰⁷¹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$350 Million For Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstration Projects, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 14 November 2022.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-350-million-long-duration-energy-storage>

¹⁰⁷² Energy Sources, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 14 November 2022.

<https://www.energy.gov/energy-sources>

¹⁰⁷³ US-UK Energy Security and Affordability Partnership, The White House (Washington) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/07/us-uk-energy-security-and-affordability-partnership/>

¹⁰⁷⁴ Canada and G7-plus partners impose price cap on Russian crude oil, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-g7-plus-partners-impose-price-cap-on-russian-crude-oil.html>

¹⁰⁷⁵ Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰⁷⁶ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Expand Offshore Wind Nationally and Harness More Reliable, Affordable Clean Energy, The White House (Washington D.C.) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/22/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-expand-offshore-wind-nationally-and-harness-more-reliable-affordable-clean-energy/>

On 8 March 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial sector and improve American manufacturing of clean energy to increase energy security.¹⁰⁷⁷

On 10 March 2023, President Biden and President of the European Commission Ursula Von der Leyen released a joint statement reiterating their commitment to their energy alliance and securing and diversifying energy supply chains.¹⁰⁷⁸ They highlighted the importance of the EU-US task force on the Inflation Reduction Act, strengthening their transatlantic cooperation in energy manufacturing and securing supply chains.

On 4 April 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a USD450 million investment in clean energy projects on mine lands.¹⁰⁷⁹ The repurposing of mining sites for clean energy projects could generate up to 90 GW of clean energy, powering around 30 million American homes. This investment aligns with the administration's commitment to build and secure America's clean energy future and supply.

On 4 April 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a USD16 million investment to establish critical minerals production facilities in West Virginia and North Dakota.¹⁰⁸⁰ The facilities will focus on the extraction and separation of rare earth elements and critical minerals using refineries. These projects are expected to bolster America's clean energy supply chain, reinvigorate energy communities, and enhance national security.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, including by exploring additional measures such as price caps. The United States has passed laws to decrease energy costs, increase sustainable practices, and support domestic energy production. The United States is also working towards diversifying its energy resources by reducing its demand for oil and investing more in research and development to fund cleaner domestic energy production initiatives.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gordyus

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to secure energy supply and reduce price surges driven by extraordinary market conditions, implementing a range of measures and actions to achieve these goals.

On 5 August 2022, the Council of the EU adopted regulations to reduce natural gas demand by 15 per cent to secure gas supply.¹⁰⁸¹ The adoption of regulations in the consumption of energy hopes to prepare savings for the winter in the case of disruptions with gas supplies from Russia.

¹⁰⁷⁷ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Advances Cleaner Industrial Sector to Boost American Manufacturing and Cut Emissions, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/08/fact-sheet-biden-%E2%81%A0harris-administration-advances-cleaner-industrial-sector-to-boost-american-manufacturing-and-cut-emissions/>

¹⁰⁷⁸ Joint Statement by President Biden and President von der Leyen, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/10/joint-statement-by-president-biden-and-president-von-der-leyen-2/>

¹⁰⁷⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$450 Million to Deploy Clean Energy Projects on Mine Lands, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-450-million-deploy-clean-energy-projects-mine-lands>

¹⁰⁸⁰ Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$16 Million to Build America's First-of-a-Kind Critical Minerals Production Facility, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 3 April 2023. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-invests-16-million-build-americas-first-kind-critical-minerals>

¹⁰⁸¹ Council adopts regulation on reducing gas demand by 15% this winter, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/08/05/council-adopts-regulation-on-reducing-gas-demand-by-15-this-winter/>

On 30 September 2022, the EU energy ministers agreed on addressing high energy prices through a political agreement.¹⁰⁸² The new regulations taken upon by the Council Regulation included measures to decrease electricity demand and help consumers with the rising energy prices. To reduce electricity demand, the Council of the European Union agreed that member states will voluntarily identify 10 per cent of their peak hours starting in December, choosing to set measures to reduce consumption during this period.

On 30 September 2022, EU energy ministers agreed to cap market revenues for electricity generators at EUR180 per megawatt and agreed that member states will collect surplus revenues for electricity consumers.¹⁰⁸³

On 6 October 2022, the Council of the European Union formally adopted and introduced measures for the reduction of electricity demand and redistribution of energy sector's surplus revenues to offer financial support following the political agreement reached by the Energy Council on 30 September 2022.¹⁰⁸⁴ Within the measures, member states should reduce consumption by minimum five per cent during peak hours identified.¹⁰⁸⁵ Furthermore, to decrease prices for consumers, the Council of the EU discussed plans to place a price cap on excess revenues.¹⁰⁸⁶

On 20 October 2022, the European Council emphasized the need for acceleration and intensification of efforts to reduce energy demand and avoid rationing, calling on the Council and Commission to submit concrete decisions.¹⁰⁸⁷ Measures discussed include a voluntary joint purchase of gas while making use of the EU Energy Platform, a temporary EU framework for price cap of gas, and improvements in energy markets to preserve financial stability and market transparency.

On 22 November 2022, the Commission proposed a Market Correction Mechanism to complement measures for reducing gas demand and ensuring security through diversification of energy sources.¹⁰⁸⁸ The mechanism consists of including a safety price ceiling of EUR275 for the Title Transfer Facility, which plays a role within the European wholesale gas market. This mechanism will be activated on 1 January 2023, ensuring market stability by securing supply and disrupting energy and financial markets.

On 3 December 2022, the European Council decided to set a Price cap at USD60 per barrel of crude and petroleum oils, in cooperation with the Price Cap Coalition.¹⁰⁸⁹ The price cap will be implemented on Russian seaborne crude oil, helping with limits of price surges and better stabilizing global energy prices. The price cap mechanism is to be reviewed every two months, standing in support of Ukraine.

¹⁰⁸² Council agrees on emergency measures to reduce energy prices, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/30/council-agrees-on-emergency-measures-to-reduce-energy-prices/>

¹⁰⁸³ Council agrees on emergency measures to reduce energy prices, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/30/council-agrees-on-emergency-measures-to-reduce-energy-prices/>

¹⁰⁸⁴ Council formally adopts emergency measures to reduce energy prices, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/06/council-formally-adopts-emergency-measures-to-reduce-energy-prices/>

¹⁰⁸⁵ Infographic – Energy crisis: Three EU-coordinated measures to cut down bills, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/infographics/eu-measures-to-cut-down-energy-bills/>

¹⁰⁸⁶ EU agrees windfall energy firm tax – but split on gas-price cap, EU observer (Brussels) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://euobserver.com/green-economy/156185>

¹⁰⁸⁷ European Council conclusions on energy and economy, European Council (Brussels) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/21/european-council-conclusions-on-energy-and-economy-20-october-2022/>

¹⁰⁸⁸ Commission proposes a new instrument to limit excessive gas price spikes, European Commission (Strasbourg) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7065

¹⁰⁸⁹ Russian oil: EU agrees on level of price cap, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/03/russian-oil-eu-agrees-on-level-of-price-cap/>

On 14 December 2022, EU members and the European Parliament agreed on raising an additional EUR20 billion from an EU Innovation fund of carbon market revenue to end reliance on Russian gas.¹⁰⁹⁰ The Members and the Parliament will have to formally approve the deal, as the plan will take effect in 2023. Independence from Russian energy resources will better secure energy supply for the European Union.

On 19 December 2022, EU energy ministers agreed to cap prices exceeding EUR180 per megawatt hour during at least three consecutive trading days, based on the Dutch Title Transfer Facility (TTF) and liquified natural gas price.¹⁰⁹¹ The cap will limit the price at which gas could be traded, ensuring that EU countries can still offer competitive prices in gas within the global spectrum.

On 26 January 2023, the EU opened the rescEU energy hub in Poland, which is used to deliver power generators to Ukraine to protect their citizens and provide support during the energy crisis.¹⁰⁹²

On 3 February 2023, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan Parviz Shahbazov and EU Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson reaffirmed the partnership between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the European Union, serving the goals of strategic and long-term energy security, affordability and diversification.¹⁰⁹³ Similarly, they expressed support for the Southern Gas Corridor, another source to expand new energy markets.

On 4 February 2023, the EU with the G7+ Price Cap Coalition adopted other price caps for Russian petroleum products to Russia's wage war in Ukraine and help stabilize European and global energy markets.¹⁰⁹⁴

On 13 February 2023, the European Commission approved of a EUR2.08 billion French measure to support wind electricity production in France.¹⁰⁹⁵ The aid will help head-start a floating offshore wind farm to produce renewable energy, further contributing to the EU's goals within their Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy and their Green Deal.

On 15 February 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR170 million Danish scheme to support renewable hydrogen production and contribute to remaining consistent with the EU Hydrogen Strategy and the European Green Deal.¹⁰⁹⁶ Similarly, the scheme to upscale production of renewable hydrogen will contribute to the REPowerEU Plan to stop the dependency on Russian energy supply and instead diversify energy supply towards greener efforts.

On 17 February 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR460 million Spanish measure to support a project for decarbonization in Gijón, ArcelorMittal.¹⁰⁹⁷ This grant which will support the construction of a

¹⁰⁹⁰ EU agrees €20 billion boost for energy funding to quit Russian gas, Reuters (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/eu-agrees-20-bln-boost-energy-funding-quit-russian-gas-2022-12-14>

¹⁰⁹¹ EU countries agree gas price cap to contain energy crisis, Reuters (Brussels) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/eu-countries-make-final-push-gas-price-cap-deal-this-year-2022-12-19/>

¹⁰⁹² EU opens new rescEU energy hub in Poland, European Commission (Brussels), 26 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-opens-new-resceu-energy-hub-poland-2023-01-26_en

¹⁰⁹³ The Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council 9th Ministerial Meeting and the Green Energy Advisory Council 1st Ministerial Meeting, European Commission (Brussels), 3 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/southern-gas-corridor-advisory-council-9th-ministerial-meeting-and-green-energy-advisory-council-1st-2023-02-03_en

¹⁰⁹⁴ Ukraine: EU and G7 partners agree price cap on Russian petroleum products, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_602

¹⁰⁹⁵ State aid: Commission approves €2.08 billion French measure to support offshore wind energy generation, European Commission (Brussels) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_284

¹⁰⁹⁶ State aid: Commission approves €170 million Danish scheme to support renewable hydrogen production, European Commission (Brussels) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2023. (Brussels)https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_323

¹⁰⁹⁷ State aid: Commission approves €460 million Spanish measure to support ArcelorMittal decarbonise its steel production, European Commission (Brussels) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_849

renewable hydrogen plant will ultimately contribute to the EU's current goals in their green transition and secure energy projects.

On 21 February 2021, the Council of the EU adopted a regulation to include REPowerEU chapters to the members' national recovery and resilience plans.¹⁰⁹⁸ The goal is to solidify strategic autonomy of the EU in diversifying sources of energy supply as the REPowerEU supports increasing the use of renewables and energy efficiency and storage capacity.

On 24 February 2023, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed on a partnership to develop technology to transition into renewable energy more efficiently for the European Union.¹⁰⁹⁹ Chancellor Scholz committed to expediting a trade agreement, as well as both actors agreeing on developing efforts to secure energy supply and advance green energy transition.

On 10 March 2023, the council of the EU and the European Parliament agreed on reducing final EU energy consumption by 11.7 per cent in 2030. Limits on primary energy, energy used in supply and production, are indicative through member state national trajectories.¹¹⁰⁰ Through a formula considering factors such as GDP per capita and energy savings, the Commission will calculate their contribution to the 11.6 per cent target, moving towards a more energy efficient future for the EU.

On 14 March 2023, the European Commission proposed to reform the legislation and design Electricity Regulation in the EU to incorporate the surge in renewables, support the energy transition to more independence and aid consumers from future shocks in prices.¹¹⁰¹ The regulations incentivized long-term contracts with non-fossil fuel projects, lowering the cost of renewables down the line. Thus, the proposed reform will prevent energy price surges and secure the supply of green energy.

On 30 March 2023, the Council of the EU adopted a regulation for member countries to extend a voluntary reduction of 15 per cent in their natural gas consumption for one more year.¹¹⁰² Critically, this regulation allows the EU to trigger a 'Union Alert' which would make the security of supply and the reduction of gas demand mandatory for all member states. Swedish Minister for Energy Ebba Busch stated that the gas savings as a result of this regulation has brought the EU closer to gas storage targets.

On 3 April 2023, the European Commission approved of EUR450 million to support the production of renewable hydrogen within sectors to further secure energy supply and push the net zero agenda.¹¹⁰³ The investment will also support the adoption of renewable energy within industrial areas, and it is supported by the Recovery and Resilience Facility fund, open right now for businesses in accord with the Italian scheme.

In response to the conflict in Ukraine, the EU has instituted regulations aimed at reducing energy consumption and allocating surplus revenues to aid vulnerable consumers and businesses, thus alleviating the strain of escalating energy costs. Moreover, as 2023 unfolds, the EU has augmented its funding for the green and

¹⁰⁹⁸ EU recovery plan: Council adopts REPowerEU, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/21/eu-recovery-plan-council-adopts-repowerEU/>

¹⁰⁹⁹ Germany, India to Boost Cooperation in Renewable Energy, Defense, BNN Bloomberg (New Delhi) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/germany-india-to-boost-cooperation-in-renewable-energy-defense-1.1888190>

¹¹⁰⁰ Council and Parliament strike deal on energy efficiency directive, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 1 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/10/council-and-parliament-strike-deal-on-energy-efficiency-directive/>

¹¹⁰¹ Commission proposes reform of the EU electricity market design to boost renewables, better protect consumers and enhance industrial competitiveness, European Commission (Strasbourg) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 1 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1591

¹¹⁰² Council formally adopts 15% gas demand reduction target, Council of the EU (Brussels) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 31 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/30/council-formally-adopts-15-gas-demand-reduction-target/>

¹¹⁰³ State aid: Commission approves €450 million Italian scheme to support the production of renewable hydrogen to foster the transition to a net-zero economy, European Commission (Brussels) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2044

technological sectors, providing additional incentives for the transition to renewable energy sources, ultimately paving the way for a more secure energy supply in the years ahead.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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6. Human Rights: The Digital Sphere and Beyond

“[Guided by the conviction that democratic values make us stronger in tackling global challenges, we will cooperate with civil society and our partners beyond the G7 to] ... promote human rights online and offline.”

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Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

Though human rights discourse within the G7 has a long track record, its connection to and general discussion of the digital sphere is far more recent. Beginning with the inception of the Digital Opportunities Task Force (DOT Force) in 2000, the protection of human rights online focused primarily on the potential benefits of technology in supporting efforts towards access in health care and education.¹¹⁰⁴ The DOT Force aimed to “report...findings and recommendations on global action to bridge the international information and knowledge divide.”¹¹⁰⁵ As such, much of the G7’s history in addressing human rights in the digital sphere has concerned itself with bridging development gaps through information and communication technology. In later years, as the digital sphere has progressed, the G7 has turned its attention to the ways in which information and communication technology can both inhibit and support human rights in free speech, privacy and principles of the rule of law.¹¹⁰⁶ To protect the integrity of cyberspace, the G7 consistently reaffirms its commitment to the regulation of the digital sphere through multilateral collaboration efforts across states and their respective private and public sectors.¹¹⁰⁷

At the 1989 Paris Summit, forty years after the United Nations’ General Assembly’s adoption of the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to the document and its principles.¹¹⁰⁸ This declaration marked the first time the topic of human rights was explicitly addressed at a G7 summit.

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 members introduced an economic declaration aimed at protecting “the practice of free elections, the freedom of expression and assembly, the increased respect for human rights and the rule of law.”¹¹⁰⁹ Emphasizing the principles of freedom and consent with respect to labour, the Houston

¹¹⁰⁴ Digital Opportunities Task Force Report Card: Digital Opportunities for All, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) June 2002. Access Date: 23 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2002kananaskis/dotforce_reportcard.pdf

¹¹⁰⁵ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

¹¹⁰⁶ G7 Principles and Actions on Cyber, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/cyber.html>

¹¹⁰⁷ G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2011. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html>

¹¹⁰⁸ 1898 Declaration on Human Rights, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 July 1989. Access Date: 4 October 2021. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1989paris/human.html>

¹¹⁰⁹ Houston Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 11 July 1990. Access Date: 4 October 2021. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1990houston/declaration.html>

Economic Declaration affirmed the protection of human rights as a necessary component for economic growth and prosperity.

At the 1991 London Summit, G7 members commended developing countries who had begun to implement “radical policy reforms” in human rights.¹¹¹⁰ The group cited the protection of human rights as a main contributor to economic development and reaffirmed the need for “open systems of administration, accountable to the public” that may monitor human rights abuses.

At the 1992 Munich summit, G7 members stated human rights as a common value shared between East and West states following the democratic revolution in Europe.¹¹¹¹ Members emphasized the need for the maintenance of these rights regardless of the specific inclinations of individual governments.

At the 1994 Naples Summit, G7 members put forth their support for the creation of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights office.¹¹¹² G7 members outlined their support for the “improvement of international monitoring mechanisms and procedures for the promotion and protection of human rights everywhere, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities.”

At the 1995 Halifax Summit, G7 members implored the UN Secretary-General to utilize the High Commissioners on Human Rights and Refugees to foster better analysis for the prevention of negative impacts through disaster and conflict.¹¹¹³ The summit emphasized upholding human rights as being integral to crisis control and sustainable development.

At the 1997 Denver summit, G8 members explicitly endorsed the work of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.¹¹¹⁴ The summit focused most specifically on development in Sub-Saharan Africa through the protection of human rights by way of good governance, democracy and the cooperation of the private sector—reaffirming their support of institutions of international humanitarian law.

At the 1998 Birmingham Summit, G8 leaders pledged to explore the ways in which they could support Africa in development through human rights protection.¹¹¹⁵ These included humanitarian aid as well as financial and technical assistance in building stronger “social and economic systems.”

At the 2000 Okinawa summit, G8 members mentioned digital opportunities in connection to public welfare and development and formed the DOT Force.¹¹¹⁶ The creation of this task force marked the beginning of the G8’s work on tackling inequality in the digital sphere.

¹¹¹⁰ Economic Declaration: Building World Partnership, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 July 1991. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1991london/communique/index.html>

¹¹¹¹ Political Declaration: Shaping the New Partnership, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 July 1992. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1992munich/political.html>

¹¹¹² Chairman’s Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 1994. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1994naples/chairman.html>

¹¹¹³ Halifax Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 June 1995. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1995halifax/communique/index.html>

¹¹¹⁴ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 1997. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1997denver/g8final.htm>

¹¹¹⁵ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 May 1998. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1998birmingham/finalcom.htm>

¹¹¹⁶ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

At the 2001 Genoa summit, the DOT Force fulfilled the mandates set at Okinawa and reported on the potential of digital technologies to contribute towards development and social cohesion.¹¹¹⁷ These findings resulted in the consideration of the role of “e-Government” in political and social progress.¹¹¹⁸

At the 2002 Kananaskis summit, G8 leaders released a key document from the DOT Force Report Card that was titled “Digital Opportunities for All.”¹¹¹⁹ This document elaborated upon the mandates that states had given in prior summits’ addressals of digital development and put forth an action plan for increased access to health care and education through the use of information and communication technology.

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 members released a statement condemning the human rights violations occurring in Sudan.¹¹²⁰ Leaders called on the Sudanese government and other parties involved in the political conflict to disarm and approach a diplomatic solution.

At the 2007 Heiligendamm summit, G8 members urged the Sudanese government to follow ceasefire agreements and allow humanitarian aid access into the country—invoking UN Security Council resolution 1591.¹¹²¹ Member states expressed their continued disapproval of human rights violations in Sudan, as well as their desire for perpetrators to be held accountable.

At the 2009 l’Aquila Summit, G8 members produced the “Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future” declaration.¹¹²² This document contained the group’s first-ever explicit connection between human rights and global health, with members condemning any violations or discrimination inflicted against those suffering from HIV/AIDS.

At the 2010 Muskoka summit, G8 leaders cited the upcoming Kabul Conference as an opportunity for the Government of Afghanistan to prove its progress in human rights.¹¹²³ Members committed to supporting the country in its period of “transition and development” by promoting more credible, inclusive and transparent parliamentary elections.

At the 2011 Deauville summit, G8 leaders emphasized the need to maintain the integrity of human rights on the internet through the protection of citizens’ privacy and democratic freedoms.¹¹²⁴ It stated the potential of the internet as “an instrument for political liberty and emancipation.”¹¹²⁵

At the 2016 Ise-Shima summit, G7 leaders explicitly committed to “the protection and promotion of human rights online.”¹¹²⁶ In a document titled “G7 Principles and Actions on Cyber,” leaders emphasized the

¹¹¹⁷ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommunique.html>

¹¹¹⁸ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommunique.html>

¹¹¹⁹ Digital Opportunities Task Force Report Card: Digital Opportunities for All, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) June 2002. Access Date: 23 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2002kananaskis/dotforce_reportcard.pdf

¹¹²⁰ G8 Statement on Sudan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 June 2004. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2004seaisland/sudan.html>

¹¹²¹ G8 Summit Statement on Sudan/Darfur, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2007. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heiligendamm/g8-2007-sudan.html>

¹¹²² Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2009. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-declaration.html>

¹¹²³ Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html>

¹¹²⁴ G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2011. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html>

¹¹²⁵ G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2011. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html>

¹¹²⁶ G7 Principles and Actions on Cyber, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/cyber.html>

importance of a secure and fair cyberspace. This document created the foundation for future discussion of the threats, rather than solely the positive potential, of digital connectivity.

At the 2018 Charlevoix summit, G7 members produced the “Charlevoix Commitment to End Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Abuse and Harassment in Digital Contexts.”¹¹²⁷ This summit marked the first time in which gendered-violence was addressed specifically as a major concern of digital safety and security.

At the 2021 Carbis Bay summit, G7 members approved of the “Digital Ministers’ Internet Safety Principles document outlining parameters for online ethics.”¹¹²⁸ The group formally condemned state-imposed restrictions on digital democratic processes and government-mandated internet shutdowns and also committed to combatting hate speech and privacy infringement. In a G7 Trade Ministers meeting on 28 May 2021, members restated their commitment to international instruments such as the ILO and the “UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.”¹¹²⁹ This was a reaffirmation of former commitments made by the group concerning the eradication of forced labour in global supply chains.

At the 2022 Elmau summit, G7 members aimed to “maximise the coherent implementation of and compliance with international standards relating to human rights, environment, and labour across global supply chains.”¹¹³⁰ G7 members emphasized support for strengthening human rights in the labour sphere by strengthening “compliance with international standards, including through mandatory measures that protect rights-holders, provide for greater multilateral cooperation to address abuses and support remedy, thus enhancing predictability and certainty for business.” G7 members condemned the human rights situation in China, including in Tibet and Xinjiang; Myanmar; Iran, specifically discussing the increased use of arbitrary arrests, detention and capital punishment; Afghanistan; and Syria. In the digital sphere, G7 members pledged to center human rights and fundamental freedoms in discussion of the Internet as reflected in the G7 Resilient Democracy Statement. G7 members discussed their support for states “to increase digital access while ensuring that security, interoperability and respect for human rights are built into global connectivity.”

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders made the following commitment: “[Guided by the conviction that democratic values make us stronger in tackling global challenges, we will cooperate with civil society and our partners beyond the G7 to]...promote human rights online and offline.”¹¹³¹ This commitment can be interpreted as having one main target: the promotion of human rights. The target includes two central dimensions: one, the promotion of human rights in the digital sphere; and two, the promotion of human rights offline. Further, in each area — online and offline — the G7 member must cooperate with civil society as well as other partners beyond the G7.

“Democratic values” refer to the “values of freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding periodic and genuine elections by universal suffrage.”¹¹³² In the context of this commitment, democratic values should help guide responses to human rights abuses.

¹¹²⁷ Charlevoix Commitment to End Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Abuse and Harassment in Digital Contexts, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/violence-commitment.html>

¹¹²⁸ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 July 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communication.html>

¹¹²⁹ G7 Trade Ministers’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 May 2021. Access Date: 4 October 2021.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/trade/210528-communication.html>

¹¹³⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

¹¹³¹ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

¹¹³² Democracy, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/democracy>

“Cooperate” refers to “acting together or in compliance.”¹¹³³ In the context of this commitment, G7 members should aim to work alongside civil society which is defined as “any non-profit, voluntary citizens’ group which is organized on a local, national or international level.”¹¹³⁴ Some examples of civil society include community groups, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), charitable organizations, labour unions and professional associations. Additionally, G7 members should also act with partners outside of the G7, or anyone other than a G7 member associated through collaborative action, to ensure the universal promotion of human rights. This can include other countries or international organizations.

“Promote” refers to “supporting or renewing old efforts or creating new efforts in the area” or “to contribute to growth or prosperity of, to help bring into being.”¹¹³⁵ Within the context of this commitment, promoting human rights can refer to directly opposing rising digital authoritarianism, investing in the cyber resilience of digital infrastructure within and across G7 countries, developing and implementing robust international cyber norms, upholding human rights standards across global supply chains, tackling instances of forced labour and protecting refugees and forcibly displaced persons..

“Human rights” are defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) as “rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any status.”¹¹³⁶ Within the context of this commitment, G7 members should promote human rights such as “the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education,”¹¹³⁷ and other rights specified in the UDHR.

“Online” is defined as “connected to, served by, or available through a system and especially a computer or telecommunications system.”¹¹³⁸ Online human rights issues can include instances of digital transnational repression, censorship or surveillance programs and the promotion of digital authoritarianism.

“Offline” is defined as “not connected to, served by, or available through a system and especially a computer or telecommunications system.”¹¹³⁹ In the context of this commitment, “online and offline” are understood to mean both within and beyond the global digital ecosystem.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, is assigned to G7 members who demonstrate strong action to promote human rights through both dimensions of cooperation: online and offline. In the online sphere, examples of strong actions regarding promoting human rights include, but are not limited to, enforcement of laws through policy action, such as fines for disobeying government guidelines on online harm, digital transnational repression or digital authoritarianism; investing in the cyber resilience of digital infrastructure within and across G7 countries; developing and implementing robust international cyber norms; changing legislation to prevent the malicious use of cyberspace by state and non-state actors and ensuring its accountability through democratic oversight of a legitimate government; and increased funding for digital access while ensuring that security and respect for human rights are built into global connectivity.¹¹⁴⁰ Examples of strong actions regarding promoting

¹¹³³ Cooperate, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cooperate>

¹¹³⁴ The UN and Civil Society, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/get-involved/un-and-civil-society>

¹¹³⁵ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 30 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹¹³⁶ Human Rights, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/human-rights>

¹¹³⁷ Universal Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

¹¹³⁸ Online, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/online>

¹¹³⁹ Offline, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/offline>

¹¹⁴⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communiqué.html>

human rights offline include, but are not limited to, providing financial support to protect refugees and forcibly displaced persons, women and children in areas of conflict; and joining and/or participating in international organizations that aim to uphold human rights standards across global supply chains, tackle instances of forced labour, or improve the accountability and documentation for human rights violations and abuses like sexual and gender-based violence including in conflict situations.¹¹⁴¹ In order to achieve full compliance, a member must take strong actions in both dimensions of the commitment in cooperation with civil society and other G7 members.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, is assigned to G7 members who demonstrate strong action in only one of the two commitment dimensions. This means that in one dimension of the commitment the member has taken weak action. Weak actions include verbal reaffirmations of existing commitments, attendance at international conferences, or sharing information on human rights abuses without cooperating to address such issues. Additionally, if a member demonstrates strong action in only one dimension of the commitment—online or offline—or if a member does not cooperate with civil society and other G7 members then a partial compliance score is given.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, is assigned if the G7 member takes weak or less than strong action in one dimension of the commitment while not cooperating with either civil society or other international partners. It will also receive a -1 if it fails to take any action to protect human rights both online or offline, or the G7 member actively threatens human rights both online and offline.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member took insufficient or no action to promote human rights both online or offline and did not cooperate with civil society or international partners.
0	The G7 member took some action to promote human rights offline and online alongside, while also cooperating with civil society or international partners OR took strong action either offline OR online while cooperating with one of the relevant stakeholders.
+1	The G7 member took strong action to promote human rights online AND offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

On 31 July 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit Sajjan announced that CAD9 million would be devoted to three projects for promoting LGBTQ2I+ human rights.¹¹⁴² Along with the APCOM Foundation, Cuso International and World Bank, Canada will use this funding to improve LGBTQ2I+ services in Asia, create safer communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo and further research minority conflicts in developing countries.

On 1 September 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly gave a statement on a report by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights discussing the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur

¹¹⁴¹ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communiqué.html>

¹¹⁴² Canada announces funding for 3 LGBTQ2I-related projects in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 31 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/canada-announces-funding-for-3-lgbtq2i-related-projects-in-developing-countries.html>

Autonomous Region in China.¹¹⁴³ Minister Joly urged China to listen to the international community and uphold human rights obligations.

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On 3 October 2022, Minister Joly announced that Canada would impose additional sanctions under the current "Special Economic Measures (Iran) Regulations" in light of continuous extreme human rights violations.¹¹⁴⁶ Specifically, these measures aim to combat the systematic persecution of women, such as Mahsa Amini, by Iran's police force.

On 6 October 2022, Minister Joly announced that CAD9.7 million was going toward four projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.¹¹⁴⁷ One of the projects would receive CAD2.2 million in partnership with the International Organization for Migration to combat human trafficking within Latin America and support the integration of Venezuelan refugees throughout communities.

On 7 October 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declared further measures against the human rights violations in Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini.¹¹⁴⁸ These measures will include denying the Iranian regime — including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its top leaders — access to Canada, expanding sanctions against those conducting human rights abuses and restricting the finances and property of perpetrators.

On 7 October 2022, the Ministry of International Development announced a fund of CAD9.7 million to help developmental assistance projects aimed at advancing 2SLGBTQI+ rights and gender equality. Additionally, the fund will support "Venezuelan refugees, migrants and their host communities across Latin America and the Caribbean."¹¹⁴⁹

¹¹⁴³ Statement by Minister Joly on UN report on human rights situation in Xinjiang, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/statement-by-minister-joly-on-un-report-on-human-rights-situation-in-xinjiang.html>

¹¹⁴⁴ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹¹⁴⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

¹¹⁴⁶ Canada imposes sanctions on Iran for systematic human rights violations, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-imposes-sanctions-on-iran-for-systematic-human-rights-violations.html>

¹¹⁴⁷ Canada's investments in Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canadas-investments-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean.html>

¹¹⁴⁸ Canada to implement new measures against the Iranian regime, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/10/07/canada-implement-new-measures-against-iranian-regime>

¹¹⁴⁹ Minister Joly concludes visit to Peru and announces projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/minister-joly-concludes-visit-to-peru-and-announces-projects-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean.html>

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On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced plans to impose new sanctions on Russia's justice and security sectors for violating the human rights of Russian opposition leaders.¹¹⁵¹ These new measures will be based on the current sanctions which target over 1,400 Russian justice system members accountable.

On 28 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau visited James Smith Cree Nation to announce CAD62.5 million over six years to support Indigenous approaches to community safety and to support the healing, mental health and well-being of community members impacted by the September attacks that took the lives of 11 people.¹¹⁵² The aim of this investment is to increase access to mental health, trauma and substance use services as well as end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people.

On 2 December 2022, Minister Joly announced that Canada is imposing additional sanctions under the Special Economic Measures (Iran) Regulations.¹¹⁵³

On 7 December 2022, Minister Joly and Minister Sajjan announced CAD4.3 million in funding to support projects aimed at ending gender-based violence around the world.¹¹⁵⁴ The announcement also voiced support for the UN Population Fund, Grace Farms Foundation and included stakeholders and partners in "conducting research on technology-facilitated gender-based violence in the Global South."

On 8 December 2022, the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse released a joint statement urging technology companies to enable women and girls' access to online information.¹¹⁵⁵ The statement urges the implementation of "proactive measures to combat the abuse of their platforms to threaten, harass, and silence Iranian women and girls by surging resources for Persian (Farsi) language content moderation and other Iranian languages, applying policies on harassment and abusive content in a timely and consistent manner, and providing resources and transparent reporting options for those experiencing online harassment and abuse."

On 10 December 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau provided a statement for Human Rights Day announcing further action against the human rights violations of regimes of Russia, Iran and Myanmar.¹¹⁵⁶ The restrictions will affect 67 individuals and 9 entities named in the human rights violations.

¹¹⁵⁰ Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

¹¹⁵¹ Prime Minister announces new measures to support Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/10/28/prime-minister-announces-new-measures-support-ukraine>

¹¹⁵² Prime Minister visits James Smith Cree Nation and announces mental health supports for those impacted by the tragic attacks in September, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2023.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/28/prime-minister-visits-james-smith-cree-nation-and-announces-mental>

¹¹⁵³ Canada imposes additional sanctions on the Iranian regime, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-imposes-additional-sanctions-on-the-iranian-regime.html>

¹¹⁵⁴ Canada announces new support for projects working to end gender-based violence around the world, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-announces-new-support-for-projects-working-to-end-gender-based-violence-around-the-world.html>

¹¹⁵⁵ Joint Statement through the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse on Standing with the Women and Girls of Iran, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-through-the-global-partnership-for-action-on-gender-based-online-harassment-and-abuse-on-standing-with-the-women-and-girls-of-iran.html>

¹¹⁵⁶ Statement by the Prime Minister on Human Rights Day, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 10 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/12/10/statement-prime-minister-human-rights-day>

On 15 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada and New Zealand released a joint statement condemning the execution of protesters in Iran.¹¹⁵⁷

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the “barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations from the workplace” as it “puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.”¹¹⁵⁸ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 10 January 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced “targeted sanctions under regulations pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act against four Sri Lankan state officials responsible for gross and systematic violations of human rights during armed conflict in Sri Lanka, which occurred from 1983 to 2009.”¹¹⁵⁹ These sanctions aim to condemn Sri Lanka for the continued impunity it has afforded to those who have committed human rights violations.

On 10 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau, Mexico’s President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and the US President Joe Biden met for the tenth North American Leaders’ Summit in Mexico City.¹¹⁶⁰ The goal of the meeting was to remove barriers for marginalized populations, ensure safe migration between countries and reduce both gender-based violence and violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

On 19 January 2023, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Élisabeth Brière announced CAD598,272 in funding an advocacy intervention program to support women who experience intimate partner violence.¹¹⁶¹ This fund aims to support older adults who are at a higher risk for elder abuse like social isolation, loneliness and family-based violence.

On 26 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the appointment of Amira Elghawaby as Canada’s first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia.¹¹⁶² This action aims to fight hatred, racism and discrimination for Muslim communities.

¹¹⁵⁷ Joint Statement of the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada and New Zealand on the Execution of Protesters in Iran, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 15 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-of-the-foreign-ministers-of-australia-canada-and-new-zealand-on-the-execution-of-protesters-in-iran.html>

¹¹⁵⁸ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban’s ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹¹⁵⁹ Canada imposes sanctions on Sri Lankan state officials for human rights violations, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/canada-imposes-sanctions-on-sri-lankan-state-officials-for-human-rights-violations.html>

¹¹⁶⁰ FACT SHEET: Key Deliverables for the 2023 North American Leaders’ Summit, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/01/10/fact-sheet-key-deliverables-2023-north-american-leaders-summit>

¹¹⁶¹ Government of Canada Supports Project to Prevent and Address Abuse in the Atlantic Region, Public Health Agency of Canada (Fredericton) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/01/government-of-canada-supports-project-to-prevent-and-address-abuse-in-the-atlantic-region.html>

¹¹⁶² Prime Minister announces appointment of Canada’s first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/01/26/prime-minister-announces-appointment-canadas-first-special>

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an increase in aid to Ukraine and sanctions on Russia.¹¹⁶³ Specifically, Canada provided CAD32 million to Ukraine for stabilization and defense and sanctioned over 100 of Russia's elite and government officials as well as weapons and chemicals.

On 27 February 2023, Minister Sajjan announced CAD45 million towards the humanitarian needs of those affected by the conflict in Yemen.¹¹⁶⁴

On 6 March 2023., Prime Minister Trudeau hosted European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen for discussions on maintaining robust sanctions against Russia and promoting women's empowerment in the workplace.¹¹⁶⁵ With the two leaders promising to coordinate efforts to assist Ukraine's neighbours affected by the displaced populations, Prime Minister Trudeau also committed an additional CAD3 million to clear landmines and unexploded ordinances in Ukraine. Towards the efforts of gender equality, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an investment of CAD7.5 million towards the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.

On 15 March 2023, Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino met with Victim Services Toronto and Project Recover which provide support to survivors of human trafficking looking to reclaim their financial independence.¹¹⁶⁶ The aim of this action is to prevent, protect and empower victims and survivors.

On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau and US President Biden met to discuss their shared priorities of creating a fairer migration system between the two countries and promoting security in Haiti.¹¹⁶⁷ Respectively, Canada announced that it would welcome 15,000 migrants on a humanitarian basis from the Western Hemisphere and invest CAD100 million in equipment for the Haitian National Police.

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau promised over CAD50 million to support human and digital rights at home and abroad.¹¹⁶⁸ CAD2 million will go to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen its digital tools while CAD5 million will go to Lawyers without Borders to fight against human rights violations in Honduras.

On 14 April 2023, Canada announced over CAD37 million in funding for 42 innovative community-led projects across Canada.¹¹⁶⁹ The goal of these projects is to scale up prevention, harm reduction and treatment efforts for those at risk of experiencing substance-related harms and overdose.

¹¹⁶³ Supporting Ukraine for as Long as it Takes, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/02/24/supporting-ukraine-long-it-takes>

¹¹⁶⁴ Canada announces funding in continuing response to humanitarian crisis in Yemen, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-announces-funding-in-continuing-response-to-humanitarian-crisis-in-yemen.html>

¹¹⁶⁵ Joint Press Release on the Occasion of the Visit to Canada of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Prime Minister of Canada (Kingston) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/07/joint-press-release-occasion-visit-canada-european-commission-president-ursula-von-der-leyen>

¹¹⁶⁶ Government of Canada announces funding to help empower survivors of human trafficking to regain financial independence, Public Safety Canada (Toronto) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-help-empower-survivors-of-human-trafficking-to-regain-financial-independence.html>

¹¹⁶⁷ Working with the United States to grow our clean economies and create good, middle class jobs on both sides of the border, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/24/working-united-states-grow-our-clean-economies-and-create-good-middle>

¹¹⁶⁸ Backgrounder: Canada announces over \$50 million in funding during second Summit for Democracy, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/03/29/backgrounder-canada-announces-over-50-million-funding-during-second>

¹¹⁶⁹ Government of Canada announces over \$37 million to help address harms related to substance use across Canada, Health Canada (Ottawa) 14 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/04/government-of-canada-announces-over-37-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-across-canada.html>

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. Canada has a variety of actions, working on the domestic front and in partnership with international organizations. Moreover, Canada is proactive in its approach to human and digital rights i.e., its response to Iran's internet policies. By pledging funds, sanctioning international actors perpetuating online authoritarianism, combating human trafficking and working to protect minorities, Canada has fulfilled its commitments in promoting rights within and beyond the digital sphere.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

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On 1 July 2022, the Interministerial Delegation for Accommodation and Access to Housing organized a webinar to discuss the human trafficking of Ukrainian refugees.¹¹⁷⁰ The webinar aimed to raise public awareness and provide guidelines on how to support and guide such victims towards resource centers.

On 14 July 2022, the Ministry of the Interior and Overseas Territories partnered with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to donate a DNA analysis laboratory to the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine.¹¹⁷¹ The goal of this donation is to increase Ukraine's capacity to store and analyze evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity, particularly from its current war with Russia.

On 30 August 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Argentina's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship reaffirmed their commitment to combat enforced disappearances of women.¹¹⁷² Together, both states encouraged all nations to sign on to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

On 8 September 2022, France participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹¹⁷³ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and the need for artificial intelligence regulations.

On 22 September 2022, the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna chaired the Summit for Information and Democracy.¹¹⁷⁴ Minister Colonna reaffirmed France's commitment to ensuring all

¹¹⁷⁰ La Dihal et ses partenaires se mobilisent pour prévenir les risques de traite à l'égard des personnes déplacées d'Ukraine, Délégation interministérielle à l'hébergement et à l'accès au logement (Paris) 8 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/la-dihal-et-ses-partenaires-se-mobilisent-pour-prevenir-les-risques-de-traite-a-l-egard-des>

¹¹⁷¹ La France fait don d'un laboratoire mobile d'analyse ADN à l'Ukraine, Ministère de l'intérieur et de l'outre-mer (Paris) 15 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués/france-fait-don-dun-laboratoire-mobile-danalyse-adn-a-lukraine>

¹¹⁷² International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances – Joint press release by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Argentinean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/human-rights/news/article/international-day-of-the-victims-of-enforced-disappearances-joint-press-release>

¹¹⁷³ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹¹⁷⁴ International Partnership for Information and Democracy, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/multilateralism-a-principle-of-action-for-france/alliance-for-multilateralism/the-information-and-democracy-partnership/article/international-partnership-for-information-and-democracy>

countries' legal frameworks regarding freedom of opinion and expression are in alignment with human rights standards.

On 23 September 2022, France and Germany organized a ministerial meeting on the topic of “Shaping Global Cybersecurity: A Call for Action to Promote Responsible State Behaviour & Capacity-Building.”¹¹⁷⁵ The goal of this meeting was to discuss a plan for developing and improving current rules in cyberspace.

On 28 September 2022, France recognized International Safe Abortion Day claiming that it was “[unwaveringly] committed to this inalienable right.”¹¹⁷⁶

On 28 September 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs partnered with the CMA CGM Foundation to strengthen its “A Boat for Ukraine” operation.¹¹⁷⁷ The goal of this project is to transport more than 1,000 tons of humanitarian goods to Romania where they will then be picked up by Ukrainian partners.

On 28 September 2022, President Emmanuel Macron announced a partnership between France and Germany regarding the World Food Programme.¹¹⁷⁸ The two countries plan to assist Ukraine in donating 50,000 tons of wheat to Somalia and Ethiopia.

On 29 September 2022, the National Council for Policies to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion (CNLE) held its plenary meeting.¹¹⁷⁹ Minister of Solidarity, Autonomy, and People with Disabilities Jean-Christophe Combe proposed the creation of a “Solidarity Pact” to bring together relevant stakeholders in the social security industry.

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On 3 October 2022, the Secretary of State to the Prime Minister Charlotte Caubel launched a campaign to establish national helpline numbers connecting authorities with children fighting violence.¹¹⁸¹ The campaign will promote the number “119” for victims of violence, “3018” for victims of cyberbullying and “3020” for victims of bullying in schools.

¹¹⁷⁵ Joint statement by the French and German ministers for Foreign Affairs – Shaping global cybersecurity, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/news-and-events/united-nations-general-assembly/unga-s-77th-session/article/joint-statement-by-the-french-and-german-ministers-for-foreign-affairs-shaping>

¹¹⁷⁶ Feminist diplomacy – Global health – International Safe Abortion Day (September 28, 2022), Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/feminist-diplomacy/news/article/feminist-diplomacy-global-health-international-safe-abortion-day-sept-28-22>

¹¹⁷⁷ Lancement de l'opération "Bateau pour l'Ukraine", Gouvernement Français (Paris) 29 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translation. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/lancement-de-loperation-un-bateau-pour-lukraine>

¹¹⁷⁸ Global food security – Contributions from France and Germany to the World Food Programme operation transporting Ukrainian grain to Somalia and Ethiopia, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/global-food-security-contributions-from-france-and-germany-to-the-world-food>

¹¹⁷⁹ Réunion plénière du CNLE du 29 septembre 2022, Ministère des Solidarités, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes Handicapées (Paris) 13 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/reunion-pleniere-du-cnle-du-29-septembre-2022>

¹¹⁸⁰ Déclaration des ministres des Affaires étrangères du G7 sur l'annexion illégale du territoire ukrainien souverain, ministère des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération internationale (Rome) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

¹¹⁸¹ Harcèlement, agression, violence : trois chiffres pour aider les enfants en danger, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 4 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/harcement-agressions-violences-trois-numeros-pour-aider-les-enfants-en-danger>

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of the Interior launched the Radio Network of the Future (RRF) project.¹¹⁸² This project aims to modernize communication between security and emergency actors by providing a high-speed communication network for all relevant actors.

On 13 October 2022, France organized a day around the concept of being “resilient in the face of risks.”¹¹⁸³ This day aimed to raise public awareness surrounding technological and cyberspace threats.

On 18 October 2022, the Cyberdefense Command opened the TAMERLAN exercise at the Cyber Center for Operational Preparation.¹¹⁸⁴ The goal of this training exercise was to strengthen cyber combatants and equip them to react in emergency situations.

On 20 October 2022, the Interministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and the Ministerial Statistical Service for Internal Security published the results of its annual survey regarding victims of human trafficking.¹¹⁸⁵ The survey emphasized the threat of new technologies regarding human trafficking.

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On 28 October 2022, the Minister Delegate for the Digital Transition and Telecommunications Jean-Noël Barrot announced the launch of 17 new cybersecurity projects.¹¹⁸⁷ These projects will increase training efforts, develop new solutions and strengthen partnerships between relevant actors, all within the realm of cybersecurity.

On 9 November 2022, the Directorate General of Armaments initiated the third annual DG’hAck challenge.¹¹⁸⁸ The goal of this event was to highlight vulnerabilities in France’s digital systems and challenge cyber experts to present innovative solutions to such issues.

¹¹⁸² Lancement du projet « Réseau Radio du Futur » (RRF), le réseau souverain à très haut débit des services de sécurité et de secours, ministère de l’Intérieur et de l’Outre-mer (Paris) 13 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués/lancement-du-projet-reseau-radio-du-futur-rrf-reseau-tres-haut-debit>

¹¹⁸³ Résilience face aux risques, Gouvernement de la France (Paris) 13 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/tous-resilients-face-aux-risques>

¹¹⁸⁴ TAMERLAN 2022 : les nouvelles recrues de COMCYBER pratiquent la crise, Ministère des Armées Forcées (Paris) 26 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/ema/actualites/tamerlan-2022-nouvelles-recrues-du-comcyber-sexercent-a-crise>

¹¹⁸⁵ Traite des êtres humains en France : profil des victimes accompagnées par des associations en 2021, ministère de l’Intérieur et de l’Outre-mer (Paris) 20 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués/traité-des-êtres-humains-en-france-profil-des-victimes-accompagnées-par-0>

¹¹⁸⁶ Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

¹¹⁸⁷ France 2030 soutient 17 projets de cybersécurité, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/france-2030-soutient-17-projets-pour-la-cybersecurite>

¹¹⁸⁸ Cyberdefense: take part in the DG’hAck 2022 challenge, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 9 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/dga/actualites/cyberdefense-participez-au-challenge-dghack-2022>

On 24 November 2022, the Cyber Center for Operational Preparation under the Command of COMCYBER led a French team to engage in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Cyber Coalition 2022.¹¹⁸⁹ This team consisted of soldiers, civilians, and reservists from official positions and civil society. The team worked to address cybersecurity weaknesses across NATO states, ultimately aiming to strengthen cyber resilience.

On 25 November 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs held an event for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.¹¹⁹⁰ At this event, the Ministry reaffirmed France's commitment to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence and end impunity for abusers.

On 26 November 2022, President Macron announced an additional contribution of EUR6 million to the World Food Programme.¹¹⁹¹ This donation will further support efforts to transport Ukrainian grain to Sudan and Yemen.

On 12 December 2022, Minister of the Interior and Overseas Territories Gérald Darmanin, Minister of Health and Prevention François Braun and Minister Barrot organized a meeting on hospital cybersecurity.¹¹⁹² The ministers announced a comprehensive program regarding cyber incidents involving new exercises, resources and planning tools.

On 13 December 2022, France hosted the Solidarity with the Ukrainian People Conference.¹¹⁹³ The meeting aimed to meet the needs of Ukrainians for the winter and guarantee the resilience of infrastructure in five key areas: access to energy, access to water, agri-food, health, transport.

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the Taliban's decision to prevent female employees of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from working, as this puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.¹¹⁹⁴ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

¹¹⁸⁹ COMCYBER participe à CYBER COALITION 2022, l'exercice international à grande échelle de l'OTAN, Ministère des Armées (Paris) 9 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/ema/actualites/comcyber-participe-a-cyber-coalition-2022-exercice-international-grande-envergure-lotan>

¹¹⁹⁰ Politique étrangère féministe – Journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes (25 novembre 2022), ministère des Affaires européennes et étrangères (Paris) 25 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/feminist-diplomacy/news/article/feminist-foreign-policy-international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence>

¹¹⁹¹ Sécurité alimentaire – La France poursuit ses actions pour renforcer la sécurité alimentaire mondiale (26 novembre 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (Paris) 26 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/food-security-france-continues-to-take-action-to-strengthen-global-food>

¹¹⁹² Nouveaux engagements pour renforcer la cybersécurité des établissements de santé, Ministère de l'Intérieur et de l'Outre-Mer (Paris) 21 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués/de-nouveaux-engagements-pour-renforcer-cybersecurite-des-etablissements-de>

¹¹⁹³ International conference in support of the Ukrainian people – Statement by the French and Ukrainian co-chairs (13 December 2022), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Paris) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/international-conference-in-support-of-the-ukrainian-people-statement-by-the>

¹¹⁹⁴ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban's ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

On 22 January 2023, France and Germany committed to strengthening the EU and to intensify efforts towards rising up to the challenge of global security challenges in Ukraine, promoting the sustainability of digital infrastructure and strengthening European digital sovereignty relating to 5G and 6G networks.¹¹⁹⁵

On 30 January 2023, Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne presented the National Plan to Combat Racism, Anti-Semitism and Origin-Based Discrimination (2023-2026).¹¹⁹⁶ The goal of this plan is to train civil servants in these issues, support victims of such discrimination and sanction the perpetrators.

On 6 February 2023, France recognized the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation and asserted that gender equality is an integral part of France's "feminist foreign policy."¹¹⁹⁷

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Borne announced an inter-ministerial plan for women's equality 2023-2027.¹¹⁹⁸ The goal of this plan is to fight violence against women, promote access to women's health and achieve professional and economic equality for women.

On 8 March 2023, the Ministry of the Interior and Overseas recognized International Women's Rights Day and reaffirmed its dedication to upholding gender equality.¹¹⁹⁹

On 14 April 2023, Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and Korea's Foreign Minister Park Jin hosted the fourth Foreign Ministerial Strategic Dialogue in Seoul discussing global security priorities on preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's unlawful ballistic missiles and respecting the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine.¹²⁰⁰

On 17 April 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the ongoing clashes between the army and Rapid Support Forces in Sudan that began on 15 April 2023 and have killed 100 civilians so far.¹²⁰¹ France expressed support for Sudan's regional and international partners to mobilise and reach a ceasefire.

France has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. France has developed domestic policies with agencies like the CNLE to strengthen its cyberspace and provide its citizens with digital security and the RRF and TAMERLAN exercise to better equip and train first responders. France has also worked with international partners such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Germany and Ukraine to extend

¹¹⁹⁵ French-German Declaration, Elysee (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023.

<https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/22/french-german-declaration>

¹¹⁹⁶ The Prime Minister presented the National Plan to Combat Racism, Anti-Semitism and Discrimination Related to Origin (2023-2026), Gouvernement (Paris) 30 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2023.

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/communique/la-premiere-ministre-a-presente-le-plan-national-de-lutte-contre-le-racisme-lantisemitisme-et-les-discriminations-liees-a-lorigine-2023-2026>

¹¹⁹⁷ UN - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, Ministère de L'Europe et de Affaires étrangères (Paris) 6 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/human-rights/women-s-rights/article/un-international-day-of-zero-tolerance-for-female-genital-mutilation-feb-6-2023>

¹¹⁹⁸ Presentation of the interministerial plan for equality between women and men 2023-2027, Gouvernement (Paris) 7 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/communique/presentation-du-plan-interministeriel-pour-egalite-entre-les-femmes-et-les-hommes-2023-2027>

¹¹⁹⁹ International Women's Rights Day: the Ministry of the Interior and Overseas is committed on a daily basis, Ministry of the Interior and Overseas (Paris) 8 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 April 2023.

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/journee-internationale-des-droits-des-femmes-ministere-de>

¹²⁰⁰ South Korea - Joint Press Release on the 4th ROK-France Foreign Ministerial Strategic Dialogue (14 April 2023), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Paris) 14 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/south-korea/news/article/south-korea-joint-press-release-on-the-4th-rok-france-foreign-ministerial>

¹²⁰¹ Sudan - Clashes in Khartoum between the army and the Rapid Support Forces (17 April 2023), Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 17 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/sudan/news/article/sudan-clashes-in-khartoum-between-the-army-and-the-rapid-support-forces-april>

humanitarian and technological assistance thus affirming its support of human rights initiatives both within its borders and across the globe.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

On 25 August 2022, Human Rights Commissioner of Germany Luise Amtsberg released a statement calling upon the Vietnamese Government to advocate for the prison release of human rights journalist Pham Doan Trang.¹²⁰² Additionally, Commissioner Amtsberg urged the government to protect the rule-of-law and provide insight on proceedings to international observers.

On 8 September 2022, Germany participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹²⁰³ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and regulations of artificial intelligence.

On 23 September 2022, Germany and France organized a ministerial meeting on the topic of “Shaping Global Cybersecurity: A Call for Action to Promote Responsible State Behaviour & Capacity-Building.”¹²⁰⁴ The goal of this meeting was to discuss a plan for developing and improving current rules in cyberspace.

On 28 September 2022, Germany and France announced a partnership regarding the World Food Programme.¹²⁰⁵ The two countries plan to contribute 50,000 tons of wheat provided free of charge by Ukraine to Somalia and Ethiopia.

On 30 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹²⁰⁶ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia’s continued violations of Ukraine’s sovereignty and independence.

On 7 October 2022, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Niels Annen traveled to Amman, Jordan where he pledged over EUR95 million for short-term employment

¹²⁰² Statement by Human Rights Commissioner Luise Amtsberg on the decision by a Hanoi court of appeal to uphold the sentencing of human rights defender Pham Doan Trang to nine years’ imprisonment, German Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/human-rights-commissioner-pham-doan-trang/2548474>

¹²⁰³ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹²⁰⁴ Joint statement by the French and German ministers for Foreign Affairs – Shaping global cybersecurity, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/news-and-events/united-nations-general-assembly/unga-s-77th-session/article/joint-statement-by-the-french-and-german-ministers-for-foreign-affairs-shaping>

¹²⁰⁵ Global food security – Contributions from France and Germany to the World Food Programme operation transporting Ukrainian grain to Somalia and Ethiopia, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/global-food-security-contributions-from-france-and-germany-to-the-world-food>

¹²⁰⁶ Dichiarazione dei Ministri degli Esteri del G7 sull’annessione illegale del territorio ucraino sovrano, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

and educational programs to help over 700,000 Syrian refugees within Jordan.¹²⁰⁷ The goal of this meeting was to discuss developmental strategies of how best to implement the funding for those displaced by conflict in Jordan.

On 13 October 2022, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser conducted a high-level meeting to discuss the Ukrainian refugee situation.¹²⁰⁸ In response to the poor housing situation resulting from the large number of Ukrainian refugees, Germany pledged additional housing for 4000 more refugees. Federal, state and local governments will also launch a platform where experts may discuss solutions to the refugee housing crisis.

On 14 October 2022, Minister for Women's Affairs Lisa Paus attended the Gender Equality Ministers Meeting in Berlin.¹²⁰⁹ The Ministers made a joint declaration to increase equality in times of crisis and conflict for women. Additionally, Paus called upon Iran to honor human rights and end its oppression of women.

On 17 October 2022, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Minister Faeser announced the federal humanitarian admission program.¹²¹⁰ This program is to be used for Afghans at risk due to conflict.

On 20 October 2022, Minister Faeser, along with 16 countries and the EU, met at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin to discuss human trafficking.¹²¹¹ They committed to further increase border security ties between the countries and measures targeted at immigrant human smugglers.

On 20 October 2022, Germany, along with the undersigned members of the Freedom Online Coalition, called upon the Government of Iran to lift the country's nationwide internet restrictions.¹²¹² Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Coalition declares that cutting off mobile data, disrupting social media, cutting internet services, blocking users and accessing private devices are clear violations of human rights.

On 28 October 2022, Germany withdrew its reservations about the Istanbul Conference.¹²¹³ This action will lead to a full implementation of both Articles 59 and 44 which discuss personal situations of victims and provisions of national criminal law, respectively. This added measure will better address the human rights violation of gender-based violence.

¹²⁰⁷ Government Negotiations with Jordan: Through its development cooperation, Germany supports stabilisation in Middle East, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/government-negotiations-with-jordan-125772>

¹²⁰⁸ Federal Interior Minister Nancy Faeser: An extraordinary joint effort, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (Berlin) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/kurzmeldungen/EN/2022/10/high-level-meeting_refugees.html

¹²⁰⁹ Closer Cooperation and More Ambitious Goals, German Federal Government (Berlin) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-gender-equality-ministers-2134642>

¹²¹⁰ Humanitäres Aufnahmeprogramm für queere Geflüchtete aus Afghanistan, Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (Berlin) 17 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: November 2022. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelles/alle-meldungen/humanitaeres-aufnahmeprogramm-fuer-queere-gefluechtete-aus-afghanistan-202580>

¹²¹¹ Close cooperation with the Western Balkan countries, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (Berlin) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/kurzmeldungen/EN/2022/10/close_cooperation_with_the_western_balkan_countries.html

¹²¹² Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

¹²¹³ Bundesregierung verstärkt Kampf gegen Menschenhandel, Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (Berlin) 28 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelles/alle-meldungen/bundesregierung-zieht-vorbehalte-gegen-istanbul-konvention-zurueck-202866>

On 3 November 2022, Minister Baerbock and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken hosted the US-German Futures Forum in Muenster, Germany to advance democratic shared values in an increasingly digital world.¹²¹⁴ The goal of the forum was to develop proposals for several political measures on topics like Reinforcing Democracy at Home: Delivering Democracy Digitally, Advancing Democracy and Human Rights Online and Defending Democracy: Countering Digital Authoritarianism and the Misuse of Technology.

On 18 November 2022, the Ministry for Family Affairs set up an independent reporting body to investigate human rights trafficking.¹²¹⁵ The Ministry will provide funding to the German Institute for Human Rights to “ensure that international regulations are implemented more effectively by collecting and evaluating data.”

On 28 November 2022, Minister of Justice Marco Buschmann and Italy’s Minister of Justice Carlo Nordio met to discuss the fight against war crimes in Ukraine.¹²¹⁶ Both ministers assured their utmost support for ongoing investigations by the International Criminal Court.

On 7 December 2022, the Federal Cabinet adopted the 15th Human Rights Report.¹²¹⁷ The goal of this report is to describe efforts taken to protect human rights at home and abroad including issues like digital technologies being used by autocratic regimes to violate human rights and commitment to fighting human trafficking.

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the “barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from the workplace” as it “puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.”¹²¹⁸ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 3 January 2023, the Federal Foreign Office created an official set of guidelines for how they must promote women’s equality and rights entitled, “Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Federal - Foreign Office Guidelines.”¹²¹⁹ These 10 guidelines are meant specifically to highlight “marginalized people in art and culture, research and science, education and the media.”

On 22 January 2023, Germany and France committed to strengthening the EU and to intensify efforts towards rising up to the challenge of global security challenges in Ukraine, promoting the sustainability of digital infrastructure and strengthening European digital sovereignty relating to 5G and 6G networks.¹²²⁰

On 20 February 2023, Federal Development Minister Svenja Schulze, Federal Labour Minister Hubertus Heil and Director-General of the International Labour Organization Gilbert Houngbo met in Ghana and Côte

¹²¹⁴ Strengthening democracy in a digital world - U.S.-German Futures Forum 2022, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2561692>

¹²¹⁵ Bundesregierung verstärkt Kampf gegen Menschenhandel, Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (Berlin) 18 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelles/alle-meldungen/bundesregierung-verstaerkt-kampf-gegen-menschenhandel-205132>

¹²¹⁶ Bilaterale Italia-Germania su Tub e Ucraina, Ministero della giustizia (Rome) 28 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.gnewsonline.it/g7-giustizia-bilaterale-italia-germania-su-tub-e-ucraina/>

¹²¹⁷ German Government’s fifteenth Human Rights Report, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/menschenrechte/human-rights-report-15/2567970>

¹²¹⁸ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban’s ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹²¹⁹ Guidelines for Feminist Foreign Policy: a Foreign Policy for All, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/ffp-guidelines/2585074?openAccordionId=item-2585076-0-panel>

¹²²⁰ French-German Declaration, Elysee (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/22/french-german-declaration>

d'Ivoire to discuss human rights in global supply chains.¹²²¹ The aim of the meeting was to see how applying new supply chain regulations to global supply chains would lead to better working conditions.

On 1 March 2023, Minister Baerbock and Minister Schulze released a new set of directives for diplomatic and development policy to invest more on gender equality.¹²²² Promoting the Feminist Foreign Policy, Minister Schulze said that this action aims to close the digital and economic gender gap.

On 8 March 2023, Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth Lisa Paus spoke at the 67th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.¹²²³ On the topic of women's involvement in the digital sphere, Minister Paus' speech covered women's disproportional lack of access to the internet and inclusion in a turning AI world.

On 6 April 2023, Germany increased military support for Ukraine including armored vehicles, trucks and drones.¹²²⁴

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. Through upholding the accountability of other countries and protecting refugees and vulnerable groups, Germany has complied with promoting human rights on a national and international level. Germany also took strong action to protect human rights in the digital sphere across different groups as seen with its involvement with the Freedom Coalition, its condemnation of the Iran government for restricting the internet and its support for women's digital economic empowerment.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Maeve Kelly

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

On 25 July 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs committed to new humanitarian corridors for 300 Afghan citizens departing from Iran and Pakistan to arrive in Rome.¹²²⁵ This initiative is part of the "Italian Plan for the Afghan People" and relates to the Memorandum of Understanding for humanitarian corridors and evacuations from Afghanistan.

¹²²¹ Development Minister Schulze and Labour Minister Heil are traveling to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire together, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 15 February 2023.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/ministers-schulze-and-heil-travel-to-ghana-and-c%C3%B4te-d-ivoire-142488>

¹²²² German government to promote 'feminist foreign policy', Deutsche Welle (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023.

<https://www.dw.com/en/german-government-to-promote-feminist-foreign-policy/a-64855031>

¹²²³ Speech by Federal Minister Ms. Lisa Paus at the CSW67 General Debate, 8 March 2023, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations (New York) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://new-york-un.diplo.de/un-en/news-corner/-/2586634?view=>

¹²²⁴ Military Support for Ukraine, The Federal Government (Berlin) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023.

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/military-support-ukraine-2054992>

¹²²⁵ Sudan. Contributo di emergenza della Cooperazione Italiana in risposta alle forti inondazioni che hanno colpito il Paese, Ministero degli Affari Esterie della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 25 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/08/sudan-contributo-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-risposta-alle-forti-inondazioni-che-hanno-colpito-il-paese/

On 31 August 2022, the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation arranged an emergency contribution of EUR250,000 towards the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (FICROSS) in Sudan.¹²²⁶

On 1 September 2022, the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation made an emergency contribution of EUR500,000 to FICROSS in Pakistan.¹²²⁷

On 8 September 2022, Italy participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹²²⁸ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and regulations of artificial intelligence.

On 30 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹²²⁹ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia's continued violations of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence.

On 5 October 2022, the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation arranged two emergency grants worth a total of almost EUR2 million to meet the growing humanitarian needs of the Lebanese population.¹²³⁰ Of these, EUR750,000 is directed to the World Health Organization for the purchase and supply of drugs necessary for the treatment of patients suffering from serious diseases.

On 12 October 2022, the Department for the Digital Transition of Justice, Statistical Analysis and Cohesion Policies launched the Online Court Project in the four judicial offices of Catania, Catanzaro, Marsala and north Naples to advance their digitization.¹²³¹ The digitalization of courts allow for the increase of accessibility when patrolling human rights violations in the digital sphere.

On 20 October 2022, Italy, along with the undersigned members of the Freedom Online Coalition, called upon the Government of Iran to lift the country's nationwide internet restrictions.¹²³² Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Coalition declares that cutting off mobile data, disrupting social media, cutting internet services, blocking users and accessing private devices are clear violations of human rights.

¹²²⁶ Sudan. Contributo di emergenza della Cooperazione Italiana in risposta alle forti inondazioni che hanno colpito il Paese, Ministero degli Affari Esterie della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 25 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/08/sudan-contributo-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-risposta-alle-forti-inondazioni-che-hanno-colpito-il-paese/

¹²²⁷ Pakistan. Contributo di emergenza della Cooperazione Italiana in risposta alle alluvioni, Ministero degli Affari Esterie della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 1 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/pakistan-contributo-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-risposta-alle-alluvioni/

¹²²⁸ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹²²⁹ Dichiarazione dei Ministri degli Esteri del G7 sull'annessione illegale del territorio sovrano ucraino, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

¹²³⁰ Libano. Contributi di emergenza della Cooperazione Italiana in favore della FICROSS e dell'OMS, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 5 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/libano-contributi-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-favore-della-ficross-e-delloms/

¹²³¹ Digitalizzazione della giustizia, parte il nuovo tribunale online, Ministero della Giustizia (Rome) 12 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.gnewsonline.it/digitalizzazione-della-giustizia-parte-il-nuovo-tribunale-online-2/>

¹²³² Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

On 8 November 2022, the Ministry of Education engaged in a consultation for the updating of the National Digital School Plan.¹²³³ The General Directorate for Structural Funds for Education, School Construction and Digital Schools aims to update the Plan in light of the rapid evolution of digital technologies, ensuring structural provisions for the human right of education in the digital sphere.

On 25 November 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs joined the “UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls” campaign promoted by UN Women which was focused on the fundamental contribution of civil society movements, organizations and women’s rights activists to raise public awareness on these issues.¹²³⁴ Italy expressed its firmest condemnation against all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

On 28 November 2022, Minister of Justice Carlo Nordio and Germany’s Minister of Justice Marco Buschmann, met to discuss the fight against war crimes in Ukraine.¹²³⁵ Both ministers assured their utmost support for ongoing investigations by the International Criminal Court.

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the “barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from the workplace” as it “puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.”¹²³⁶ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 11 January 2023, President Giorgia Meloni met with the Ukrainian Electricity Emergency working group to define major electricity sector operators and logistical arrangements for the next shipment.¹²³⁷ The goal of this group is to coordinate initiatives to support Ukraine’s electricity shortages.

On 31 January 2023, President Meloni met with UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi confirming appreciation for the UN Refugee Agency’s work for the protection and welfare of refugees and underlining the UNHCR’s cooperation with Italy, especially in Libya in creating humanitarian corridors.¹²³⁸

¹²³³ Consultazione per l’aggiornamento del Piano Nazionale Scuola Digitale, Ministero dell’Istruzione e del Merito (Rome) 8 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022.

<https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/consultazione-per-attualizzazione-del-piano-nazionale-scuola-digitale>

¹²³⁴ 25 novembre: Giornata Internazionale per l’Eliminazione della Violenza contro le Donne, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 25 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/25-novembre-giornata-internazionale-per-leliminazione-della-violenza-contro-le-donne/

¹²³⁵ G7 Giustizia. Bilaterale Italia-Germania su Tub e Ucraina, Ministero della Giustizia (Rome) 28 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.gnewsonline.it/g7-giustizia-bilaterale-italia-germania-su-tub-e-ucraina/>

¹²³⁶ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban’s ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹²³⁷ ‘Ukraine electricity emergency’ working group meets at Palazzo Chigi, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 11 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/ukraine-electricity-emergency-working-group-meets-palazzo-chigi/21494>

¹²³⁸ President Meloni meets with UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, Italian Government (Rome) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-un-high-commissioner-refugees-filippo-grandi/21661>

On 6 February 2023, Italy reaffirmed its commitment to the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.¹²³⁹ Italy's continuous condemnation represents a commitment to the physical and psychological health of girls and young women.

On 20 February 2023, Italy sent large amounts of electrical equipment to Ukraine in support of those without access to electricity.¹²⁴⁰

On 30 March 2023, the Summit for Democracy announced a declaration reaffirming shared belief in the advancement of peace, prosperity, equality, sustainable development and security.¹²⁴¹ This declaration included commitments pertaining to the protection of human rights online and offline.

On 15 April 2023, Italy condemned North Korea's launch of a long-range ballistic missile which violates UN Security Council resolutions and poses a threat to international peace and security.¹²⁴²

On 16 April 2023, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani expressed concern and called for an immediate ceasefire between the Rapid Support Forces and the army in Sudan as fighting had already killed 100 civilians.¹²⁴³

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. Administering emergency aid to countries experiencing hardship, adequately ensuring the human right of education in the digital sphere, and advancing digitization indicates Italy's commitment to promoting human rights on and offline. Internationally, Italy has exhibited its commitment through monetary aid and the condemnation of human rights injustices while it has focused domestically on advocating against trends of violence and abuse.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

¹²³⁹ Italy's commitment to eliminate the practice of Female Genital Mutilation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 6 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/impegno-dellitalia-per-leliminazione-della-pratica-delle-mutilazioni-genitali-femminili/

¹²⁴⁰ Large amounts of electrical equipment to be sent to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 20 February 2023.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/large-amounts-electrical-equipment-be-sent-ukraine/21862>

¹²⁴¹ Declaration of the Summit for Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 30 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/declaration-of-the-summit-for-democracy/

¹²⁴² Italy condemns the new launch of a ballistic missile by North Korea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 15 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/04/condanna-dellitalia-del-nuovo-lancio-di-un-missile-balistico-da-parte-della-corea-del-nord/

¹²⁴³ Minister, Hon. Antonio Tajani, on the continuation of armed clashes in Khartoum and call for the immediate cessation of fighting, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 16 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/04/dichiarazioni-del-vpc-e-ministro-degli-esteri-on-antonio-tajani-sulla-proseguenza-degli-scontri-armati-a-khartoum-e-appello-alla-cessazione-immediata-dei-combattimenti/

On 30 June 2022, the fourth Japan-India Cyber Dialogue was held virtually where they discussed national cyber policies and cybersecurity strategies.¹²⁴⁴ The goal of this dialogue was to underline interest in the safekeeping of human rights on the online sphere.

On 5 July 2022, Japan provided monetary assistance totaling approximately USD200 million as a response to the deterioration of global food security, as exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine.¹²⁴⁵ This sum aims to provide food assistance and capacity building for countries facing food shortages and provide emergency food assistance as humanitarian aid to countries in the Middle East and Africa, as well as to support the promotion of grain exports from Ukraine through bilateral assistance.

On 12 July 2022, Japan provided emergency relief goods of water purifiers and jerry cans through the Japan International Cooperation Agency to the Republic of Kiribati in response to the damages caused by the drought.¹²⁴⁶

On 12 July 2022, Japan extended an emergency grant aid of USD3 million to Afghanistan in response to the damages caused by the earthquake that had occurred in eastern Afghanistan.¹²⁴⁷ This is a monetary alliance in the provision of access to health and medical care, shelter, water and sanitation through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

On 29 July 2022, Japan provided emergency relief goods like generators, portable jerry cans, tents, sleeping pads and plastic sheets through the Japan International Cooperation Agency to the Philippines in response to the damages caused by the earthquake in the northern Philippines.¹²⁴⁸

On 8 September 2022, Japan participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹²⁴⁹ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and regulations of artificial intelligence.

On 16 September 2022, Japan decided to extend emergency grant aid of USD7 million to Pakistan in response to the damages caused by the flood disaster.¹²⁵⁰ Japan's emergency grant aid will allow implementing humanitarian assistance activities for those seriously affected by the flooding disaster in different parts of Pakistan through multiple international organizations in areas such as food, shelter, health and medical care.

On 30 September 2022, Japan, along with other G7 Foreign Ministers, released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹²⁵¹ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia's continued violations of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence.

¹²⁴⁴ Fourth Japan-India Cyber Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000303.html

¹²⁴⁵ Response to the Global Food Security affected by the Situation in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000304.html

¹²⁴⁶ Emergency Assistance to the Republic of Kiribati in Response to the Drought, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000305.html

¹²⁴⁷ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the earthquake in eastern Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000423.html

¹²⁴⁸ Emergency Assistance to the Republic of the Philippines in Response to the Earthquake in the Northern Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000314.html

¹²⁴⁹ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹²⁵⁰ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the Flood Disaster in Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000401.html

¹²⁵¹ Dichiarazione dei Ministri degli Esteri del G7 sull'annessione illegale del territorio ucraino sovrano, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

On 20 October 2022, Japan, along with the undersigned members of the Freedom Online Coalition, called upon the Government of Iran to lift the country's nationwide internet restrictions.¹²⁵² Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Coalition declares that cutting off mobile data, disrupting social media, cutting internet services, blocking users and accessing private devices are clear violations of human rights.

On 28 October 2022, Japan provided an emergency grant aid of USD1 million to the Kyrgyz Republic in response to the deterioration of the local humanitarian situation caused by clashes at the country's border with Tajikistan.¹²⁵³ This Emergency Grant Aid will allow the implementation of humanitarian assistance activities through the World Food Programme and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in areas such as food, shelter and non-food items.

On 20 December 2022, Press Secretary Hikariko Ono expressed firm condemnation against the Taliban's suspension of Girls' Higher Education in Afghanistan.¹²⁵⁴ In efforts to promote human rights on a global level, Secretary Ono expressed the standard of women's education as fundamental when advocating for the right of all Afghans to be guaranteed equal access to education regardless of gender.

On 22 December 2022, the Government of Japan provided generators as support to protect the lives of the people of Ukraine.¹²⁵⁵ Generators are meant to "secure lifelines such as heating and water in the midst of continuing severe cold."

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the "barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from the workplace" as it "puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival."¹²⁵⁶ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 7 February 2023, Japan held the Japan-UK Bilateral Consultations on Cyber Issues.¹²⁵⁷ Each country discussed cybersecurity strategy, policy and capacity building for cybersecurity thus promoting a secure cyberspace for the assurance of human rights.

On 14 February 2023, Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid of approximately USD550,000 as support for winterization assistance in Ukraine for victims of war.¹²⁵⁸

On 28 February 2023, Japan provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar affected by the coup d'état.¹²⁵⁹ In response to the rapid increase of the need for humanitarian assistance due to the deteriorating

¹²⁵² Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

¹²⁵³ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003173.html

¹²⁵⁴ Suspension of Girls' Higher Education in Afghanistan (Statement by Press Secretary ONO Hikariko), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000523.html

¹²⁵⁵ Provision of Generators to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000525.html

¹²⁵⁶ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban's ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹²⁵⁷ UK Bilateral Consultations on Cyber Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000542.html

¹²⁵⁸ Additional Emergency Grant Aid for winterization assistance in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 14 February 2023. Access date: 11 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000377.html

¹²⁵⁹ Humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar affected by the coup d'état, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 February 2023. Access date: 11 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000383.html

situation since last year, Japan decided to provide additional humanitarian assistance totaling approximately USD60.3 million in food, medical aid and shelter through international organizations.

On 20 March 2023, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice Takami Hiroyuki participated in the Justice Ministers' Conference, supporting the International Criminal Court and its investigation into Russia's involvement in Ukraine in London which was co-hosted by the UK and Netherlands.¹²⁶⁰

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. As a global contributor to humanitarian crises, as well as an open adversary of international human rights abuses, Japan has shown significant affirmation to its commitments amongst the international community. Japan has complied in taking strong monetary and ally-based action with other nations and organizations when promoting human rights within the offline sphere.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

On 8 September 2022, the UK participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹²⁶¹ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and regulations of artificial intelligence.

On 29 September 2022, the UK invested funding up to GBP200,000 to assess the cybersecurity of business devices that are connected to the Internet.¹²⁶² This new investment is part of the GBP2.6 billion National Cyber Strategies plan, which encourages organizations to support further research into digital safety of office devices. With the intention to assess the cyber resilience across British businesses, this initiative aims to uncover vulnerabilities in these prevalently used enterprise products and subsequently expand the digital economy.

On 30 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹²⁶³ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia's continued violations of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence.

On 3 October 2022, the UK was elected to the governing council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).¹²⁶⁴ The ITU oversees the international spectrum coordination and satellite networks that support technologies such as mobiles, Wi-Fi and GPS navigations. By becoming a member of the ITU's council, the UK promoted a free and safe cyberspace with its global partners.

¹²⁶⁰ Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice attended the Justice Ministers' Conference: Supporting the ICC and its Investigation into the Situation in Ukraine Co-hosted by the UK and Netherlands, Ministry of Justice (Tokyo) 20 March 2023. Access date: 11 April 2023. https://www.moj.go.jp/EN/hisho/kouhou/m_hisho06_00119.html

¹²⁶¹ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹²⁶² Up to £200,000 available to test security of smart devices used by nearly all UK businesses, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (London) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/up-to-200000-available-to-test-security-of-smart-devices-used-by-nearly-all-uk-businesses>

¹²⁶³ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

¹²⁶⁴ UK wins seat on top UN telecoms council, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (London) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-wins-seat-on-top-un-telecoms-council>

On 7 October 2022, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Michelle Donelan made a joint statement with the US' Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo on the launch of “a new senior-level Comprehensive Dialogue on Technology and Data” to further joint efforts regarding technology and democratic values.¹²⁶⁵

On 13 October 2022, the UK issued an additional GBP10 million of funding to flood relief efforts in Pakistan.¹²⁶⁶ Minister of State Tariq Ahmad visited the regions most affected and spoke with important UK-funded agencies in Sindh. This announcement of further humanitarian support focused on supporting displaced people, re-establishing communal water supplies and enhancing sanitation. The UK ensured assistance facilitating Pakistan's economic recovery and resilience against future natural disasters.

On 19 October 2022, the UK announced aid to 150,000 victims of drought and conflict in Ethiopia.¹²⁶⁷ In particular, this support included an additional GBP14 million in funding of “comprehensive health, water sanitation, hygiene and nutrition services.” The package also provides mental health support to children and women who were subjected to violence and exploitation.

On 20 October 2022, the Cyber Command and the UK's Strategic Command cooperated on a joint project to strengthen cyber resilience.¹²⁶⁸ Deputy Director Cyber Command Matthew Paradise affirmed the significance of maintaining reliable digital infrastructures and networks. Similar sentiments were echoed by the UK's Director Operation at Defence Digital Nick Washer who said that collective cyber operations “offer huge shared benefits in enhancing collective defense.”¹²⁶⁹ Through joint digital collaborations, malicious online activities are suppressed and cybersecurity is further strengthened.

On 20 October 2022, the UK, along with the undersigned members of the Freedom Online Coalition, called upon the Government of Iran to lift the country's nationwide internet restrictions.¹²⁷⁰ Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Coalition declares that cutting off mobile data, disrupting social media, cutting internet services, blocking users and accessing private devices are clear violations of human rights.

On 28 October 2022, the UK granted more than GBP1 million to 17 domestic organizations to enhance media literacy skills for individuals at risk of experiencing online abuse and misinformation.¹²⁷¹ The funding scheme created “The Media Literacy Taskforce Fund” to improve vulnerable groups' media literacy skills through investing in community-led projects. Similar projects include Freshrb and Parent Zone, where both organizations mentor teenagers and parents in combating online disinformation. All the plans are part of the Online Media Literacy Strategy, which supports a safer online environment by protecting vulnerable groups from harmful content and tackling online criminal activities.

¹²⁶⁵ U.S.-UK Joint Statement: New Comprehensive Dialogue on Technology and Data and Progress on Data Adequacy, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/10/us-uk-joint-statement-new-comprehensive-dialogue-technology-and-data>

¹²⁶⁶ Additional £10 million of UK aid for flood relief efforts in Pakistan, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/additional-10-million-of-uk-aid-for-flood-relief-efforts-in-pakistan>

¹²⁶⁷ UK announces humanitarian assistance for 150,000 women and children suffering drought and conflict in Ethiopia, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-humanitarian-assistance-for-150000-women-and-children-suffering-drought-and-conflict-in-ethiopia>

¹²⁶⁸ Collaborating with U.S. on Cyber, Ministry of Defense (London) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 25 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/collaborating-with-us-on-cyber>

¹²⁶⁹ Collaborating with U.S. on Cyber, Ministry of Defense (London) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 25 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/collaborating-with-us-on-cyber>

¹²⁷⁰ Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

¹²⁷¹ Help for vulnerable people to spot disinformation and boost online safety, Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (London) 28 October 2022, Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/help-for-vulnerable-people-to-spot-disinformation-and-boost-online-safety>

On 28 November 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office published the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative Strategy which sets out the approach to using diplomacy and defence influence to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence.¹²⁷²

On 9 December 2022, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announced new sanctions that target “corrupt actors, and those violating and abusing human rights, as well as perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict.”¹²⁷³

On 29 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Denmark, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Japan, the United States and the High Representative of the European Union, released a joint statement condemning the “barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from the workplace” as it “puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.”¹²⁷⁴ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 9 January 2023, the Home Office committed up to GBP36 million to the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Fund and other measures aimed at tackling domestic abuse and stalking.¹²⁷⁵

On 30 January 2023, the Home Office published a guidance for immigration staff to grant temporary permission to stay to victims of human trafficking and slavery.¹²⁷⁶

On 16 February 2023, Minister for Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell announced GBP80 million in funding to provide education for 20 million children living in conflict areas from Ukraine to Syria.¹²⁷⁷ This action aims to protect children affected by war, disaster and displacement.

On 23 February 2023, the UK launched the five-year National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security to protect women and girls in conflict.¹²⁷⁸

On 5 March 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced a call for proposals for a project under its Conflict, Stability and Security Fund.¹²⁷⁹ The aim of this project is to pursue the Two State Solution as a means to end Israel’s apartheid state in Palestine.

¹²⁷² Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative strategy, UK Government (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-sexual-violence-in-conflict-initiative-strategy>

¹²⁷³ UK sanctions target 30 corrupt political figures, human rights violators and perpetrators of conflict-related sexual violence around the world, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-target-30-corrupt-political-figures-human-rights-violators-and-perpetrators-of-conflict-related-sexual-violence-around-the-world>

¹²⁷⁴ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban’s ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹²⁷⁵ Fund launched to protect domestic abuse victims through prevention, Home Office (London) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fund-launched-to-protect-domestic-abuse-victims-through-prevention>

¹²⁷⁶ Temporary permission to stay for victims of human trafficking and slavery: caseworker guidance, UK Government (London) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-permission-to-stay-for-victims-of-human-trafficking-and-slavery-caseworker-guidance>

¹²⁷⁷ New UK Support will help provide emergency education to 20 million children in crisis, UK Government (London) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-support-will-help-provide-emergency-education-to-20-million-children-in-crisis>

¹²⁷⁸ New UK plan launched to protect women and girls in conflict. UK Government (London) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-plan-launched-to-protect-women-and-girls-in-conflict>

¹²⁷⁹ Call for Proposals: the UK Government’s Conflict, Stability and Security Fund, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 5 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/call-for-proposals-the-uk-governments-conflict-stability-and-security-fund>

On 15 March 2023, the UK delivered a statement in concern of the increasing attacks on Human Rights Defenders in the civil society space during the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council.¹²⁸⁰

On 20 March 2023, the UK co-hosted the Justice Ministers' Conference with the Netherlands in support of the International Criminal Court and its investigation into Russia's involvement in Ukraine.¹²⁸¹

On 6 April 2023, Minister Mitchell reaffirmed support to Cameroonian trade and discussed the human rights impacts of the conflict in Cameroon.¹²⁸²

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. Through implementing domestic programs and issuing multilateral initiatives, the UK has dedicated itself to ensuring digital safety and developing cyber resilience. In addition to online security, the UK has demonstrated its commitment to actively protecting victims in crises and conflicts, through the administration of humanitarian aid abroad in countries such as Pakistan and Ethiopia. Domestically, human rights victims are supported by the UK government through numerous programs towards the prevention of violence and discrimination.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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On 19 July 2022, Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced a 120-Day Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Sprint.¹²⁸³ This project aims to create a "skilled and diverse cybersecurity workforce" prepared to protect digital infrastructure. The project also seeks to provide traditionally underrepresented communities with greater access to careers in cybersecurity.

On 30 July 2022, the Department of Homeland Security recognized the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, reaffirming the Department's dedication to this issue.¹²⁸⁴

On 16 August 2022, the Department of Defense partnered with Korea's Ministry of National Defense to hold the 21st Korea-US Integrated Defense Dialogue.¹²⁸⁵ The two countries pledged to continue collaborating in efforts to strengthen cyber infrastructure.

¹²⁸⁰ UN HRC52: Statement on the situation of Human Rights Defenders, UK Government (London) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/un-hrc52-statement-on-the-situation-of-human-rights-defenders>

¹²⁸¹ Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice attended the Justice Ministers' Conference: Supporting the ICC and its Investigation into the Situation in Ukraine Co-hosted by the UK and Netherlands, Ministry of Justice (Tokyo) 20 March 2023. Access date: 11 April 2023. https://www.moj.go.jp/EN/hisho/kouhou/m_hisho06_00119.html

¹²⁸² The UK signals a boost to investment and trade and urges an end to conflict in Cameroon, UK Government (London) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-signals-a-boost-in-investment-and-trade-and-urges-an-end-to-conflict-in-cameroon>

¹²⁸³ U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce Announce 120-Day Cybersecurity Apprentice Sprint to Promote Registered Apprenticeships, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/07/us-departments-labor-commerce-announce-120-day-cybersecurity-apprentice>

¹²⁸⁴ DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking observes World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/07/29/dhs-center-countering-human-trafficking-observes-world-day-against-trafficking>

¹²⁸⁵ Joint Press Statement for the 21st Korea-U.S. Integrated Defense Dialogue, Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3130442/joint-press-statement-for-the-21st-korea-us-integrated-defense-dialogue/>

On 19 August 2022, the Department of Justice announced USD35.7 million in state grants intended to support sexual assault victims.¹²⁸⁶

On 25 August 2022, the Department of Justice announced USD49.85 million in grants to provide legal services for sexual assault victims.¹²⁸⁷ The purpose of these grants is to “[bring] justice within reach” for survivors of gender-based violence.

On 7 September 2022, the Department of State sponsored a training series surrounding international capacity to counter the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s cyberthreats.¹²⁸⁸ This nine-day training program included partner nations from across the Western Hemisphere.

On 8 September 2022, the Department of Commerce launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Upskilling Initiative.¹²⁸⁹ This initiative is projected to bring a plethora of digital education opportunities to women and girls.

On 8 September 2022, the US participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹²⁹⁰ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and the need for artificial intelligence regulations.

On 12 September 2022, the Department of Homeland Security held the annual Five Country Ministerial in Washington D.C., where leaders committed to a collective effort against cybersecurity threats.¹²⁹¹

On 13 September 2022, the Department of Justice announced USD224.9 million in grants intended to provide services and support to sexual and domestic violence victims.¹²⁹² Symbolically, this action was taken on the 28th anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act.

On 15 September 2022, the Department of Defense began an expansion of its Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS program.¹²⁹³ This program aims to assist military families in obtaining access to quality child-care programs, thereby ensuring that children of military families have quality access to healthcare.

¹²⁸⁶ Department of Justice Announces \$35.7 Million in Grants for States to Support Victims of Sexual Assault, Department of Justice (Washington D.C.) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-announces-357-million-grants-states-support-victims-sexual-assault>

¹²⁸⁷ Justice Department Announces \$49.86 Million in Office on Violence Against Women Grants to Support Legal Services and Related Programs for Survivors, Department of Justice (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-4985-million-office-violence-against-women-grants-support-legal>

¹²⁸⁸ Department of State Cybersecurity Training Series Boosts Global Resilience Against Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Malware, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/department-of-state-cybersecurity-training-series-boosts-global-resilience-against-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-malware/>

¹²⁸⁹ FACT SHEET: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Upskilling Initiative for Women and Girls, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/fact-sheets/2022/09/fact-sheet-indo-pacific-economic-framework-prosperity-upskilling>

¹²⁹⁰ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹²⁹¹ DHS Hosts the Five Country Ministerial Meeting in Washington D.C., Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/09/13/dhs-hosts-five-country-ministerial-meeting-washington-dc>

¹²⁹² Justice Department Announces Nearly \$225 Million in Grants to Support Coordinated Community Responses to Domestic and Sexual Violence on the 28th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act, Department of Justice (Washington D.C.) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-nearly-225-million-grants-support-coordinated-community>

¹²⁹³ Defense Department Expands Military Child Care Program to Increase Availability of Affordable, Quality Child Care for Military Families, Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3160232/defense-department-expands-military-child-care-program-to-increase-availability/>

On 16 September 2022, the Department of Homeland Security announced its State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.¹²⁹⁴ This program will equip state, local and territorial governments with the resources to address cybersecurity threats and strengthen their cyber infrastructure.

On 22 September 2022, the Department of State announced that it will be sending nearly USD376 million in humanitarian assistance to Venezuela.¹²⁹⁵ This assistance is meant to support the integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the region.

On 22 September 2022, the Department of State announced that it will be sending over USD170 million in humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya community within Burma and Bangladesh.¹²⁹⁶ This assistance will protect the human rights of the survivors of the Rohingya refugee crisis.

On 22 September 2022, the Department of Justice announced USD21.72 million in grants intended to reduce sexual and domestic violence on college campuses.¹²⁹⁷ These will be administered through the Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus Program and the Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men Grant Program.

On 25 September 2022, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves travelled to Romania for the International Telecommunication Union 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference.¹²⁹⁸ This conference discussed issues related to telecommunication and communication technology.

On 28 September 2022, the Department of Labor released new tools to combat child and forced labor.¹²⁹⁹ These include the Comply Chain app, the Sweat & Toil app and the ILAB Knowledge Portal, all of which provide quick access to relevant information on the topic. The Department also published its annual “List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor” and “Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor” reports.

On 30 September 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹³⁰⁰ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia’s continued violations of Ukraine’s sovereignty and independence.

¹²⁹⁴ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1 Billion in Funding for First-Ever State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022.

¹²⁹⁵ Humanitarian Assistance to Respond to the Venezuela Regional Crisis, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/humanitarian-assistance-to-respond-to-the-venezuela-regional-crisis/>

¹²⁹⁶ United States Announces More Than \$170 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for the Rakhine State/Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-announces-more-than-170-million-in-humanitarian-assistance-for-the-rakhine-state-rohingya-refugee-crisis/>

¹²⁹⁷ Justice Department Announces \$21.72 Million to Reduce Sexual and Domestic Violence on Campus, Support Children and Youth and Engage Men and Boys as Allies, Department of Justice (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-2172-million-reduce-sexual-and-domestic-violence-campus-support>

¹²⁹⁸ Deputy Secretary Graves to Travel to Bucharest, Romania for International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/09/deputy-secretary-graves-travel-bucharest-romania-international>

¹²⁹⁹ US Department of Labor Announces New Reports, Tools in Global Effort to End Child, Forced Labor, Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/ilab/ilab20220928>

¹³⁰⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

On 1 October 2022, the Department of Homeland Security recognized Cybersecurity Awareness Month.¹³⁰¹ The Department pledged to engage with partners across the nation to promote cyber hygiene and strengthen the technology ecosystem.

On 1 October 2022, the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons announced seven new awards under its Program to End Modern Slavery.¹³⁰² The award recipients include the Innovations for Poverty Action, International Labour Organization, International Organization for Migration, New York University Marron Institute, University of Georgia Research Foundation, Washington University and Winrock International.

On 7 October 2022, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo made a joint statement with the UK's Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Michelle Donelan on the launch of "a "new senior-level Comprehensive Dialogue on Technology and Data" to further joint efforts regarding technology and democratic values.¹³⁰³

On 14 October 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with activists to discuss human rights in Iran.¹³⁰⁴ The conversation focused particularly on the rights of Iranian women.

On 20 October 2022, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas met with Japanese government officials to discuss US strategic objectives in Japan.¹³⁰⁵ The officials discussed cybersecurity issues within the Indo-Pacific maritime space.

On 20 October 2022, the Cyber Command and the UK's Strategic Command cooperated on a joint project to strengthen cyber resilience.¹³⁰⁶ Deputy Director Cyber Command Matthew Paradise affirmed the importance of maintaining reliable digital infrastructures and networks. Similar sentiments were echoed by the UK's Director Operation at Defence Digital Nick Washer who claimed that collective cyber operations "offer huge shared benefits in enhancing collective defense."

On 20 October 2022, the United States, along with the undersigned members of the Freedom Online Coalition, called upon the Government of Iran to lift the country's nationwide internet restrictions, which they claim constitutes a human rights violation.¹³⁰⁷

¹³⁰¹ Department of Homeland Security Kicks Off Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/10/03/departments-homeland-security-kicks-cybersecurity-awareness-month>

¹³⁰² The Trafficking in Persons Office Announces Recipients of the 2022 Program to End Modern Slavery Awards, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-trafficking-in-persons-office-announces-recipients-of-the-2022-program-to-end-modern-slavery-awards/>

¹³⁰³ U.S.-UK Joint Statement: New Comprehensive Dialogue on Technology and Data and Progress on Data Adequacy, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/10/us-uk-joint-statement-new-comprehensive-dialogue-technology-and-data>

¹³⁰⁴ Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Human Rights Defenders on Women and Human Rights in Iran, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-human-rights-defenders-on-women-and-human-rights-in-iran/>

¹³⁰⁵ Readout of Secretary Mayorkas's Trip to Tokyo, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/10/21/readout-secretary-mayorkas-trip-tokyo>

¹³⁰⁶ Collaborating with U.S. on Cyber, Ministry of Defense (London) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 25 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/collaborating-with-us-on-cyber>

¹³⁰⁷ Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Internet Shutdowns in Iran, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/freedom-online-coalition-joint-statement-on-internet-shutdowns-in-iran.html>

On 21 October 2022, the Department of State announced the launch of its Global Emerging Leaders in International Cyberspace Security Fellowship.¹³⁰⁸ The goal of this fellowship is to foster a “diverse global network of future policy leaders” who will ultimately uphold a framework for state behaviour in cyberspace.

On 31 October 2022, President Joe Biden issued a proclamation regarding Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month.¹³⁰⁹ Within this proclamation, President Biden emphasized the importance of fortifying cybersecurity in the face of malicious cyber activity and cyberattacks.

On 3 November 2022, Secretary Blinken and Germany’s Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock hosted the US-German Futures Forum in Muenster, Germany to advance democratic shared values in an increasingly digital world.¹³¹⁰ The goal of the forum was to develop proposals for several political measures on topics like Reinforcing Democracy at Home: Delivering Democracy Digitally, Advancing Democracy and Human Rights Online and Defending Democracy: Countering Digital Authoritarianism and the Misuse of Technology.

On 4 November 2022, Secretary Blinken condemned President of the Haitian Senate Joseph Lambert for his involvement in human rights violations.¹³¹¹ This condemnation was charged by evidence that President Lambert was involved in corrupt activity and many human rights violations, most notably an extrajudicial killing.

On 15 November 2022, Secretary Mayorkas testified in front of the House of Representatives regarding the Department of Homeland Security’s response to cyberthreats.¹³¹² Secretary Mayorkas discussed the growing threat of cyber criminals who attempt to exploit the cyber ecosystem. In response, Secretary Mayorkas claimed that the US must adopt a “whole of society approach” including local, state and federal governments.

On 28 November 2022, Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons Jessica Stern travelled to Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines.¹³¹³ On this trip, Stern discussed human rights, particularly those of LGBTQI+ individuals.

On 8 December 2022, the US issued a Joint Statement along with the eight countries involved in the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse on women’s rights in Iran.¹³¹⁴ The

¹³⁰⁸ Global Emerging Leaders in International Cyberspace Security (GEL-ICS) Fellowship, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/global-emerging-leaders-in-international-cyberspace-security-gel-ics-fellowship-2/>

¹³⁰⁹ A Proclamation on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-critical-infrastructure-security-and-resilience-month-2022/>

¹³¹⁰ Strengthening democracy in a digital world - U.S.-German Futures Forum 2022, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2561692>

¹³¹¹ Designation of Haitian Senate President, Joseph Lambert, for Involvement in Significant Corruption and a Gross Violation of Human Rights, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/designation-of-haitian-senate-president-joseph-lambert-for-involvement-in-significant-corruption-and-a-gross-violation-of-human-rights/>

¹³¹² Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas’ Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security on “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland,” Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/11/15/secretary-alejandro-n-mayorkas-testimony-us-house-representatives-committee>

¹³¹³ U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons Stern’s Travel to Vietnam, the Philippines, and Indonesia, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/u-s-special-envoy-to-advance-the-human-rights-of-lgbtqi-persons-sterns-travel-to-vietnam-the-philippines-and-indonesia/>

¹³¹⁴ Joint Statement Through the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse on Standing with the Women and Girls of Iran, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-through-the-global-partnership-for-action-on-gender-based-online-harassment-and-abuse-on-standing-with-the-women-and-girls-of-iran/>

statement declared the countries' support for protestors and condemnation of Iranian authorities under their overall commitment to supporting the rights of Iranian women.

On 20 December 2022, Secretary Blinken issued a statement in support of the rights of Afghan women.¹³¹⁵ He condemned the Taliban's restrictions on women's rights and specifically the choice to ban women from universities and girls from secondary schools.

On 27 December 2022, President Biden signed the "Countering Human Trafficking Act of 2022" to expand the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Countering Human Trafficking.¹³¹⁶ This action aims to support the Department's outreach to victims while increasing traffickers' accountability.

On 29 December 2022, the US alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the High Representative of the European Union released a joint statement condemning the "barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations from the workplace" as it "puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival."¹³¹⁷ The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 10 January 2023, President Biden, Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met for the tenth North American Leaders' Summit in Mexico City.¹³¹⁸ The goal of the meeting was to remove barriers for marginalized populations, ensure safe migration between countries and reduce both gender-based violence and violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

On 19 January 2023, Secretary Blinken recognized National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in a press statement affirming the State Department's commitment to fighting against the issue on all fronts.¹³¹⁹

On 25 January 2023, the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Transportation hosted a roundtable on "Intersections of Human Trafficking and International Aviation."¹³²⁰ The meeting discussed how human trafficking can be countered through global partnerships and industry best practices.

On 31 January 2023, the Department of Homeland Security announced its Annual Awards in Countering Human Trafficking to recognize Department leaders in the fight against human trafficking.¹³²¹

¹³¹⁵ Standing with Afghanistan's Women and Girls, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/standing-with-afghanistans-women-and-girls/>

¹³¹⁶ President Biden Signs legislation that codifies and expands DHS fight against human trafficking, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/12/29/president-biden-signs-legislation-codifies-and-expands-dhs-fight-against-human>

¹³¹⁷ Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban's ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹³¹⁸ FACT SHEET: Key Deliverables for the 2023 North American Leaders' Summit, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/01/10/fact-sheet-key-deliverables-2023-north-american-leaders-summit>

¹³¹⁹ National Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2023, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month-2023/>

¹³²⁰ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Host Joint 'Intersections of Human Trafficking and International Aviation' Roundtable, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/01/25/dhs-and-dot-host-joint-intersections-human-trafficking-and-international-aviation>

¹³²¹ DHS Annual Awards in Countering Human Trafficking, Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.dhs.gov/medialibrary/assets/video/39901>

On 13 February 2023, the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons met at the White House.¹³²² The meeting discussed how the government can strengthen its human trafficking policies, specifically to reflect the insights of human trafficking victims.

On 14 February 2023, the Department of Labor announced USD2.5 million in grants to promote human rights in labor relations, aimed at countering practices such as child labor and forced labor.¹³²³

On 22 February 2023, the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons announced an open competition for grants which support the Program to End Modern Slavery.¹³²⁴

On 28 February 2023, Acting National Cyber Director Kemba Walden hosted a discussion titled "The State of Cybersecurity in the Black Community."¹³²⁵ Organized in honour of Black History Month, this discussion sought to delineate methods of working towards widespread digital and economic security for Black Americans.

On 6 March 2023, Principal Deputy Chief Technology Officer Alexander Macgillivray delivered a speech at the State of the Net Conference.¹³²⁶ He affirmed the Biden administration's dedication to responsible technology innovation which "strengthens democracy, safeguards civil rights, [and] includes everyone."

On 8 March 2023, the Department of State held its annual International Women of Courage Award Ceremony to celebrate women who "lead the charge for human rights, democracy, and justice."¹³²⁷

On 20 March 2023, Secretary Blinken launched the 2022 Human Rights Report which accounts for global human rights conditions and the ways in which the US supports them.¹³²⁸

On 24 March 2023, President Biden and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met to discuss their shared priorities of creating a more fair migration system between the two countries and promoting security in Haiti.¹³²⁹

On 27 March 2023, President Biden signed an Executive Order prohibiting the use of commercial spyware which is a form of spyware which has been used by various governments to perpetuate human rights abuses.¹³³⁰

¹³²² FACT SHEET: President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, White House (Washington D.C.) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/13/fact-sheet-presidents-interagency-task-force-to-monitor-and-combat-trafficking-in-persons-2/>

¹³²³ US Department of Labor Awards \$2.5M Grant to Promote Human, Labor Rights in the International Cut Flower Supply Chains, Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/ilab/ilab20230214>

¹³²⁴ 2023 Program to End Modern Slavery Call For Proposals, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/2023-notice-of-funding-opportunity-program-to-end-modern-slavery>

¹³²⁵ Readout: Office of National Cyber Director Hosts Roundtable on "The State of Cybersecurity in the Black Community," White House (Washington D.C.) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/oncd/briefing-room/2023/02/28/readout-office-of-national-cyber-director-hosts-roundtable-on-the-state-of-cybersecurity-in-the-black-community/>

¹³²⁶ Remarks of Alexander Macgillivray at the State of the Net Conference, White House (Washington D.C.) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2023/03/06/remarks-of-alexander-macgillivray-at-the-state-of-the-net-conference/>

¹³²⁷ 2023 International Women of Courage Award, Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/2023-international-women-of-courage-award/>

¹³²⁸ Secretary Antony Blinken on the 2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, Department of State (Washington, DC) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-on-the-2022-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>

¹³²⁹ Working with the United States to grow our clean economies and create good, middle class jobs on both sides of the border, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/24/working-united-states-grow-our-clean-economies-and-create-good-middle>

¹³³⁰ FACT SHEET: President Biden Signs Executive Order to Prohibit U.S. Government Use of Commercial Spyware that Poses Risks to National Security, White House (Washington D.C.) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/27/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-order-to-prohibit-u-s-government-use-of-commercial-spyware-that-poses-risks-to-national-security/>

On 31 March 2023, President Biden released a statement on National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.¹³³¹ President Biden highlighted his past efforts to address sexual assault, such as the Violence Against Women Act, and promised to continue countering the issue.

On 31 March 2023, the White House recognized the Transgender Day of Visibility by announcing new commitments to addressing the issue.¹³³² These commitments include creating a report on supporting LGBTQI+ youth and issuing guidance on supporting LGBTQI+ public servants.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. The US has worked extensively to build cyber resilience and promote digital safety while involving stakeholders across its various departments. The US has also taken significant action to uphold human rights globally, setting a strong example for the international community.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end.

On 29 July 2022, the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) and the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) adopted a joint opinion on the EU's Proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse.¹³³³ The proposal imposes obligations with regard to detecting, removing and reporting online child sexual abuse materials, as well as grooming on providers of relevant information society services. Negotiations are ongoing within the Council of the EU to reach an agreement with the EU member states on an effective compromise text. This will be followed by negotiations with the European Parliament and the Commission.

On 8 September 2022, the EDPS participated in a Roundtable of G7 Data Protection Authorities in Bonn, Germany.¹³³⁴ The goal of this roundtable was to address the significance of privacy-enhancing technologies, the role of data protection authorities and regulations of artificial intelligence.

On 16 September 2022, the EDPS requested that the Court of Justice of the European Union annul two sections of the newly amended Europol Regulation.¹³³⁵ These two provisions, articles 74a and 74b, legalize Europol's possession of individual personal data even in the absence of established links to criminal activity. This new proposal aims to protect individual's privacy in legal digital access by requiring legal certainty for supervisory enforcement.

¹³³¹ A Proclamation on National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, 2023, White House (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/31/a-proclamation-on-national-sexual-assault-awareness-and-prevention-month-2023/>

¹³³² FACT SHEET: White House Honors Transgender Day of Visibility, White House (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/31/fact-sheet-white-house-honors-transgender-day-of-visibility/>

¹³³³ Proposal to combat child sexual abuse online presents serious risks for fundamental rights, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2022/proposal-combat-child-sexual-abuse-online-presents-serious-risks-fundamental-rights_en

¹³³⁴ EDPS attends roundtable of G7 Data Protection and Privacy Authorities, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/publications/newsletters/newsletter-97_en#roundtable

¹³³⁵ EDPS takes legal action as new Europol Regulation puts rule of law and EDPS independence under threat, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/press-releases/2022/edps-takes-legal-action-new-europol-regulation-puts-rule-law-and-edps-independence-under-threat_en

On 30 September 2022, the European Commission, along with other G7 Foreign Ministers, released a statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory.¹³³⁶ All G7 members expressed united condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and Russia's continued violations of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence.

On 12 October 2022, the EDPB adopted Opinion 28/2022 on the Board of the Europrivacy certification criteria, submitted by the Luxembourg Data Protection Authority.¹³³⁷ This opinion marks the approval of the first European Data Protection Seal, which targets operations performed by data controllers and processors from various sectors. The scheme is another milestone towards greater General Data Protection Regulation compliance advocated by the EU in enhancing cybersecurity.

On 17 October 2022, the European Council added 11 individuals and four entities to the list of those subject to restrictive measures.¹³³⁸ The updated sanctions include the Morality Police, the Iranian Enforcement Forces, numerous local chiefs responsible for the repression of protests, and Iran's Minister of Information and Communications Technology Issa Zarepour. The current measures include a travel ban and asset freeze, an export control list targeting equipment used for telecommunication monitoring and domestic oppression and an EU prohibition on financial aid to restricted parties. The EU and its member states reaffirm their condemnation of brutality against peaceful demonstrations, asserting that individuals' rights to non-violent protests should be protected.

On 20 October 2022, the EU, along with 16 countries and Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock met at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin to discuss human trafficking.¹³³⁹ They committed to further increase border security ties between the countries and measures targeted at immigrant human smugglers.

On 28 October 2022, the EU provided EUR1 million to finance the activities and work of the Envoy on Technology of the UN Secretary General over the next two years.¹³⁴⁰ The EU is dedicated to supporting the UN's agenda of developing a Global Digital Compact and promoting a model of internet governance. Under this global cooperation, the EU continues to advocate for a secure digital community in upholding free speech, protecting online data and combating disinformation.

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission established a common EU helpline number for victims of violence against women in an effort to supplement rules to "combat violence against women, including online" established in March.¹³⁴¹

¹³³⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory/

¹³³⁷ EDPB adopts "wish list" of procedural aspects, first EU data protection seal and a statement on digital euro, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2022/edpb-adopts-wish-list-procedural-aspects-first-eu-data-protection-seal-and-statement_en

¹³³⁸ Iran: EU sanctions perpetrators of serious human rights violations, European Council (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/iran-eu-sanctions-perpetrators-of-serious-human-rights-violations>

¹³³⁹ Close cooperation with the Western Balkan countries, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (Berlin) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/kurzmeldungen/EN/2022/10/close_cooperation_with_the_western_balkan_countries.html

¹³⁴⁰ EU provides €1 million in funding to the Office of the Envoy on Technology of the UN's Secretary-General, European Commission (Brussels) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6452

¹³⁴¹ Violence Against Women: The European Union establishes an EU-wide helpline number and calls to end violence against women worldwide, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/violence-against-women-european-union-establishes-eu-wide-helpline-number-and-calls-end-violence-2022-11-24>

On 29 December 2022, the High Representative of the European Union alongside the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States, released a joint statement condemning the “barring of female employees of national and international non-governmental organizations from the workplace” as it “puts at risk millions of Afghans who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival.”¹³⁴² The statement called on the Taliban to immediately reverse this decision.

On 24 January 2023, the EDPB approved a EUR5.5 million fine issued by the Irish Data Protection Authority (DPA) and instructed the DPA to further investigate WhatsApp IE’s operations in lawfully handling users’ personal data.¹³⁴³

On 7 February 2023, the EU published its Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles to establish a secure, safe and sustainable digital transformation.¹³⁴⁴

On 23 February 2023, the EDPS started piloting the use of Open Source Software to foster a secured online cloud environment.¹³⁴⁵ This plan not only furthers compliance with the EU’s data protection law, but also avoids data transfer to non-EU states to have more control over personal data.

On 6 March 2023, President Ursula von der Leyen met with Canada’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for discussions on maintaining robust sanctions against Russia and promoting women’s empowerment in the workplace.¹³⁴⁶ Towards the efforts of gender equality, President Von Der Leyen announced plans to join the Alliance for Feminist Movements and Equal by 30 campaign.

On 7 April 2023, the EU released a statement condemning the decisions of the Taliban to ban Afghan women from working for the UN and its agencies, funds and programs.¹³⁴⁷ The EU urged the Taliban to deliver on their promises to protect the human rights for the entire population of Afghanistan.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote human rights online and offline while also cooperating with civil society and international partners to this end. Through extensive cooperation among allies in various multilateral platforms, the EU has significantly advanced its dedication to combating online harm, developing international cyber norms and investing in increased digital access. Aside from promoting a free and secure cyberspace, the EU also actively tackles human rights violations offline, primarily through implementing penalties in targeting infringements against individual freedoms.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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¹³⁴² Joint statement from foreign ministers on the Taliban’s ban on Afghan women working for national and international NGOs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-talibans-ban-on-afghan-women-working-for-national-and-international-ngos.html>

¹³⁴³ EDPB publishes Binding Decision concerning WhatsApp, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2023/edpb-publishes-binding-decision-concerning-whatsapp_en

¹³⁴⁴ European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles, European Commission (Brussels) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/european-declaration-digital-rights-and-principles>

¹³⁴⁵ EDPS to pilot the use of Open Source Software, European Data Protection Board (Brussels) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/press-releases/2023/edps-pilot-use-open-source-software_en

¹³⁴⁶ Joint Press Release on the Occasion of the Visit to Canada of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Prime Minister of Canada (Kingston) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/07/joint-press-release-occasion-visit-canada-european-commission-president-ursula-von-der-leyen>

¹³⁴⁷ Afghanistan: Statement by the High Representative on Behalf of the EU on Taliban banning Afghan women from working for the UN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 7 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/04/afghanistan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-taliban-banning-afghan-women-from-working-for-the-un/

7. Democracy: Rules-Based Multilateral Order

“As open democracies adhering to the rule of law, we are driven by shared values and bound by our commitment to the rules-based multilateral order”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

First coined in the post-World War II era, the rules-based multilateral order has shaped, influenced, and regulated relations between states, and is often credited with producing unprecedented levels of peace, prosperity, cooperation, and freedom within the international system. A long-standing feature of G7/8 proceedings since the 1981 Ottawa Summit, the rules-based multilateral order has come under increasing amounts of strain as a result of recent global developments.¹³⁴⁸ Numerous geopolitical crises and conflicts – including those concerning Ukraine, China, Myanmar and Afghanistan – has demonstrated to G7 members that the future of the rules-based multilateral order is now at a “critical juncture.”¹³⁴⁹

At the 1991 London Summit, G7 leaders published a political declaration, Strengthening the International Order, signalling their renewed commitment to the ‘ideal of a peaceful, justice, democratic and prosperous world.’ Within the declaration, member states committed to strengthen the international system of which the United Nations is central to. Specifically, G7 members pledged to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations, as to make it more efficient and more effective, in order to protect human rights, maintain peace and security, and deter aggression.¹³⁵⁰

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 members issued a Plan of Support for Reform. Intended to assist the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region’s reform efforts, G8 members pledged to expand their engagement in enhancing democracy and the rule of law, as well as ensuring peace and stability across the region.¹³⁵¹

Between 2004 and 2013, democracy and the rule of law remained on the G7/8’s agenda, but was launched to the highest priority in 2014 with Russia’s annexation of Crimea.

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, in response to the illegal Russian annexation of Ukraine and Russia’s violation of the principles of the international system, G7 leaders suspended their participation in G8 proceedings,

¹³⁴⁸ Declaration of the Ottawa Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 July 1981. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1981ottawa/communique/index.html>

¹³⁴⁹ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, Prime Minister of Canada (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/28/g7-leaders-communiqué>.

¹³⁵⁰ Political Declaration: Strengthening the International Order, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 July 1991. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1991london/political.html>

¹³⁵¹ Partnership for Progress and a Common Future with the Region of the Broader Middle East and North Africa, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2004. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2004seaisland/partnership.html>

reverting back to the traditional proceedings of the G7. Along with this decision, G7 members committed to imposing sanctions against Russia, both individually and collectively.¹³⁵²

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders established the G7 Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM).¹³⁵³ Instituted as a part of the Charlevoix Commitment on Defending Democracy for Foreign Threats, the RRM seeks to strengthen multilateral coordination in identifying and responding to foreign threats to democratic systems and open societies, including hostile state activity targeting democratic institutions and processes, media and information environments, and the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms.¹³⁵⁴

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders committed to their continued support of global institutions in their efforts of protecting human rights, respecting the rule of law, managing tensions between states, and addressing conflict, noting that the ‘open and resilient international order is in turn the best guarantor of security and prosperity.’ Recognizing the particular responsibility of the largest countries and economies in upholding the rules-based multilateral order, G7 members committed to acting accordingly, through working with all partners and G20 members, the United Nations, and the wider international community, on the basis of their shared agenda and democratic values.¹³⁵⁵ G7 leaders also published the Statement on Open Societies, in which members committed to increasing cooperation on supporting democratic systems and institutions and global institutions that protect, respect, and uphold the rule of law, and manage tensions and conflicts between states.¹³⁵⁶

As part of this commitment, at the 2022 Elmau Summit, in light of the rapid geopolitical situations unfolding, G7 leaders condemned countries and national heads of government whose actions have violated the rules-based multilateral order, including Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, China’s actions towards Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the military coup in Myanmar, among others.¹³⁵⁷ With these developments in mind, G7 leaders affirmed their continued support in preserving and defending peace, the rule of international law, and human security.¹³⁵⁸ G7 leaders also released the Resilient Democracies Statement, which pledged G7 members’ support in working with civil societies and international partners to strengthen democratic security and institutions worldwide, promote the rules-based international order, and defend the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, among other objectives.¹³⁵⁹

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “the rules-based multilateral order,” as “open democracies adhering to the rule of law [and] driven by shared values.” This commitment can be interpreted as partaking in and promoting economic, political, and security values in line with democratic objectives.

¹³⁵² G7: The Hague Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 March 2014. Access Date: 23 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/hague_140324.html

¹³⁵³ Charlevoix Commitment on Defending Democracy from Foreign Threats, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/democracy-commitment.html>.

¹³⁵⁴ G7 Rapid Response Mechanism: Annual Report 2021, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/transparence-transparence/assets/pdfs/international-assistance-report-rapport-aide-internationale/g7-rrm-2021-annual-report-en.pdf>

¹³⁵⁵ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communiqu.html>

¹³⁵⁶ 2021 Open Societies Statement, Government of Canada (Carbis Bay) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-reactions_internationales/g7/documents/2021-06-13-open_societies-societes_ouvertes.aspx?lang=eng

¹³⁵⁷ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, Prime Minister of Canada (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/28/g7-leaders-communiqu.html>

¹³⁵⁸ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, Prime Minister of Canada (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/28/g7-leaders-communiqu.html>

¹³⁵⁹ 2022 Resilient Democracies Statement, Government of Canada (Elmau) 27 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/news-nouvelles/2022/2022-statement-g7-declaration.aspx?lang=eng>

“Open” is understood to mean either unrestricted access to something or to be transparent.¹³⁶⁰ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the transparent governance structures of the G7 members.

“Adhering” is understood to mean following the practices of a legitimized state of affairs.¹³⁶¹ As it pertains to this commitment, adherence refers to those G7 members who already exhibit an inclination towards following the tenets of the “rule of law.” This adherence serves as a precondition for demonstrating a commitment to the “rules-based multilateral order.”

“Driven” is understood to mean being propelled or motivated by something.¹³⁶² In the context of this commitment, G7 members are driven by “shared values” to fulfill their commitments domestically and internationally. The “shared values” propel these G7 members towards acting in the interest of the “rules-based multilateral order.” As mentioned in the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, examples of shared values include, but are not limited to, “freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.”¹³⁶³

“Bound” is understood to mean the fastening together of two or more entities to one another or to an external entity.¹³⁶⁴ It refers to the unity of G7 members due to their “shared values” and through the shared commitments to the economic, political, and security betterment of the international community. The G7 members are fastened to one another as a result of their commitment to the “rules-based multilateral order.”

The “rules-based multilateral order” refers to the well-established norms agreed upon by various international actors to make up the contemporary socio-political system.¹³⁶⁵ This system depends upon commitments to democracy, long-term peace, territorial integrity, the freedom of speech and movement, and the freedom of economic decision making. Due to the nature of this commitment, actions that promote democratic values will be conducive towards upholding the rules-based multilateral order. The G7 members seek to reaffirm their commitment to this entrenched set of norms through actions such as verbal support, resource allocation, and enforceable legislation. In the context of this commitment, the rules-based multilateral order exhibits three central components of economics, politics, and security.

Economic actions may include: the use of economic sanctions and the provision of direct funding or aid packages.

Political actions may include hosting or participating in pre-existing or new multilateral forums, verbal or written affirmations denoting support or condemnation of issues, actors, or actions concerning the rules-based multilateral order and the development of democratic or anti-corruption initiatives.

Security actions may include the provision of military equipment, personnel, or training, the development of multilateral defence partnerships and programs and participation in joint military exercises intended to maintain the rules-based multilateral order.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members who take substantial steps towards promoting democratic values in all of the spheres of the ‘rules-based multilateral order.’ These include economics, politics,

¹³⁶⁰ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹³⁶¹ Adhere, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/adhering>

¹³⁶² Driven, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/driven>

¹³⁶³ Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

¹³⁶⁴ Bound, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/bound>

¹³⁶⁵ Strategic context: The rules-based international system, Atlantic Council (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2020. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/content-series/atlantic-council-strategy-paper-series/strategic-context-the-rules-based-international-system/>

and security. Full compliance can also be achieved by G7 members who take substantial steps in two spheres of the “rules-based multilateral order” and weak/no steps in one of the abovementioned spheres. A G7 member must take substantial steps on either a domestic or international level for full compliance, and must exceed routine participation in this multilateral order, and instead, contribute to its robustness. Strong actions depend upon tangible activity that go beyond verbal reaffirmations. Examples of strong action include, but are not limited to, economic aid packages in opposition to authoritarian regimes, committing resources to the transparency of domestic and/or foreign electoral processes, actively partaking in political bodies that support democratic regimes, joint military exercises with fellow democratic regimes, and diplomatic missions to imperilled democratic actors.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members who take substantial steps towards promoting democratic values in one of the spheres of the ‘rules-based multilateral order’ and weak/no steps in two of these spheres. For example, these weaker and more routine actions include but are not limited to, attending but not actively participating in an existing forum or body, sharing information with fellow G7 members about topics pertinent to democratic governance, or making verbal political statements in support of this multilateral order or actors who may be threatened by authoritarian regimes.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, will be assigned if the G7 member fails to take any substantial steps in any of the three spheres of the “rules-based multilateral order,” or if the G7 member takes only weak steps towards one of these three spheres, or has acted in direct contradiction to this order and instead acted in a manner detrimental to its existence.

Scoring Guidelines

–1	The G7 member has NOT taken substantial steps towards promoting democratic values in any one of the spheres of the ‘rules-based multilateral order’ OR only weak steps in one or more of these spheres; the spheres include 1) economic, 2) politics and 3) security.
0	The G7 member has taken substantial steps towards promoting democratic values in one of the spheres of the ‘rules-based multilateral order’ and weak/no steps in two spheres; these spheres include 1) economic, 2) politics and 3) security/
+1	The G7 member has taken substantial steps towards promoting democratic values in ALL three of the spheres of the ‘rules-based multilateral order’ OR substantial steps in two spheres and weak/no steps in one; these spheres include 1) economic, 2) politics and 3) security.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 28 June 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced CAD151.7 million in humanitarian aid to support Ukraine and committed to stand with the Ukrainian government’s fight for peace and democracy during the G7 Elmau Summit. The funds are intended to improve security for Ukraine and assist the Ukrainian government in achieving peace and democratic prosperity against the Russian invasion.¹³⁶⁶

On 29 June 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly announced plans to expand Canada’s diplomatic presence in Central and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in order to combat the rise of authoritarianism from Russia. Embassies within Central and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus will be established and strengthened, as to strengthen Canada’s diplomatic bilateral relationships. These measures will allow Canada to better react

¹³⁶⁶ Prime Minister announces additional support for Ukraine and shared priorities at G7 Summit in Germany, Prime Minister of Canada (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/06/28/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-ukraine-and-shared>

to European security threats and better protect peace and democracy, especially in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹³⁶⁷

On 30 June 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau attended the Madrid Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. Moreover, all participants expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. Participants demanded that all countries respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.¹³⁶⁸

On 30 June 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau, in a joint statement with Spain, condemned Russia's war on Ukraine and reaffirmed its support in upholding the rules-based international order through supporting recommendations in the 2020 Joint Statement on Reinforcing Multilateralism Together. This Joint Statement promotes democratic cooperation to further interests in rule-based multilateral order.¹³⁶⁹

On 7 July 2022, Minister Joly participated in a meeting of G20 Foreign Ministers. Minister Joly reaffirmed Canada's strong commitment to multilateralism. Minister Joly also recognized that Russia, a G20 member, was violating international law with the invasion of Ukraine.¹³⁷⁰

On 28 July 2022, Minister Joly, along with the other G7 foreign ministers, issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. The foreign ministers expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹³⁷¹

On 1 August 2022, Minister Joly announced that she will meet with Germany's Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock to strengthen their transnational partnership, reaffirm their joint commitments in holding Russia accountable for its war on Ukraine, reaffirm their commitment to ensuring democracy and discuss how to combat the food security crisis resulting from Russia's war on Ukraine.¹³⁷²

On 3 August 2022, Minister Joly participated in a G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting. All participants reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace, and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹³⁷³

¹³⁶⁷ Minister Joly announces expansion of Canada's diplomatic presence in Central and Eastern Europe and Caucasus, Global Affairs Canada (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/06/minister-joly-announces-expansion-of-canadas-diplomatic-presence-in-central-and-eastern-europe-and-caucasus.html>

¹³⁶⁸ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹³⁶⁹ Joint Statement Between Canada & Spain, Prime Minister of Canada (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/06/30/joint-statement-between-canada-spain>

¹³⁷⁰ Minister Joly concludes successful participation in G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Indonesia, Global Affairs Canada (Bali) 9 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/minister-joly-concludes-successful-participation-in-g20-foreign-ministers-meeting-in-indonesia.html>

¹³⁷¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the executions by the military junta in Myanmar, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-executions-by-the-military-junta-in-myanmar.html>

¹³⁷² Minister Joly to Welcome German Counterpart to Canada, Global Affairs Canada (Montréal) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-joly-to-welcome-german-counterpart-to-canada.html>

¹³⁷³ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Preserving Peace and Stability Across the Taiwan Strait, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-preserving-peace-and-stability-across-the-taiwan-strait.html>

On 4 August 2022, Minister of National Defence Anita Anand announced the deployment of Canadian troops to train the Armed Forces of Ukraine against Russia.¹³⁷⁴ The Canadian Armed Forces will operate under Operation UNIFIER (Ukraine), which aims to protect Ukrainian sovereignty by providing military training to Ukrainian forces.¹³⁷⁵

On 23 September 2022, Canada, along with the other members of the G7, issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. Within the statement, the G7 Heads of State and Government noted Russia's violation of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. Lastly, the G7 Heads of State and Government reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹³⁷⁶

On 11 October 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau, along with the other Heads of State and Government of the G7, met with the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity, and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and Charter of the United Nations. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹³⁷⁷

On 11 October 2022, Minister Joly created an Action Plan with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Hayashi Yoshimasa, based on shared values for democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law to strengthen the bilateral ties between Canada and Japan. The Action Plan affirms Canada's joint commitment with Japan to secure democratic principles and support rules-based multilateral trading systems and international order.¹³⁷⁸

¹³⁷⁴ Defence Minister Anita Anand announces deployment of Canadian Armed Forces to train Ukrainian soldiers in the United Kingdom, National Defence (Ottawa) 4 August 2022. Access Date 22 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/08/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-deployment-of-canadian-armed-forces-to-train-ukrainian-soldiers-in-the-united-kingdom.html>

¹³⁷⁵ Operation UNIFIER, National Defence (Ottawa) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/corporate/reports-publications/transition-materials/caf-operations-activities/2020/03/caf-ops-activities/op-unifier-ukraine.html>

¹³⁷⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory.html>

¹³⁷⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/10/11/g7-leaders-statement>

¹³⁷⁸ Minister Joly meets with Japan's Foreign Affairs Minister Hayashi, Global Affairs Canada (Tokyo) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/minister-joly-meets-with-japans-foreign-affairs-minister-hayashi.html>

On 11 October 2022, Minister Anand announced Canada's deployment of approximately 40 combat engineers from the Canadian Armed Forces to Poland to assist with Ukraine's security forces training program.¹³⁷⁹ The CAF will operate under Operation UNIFIER (Ukraine), which aims to protect Ukrainian sovereignty by providing military training to Ukrainian forces.¹³⁸⁰

On 12 October 2022, Minister of National Defence Anita Anand announced CAD47 million in military aid for Ukraine to protect Ukrainian sovereignty against Russian invasion. The military aid package consists of equipment supplied by the Canadian Armed forces, drone cameras, satellite communication technology and winter equipment.¹³⁸¹

On 13 October 2022, Minister Joly announced the imposition of additional sanctions against the Iranian government, in response to their increasing violations of human rights and international law. These sanctions under the Special Economic Measures (Iran) Regulations freeze the Canadian assets of 17 individuals and three entities who participated in or enabled human rights violations against Iranian citizens or committed disinformation activities justifying Iran's actions against its citizenry.¹³⁸²

On 14 October 2022, Minister Joly met with Korea's Foreign Affairs Minister Park Jin to reaffirm their commitment to the promotion of the multilateral order. Both parties committed to creating an action plan to achieve their recently announced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with one of the key goals of defending the rule of law, democracy, freedom and human rights.¹³⁸³

On 27 October 2022, Canada announced the provision of CAD37 million in funding to support African Union priorities in promoting peace, democracy and economic cooperation during its first Canada-African Union Commission High Level Dialogue. The funds will support several projects maintaining African security, stability and peacebuilding.¹³⁸⁴

On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced additional measures in support of Ukraine against the Russian war on Ukraine. These measures include sanctions against Russian individuals and entities and the issuing of Ukraine Sovereignty Bonds to Ukraine in continuing government operations and essential services during the Russian invasion.¹³⁸⁵

¹³⁷⁹ Defence Minister Anita Anand visits Poland to strengthen defence cooperation and announces new training for Ukrainian personnel, National Defence (Warsaw) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/10/defence-minister-anita-anand-visits-poland-to-strengthen-defence-cooperation-and-announces-new-training-for-ukrainian-personnel.html>

¹³⁸⁰ Operation UNIFIER, National Defence (Ottawa) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/>

[department-national-defence/corporate/reports-publications/transition-materials/caf-operations-activities/2020/03/caf-ops-activities/op-unifier-ukraine.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/corporate/reports-publications/transition-materials/caf-operations-activities/2020/03/caf-ops-activities/op-unifier-ukraine.html)

¹³⁸¹ Minister Anand announces new Canadian military aid to Ukraine at Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting, National Defence (Brussels) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/10/minister-anand-announces-new-canadian-military-aid-to-ukraine-at-ukraine-defense-contact-group-meeting.html>

¹³⁸² Canada imposes additional sanctions on the Iranian regime, Global Affairs Canada (Seoul) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-imposes-additional-sanctions-on-the-iranian-regime.html>

¹³⁸³ Minister Joly meets with the Republic of Korea's Foreign Affairs Minister Park, Global Affairs Canada (Seoul) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/minister-joly-meets-with-the-republic-of-koreas-foreign-affairs-minister-park.html>

¹³⁸⁴ Peaceful and democratic Africa, Global Affairs (Ottawa) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/peaceful-and-democratic-africa.html>

¹³⁸⁵ Prime Minister announced new measures to support Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/10/28/prime-minister-announces-new-measures-support-ukraine>

On 4 November 2022, Minister Joly participated in a G7 Foreign Ministers meeting. Participants affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity, and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the United Nations Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹³⁸⁶

On 14 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced CAD500 million in additional military support for Ukraine and additional sanctions against Russian individuals supporting the Russian war against Ukraine. This military aid intends to support Ukraine in maintaining its sovereignty against the threat of Russian invasion.¹³⁸⁷

On 16 November 2022, Minister Anand announced approximately CAD34 million in additional military aid to support Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion. Military technology and additional winter gear to help sustain Ukrainian forces are the primary recipients of such funding.¹³⁸⁸

On 16 November 2022, G20 leaders issued the Bali Declaration at the G20 Bali Summit. They strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹³⁸⁹

On 12 December 2022, in a joint statement, all G7 members reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. The G7 members also stressed their commitment to holding Russian President Vladimir Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defense to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defense equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a

¹³⁸⁶ G7 foreign ministers statement, Global Affairs Canada (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g7/documents/2022-11-04-joint-statement-declaration-commune.aspx?lang=eng

¹³⁸⁷ Prime Minister announces additional military assistance for Ukraine and additional sanctions against Russia, Prime Minister of Canada (Bali) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/14/prime-minister-announces-additional-military-assistance-ukraine-and>

¹³⁸⁸ Minister Anand announces additional Canadian military aid to Ukraine at Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting, National Defence (Ottawa) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/11/minister-anand-announces-additional-canadian-military-aid-to-ukraine-at-ukraine-defense-contact-group-meeting.html>

¹³⁸⁹ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, Prime Minister of Canada (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/11/16/g20-bali-leaders-declaration>

just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹³⁹⁰

On 16 December 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau affirmed Canada's commitment to supporting Ukrainian security against Russian invasion. To sustain dialogue on Ukrainian security, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau agreed to maintain close and regular communication with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.¹³⁹¹

On 22 December 2022, Minister Joly participated in a meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers. Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelenskyy's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.¹³⁹²

On 3 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau met with President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated Canada's commitment to provide military, humanitarian, financial and other assistance to Ukraine during its fight against Russian invasion.¹³⁹³

On 6 January 2023, Canada put into force the Special Economic Measures (Sri Lanka) Regulations. The Regulations sanction four individuals in the Sri Lanka regime for their human rights violations.¹³⁹⁴

On 9 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau, US President Joe Biden and Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador released a joint statement in condemnation of the attacks on Brazil's federal government buildings on 8 January 2023. The leaders expressed support for a peaceful transition of power and the democratically elected President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva.¹³⁹⁵

On 10 January 2023, Canada, the United States and Mexico released the Declaration of North America following the 2023 North American Leaders Summit. The three countries announced security cooperation initiatives to safeguard peace in North America against domestic, regional and global challenges.¹³⁹⁶

¹³⁹⁰ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government of December 12, 2022, Elysée (Paris) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/12/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-du-12-decembre-2022>

¹³⁹¹ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/12/16/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

¹³⁹² Participation of Catherine Colonna in the meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers – Statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/participation-de-catherine-colonna-a-la-reunion-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹³⁹³ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/01/03/prime-min-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

¹³⁹⁴ Canada Sanctions Related to Sri Lanka, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/sanctions/sri_lanka.aspx?lang=eng

¹³⁹⁵ Joint Statement by President Joe Biden, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Brazil, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/09/joint-statement-by-president-joe-biden-president-andres-manuel-lopez-obrador-and-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-on-brazil/>

¹³⁹⁶ Declaration of North America (DNA), Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Mexico City) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/01/10/declaration-north-america-dna>

On 10 January 2023, Minister Anand announced that Canada would purchase a National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) and associated munitions from the United States to donate to Ukraine to assist in its fight against Russia. The defence package is approximately CAD406 million in value.¹³⁹⁷

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau met with Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. They discussed the importance of the G7 commitment to the rules-based international order in light of Japan's upcoming G7 presidency. The two leaders also discussed the importance of continuing to support Ukraine in Russia's invasion, especially in partnership with G7 members and international partners.¹³⁹⁸

On 18 January 2023, Minister Anand, in a visit to Kyiv, announced Canada's donation of 200 armoured vehicles to Ukraine. Minister Anand also met with the Defence Minister of Ukraine Oleksii Reznikov to reaffirm Canada's support for Ukraine during Russia's invasion.¹³⁹⁹

On 22 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau issued a statement on Ukraine's fight for democracy and freedom against Russian invasion. Prime Minister Trudeau also said that Canada would continue to protect Ukraine against Russian invasion in its greatest capacity to support Ukrainian independence and freedom. Prime Minister Trudeau also promised Canada's continued support in providing Ukraine with the support it needs, including military, humanitarian, financial and social assistance.¹⁴⁰⁰

On 26 January 2023, Minister Anand announced that Canada would supply Ukraine with four Leopard 2 battle tanks, with ammunition and training by Canadian Armed forces to teach Ukrainian soldiers how to use the battle tanks.¹⁴⁰¹

On 31 January 2023, Minister Joly announced new sanctions against Myanmar under the Special Economic Measures (Burma) Regulations and new prohibition on military exports to Myanmar. These sanctions are in response to the Myanmar military's 2021 coup d'état, the regime's attacks against its citizens and its human rights violations.¹⁴⁰²

On 31 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. During the meeting, Prime Minister Trudeau stressed Canada's continued solidarity with Ukraine during its fight against Russian invasion.¹⁴⁰³

¹³⁹⁷ Defence Minister Anita Anand announces air defence system donation to Ukraine, National Defence (Ottawa) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-air-defence-system-donation-to-ukraine.html>

¹³⁹⁸ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with Prime Minister of Japan Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/01/12/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-meets-prime-minister-japan-kishida-fumio>

¹³⁹⁹ Defence Minister Anita Anand Visits Kyiv, Meets with Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov, and announces donation of 200 additional armoured vehicles, National Defence (Kyiv) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-visits-kyiv-meets-with-defence-minister-oleksii-reznikov-and-announces-donation-of-200-additional-armoured-vehicles.html>

¹⁴⁰⁰ Statement by the Prime Minister on the Day of Unity of Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/01/22/statement-prime-minister-day-unity-ukraine>

¹⁴⁰¹ Defence Minister Anita Anand announces that Canada will supply Ukraine with Leopard 2 battle tanks, training and sustainment, National Defence (Ottawa) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2023/01/defence-minister-anita-anand-announces-that-canada-will-supply-ukraine-with-leopard-2-battle-tanks-training-and-sustainment.html>

¹⁴⁰² Canada imposes sanctions in relation to the 2021 coup d'état in Myanmar, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/canada-imposes-sanctions-in-relation-to-the-2021-coup-detat-in-myanmar.html>

¹⁴⁰³ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/01/31/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

On 2 February 2023, Canada made further amendments to the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations. The amendment added 38 individuals and 16 entities associated with the Russian regime's propaganda and misinformation.¹⁴⁰⁴

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁴⁰⁵

On 16 February 2023, Minister Joly travelled to Kyiv and met with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba, Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko and the President's Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak. During the meeting, Minister Joly reiterated Canada's commitment to supporting Ukraine during Russia's war and discussed how Canada can continue to help support Ukraine moving forward.¹⁴⁰⁶

On 17 February 2023, Minister Joly attended the 59th Munich Security Conference. At the conference, Minister Joly outlined Canada's support for Ukraine against Russian invasion. In G7 meetings at the conference, Minister Joly reaffirmed Canada's commitment to stand with Ukraine and to defend Ukrainian sovereignty. Minister Joly also participated in an Indo-Pacific panel, where Minister Joly discussed regional peace and security.¹⁴⁰⁷

On 18 February 2023, Minister Joly, along with the foreign ministers of Albania, Andorra, Belgium, France, Germany, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Slovenia, issued a statement which strongly condemned the Taliban's exclusion of women from public life. In the statement, the leaders noted that the Taliban regime has banned women from attending university and has continuously restricted women's human rights and freedoms.¹⁴⁰⁸

On 20 February 2023, Minister Joly met with the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Catherine Colonna to discuss their determination to help Ukraine in the Russian war. The ministers also discussed their common interests in supporting the rule of law.¹⁴⁰⁹

On 21 February 2023, the G7 Foreign Ministers met at the Munich Security Conference and expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. They reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. They also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. They urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is

¹⁴⁰⁴ Canadian Sanctions Related to Russia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-reactions_internationales/sanctions/russie.aspx?lang=eng

¹⁴⁰⁵ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁴⁰⁶ Minister Joly travels to Ukraine to discuss ongoing and unwavering Canadian support for Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Kyiv) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-joly-travels-to-ukraine-to-discuss-ongoing-and-unwavering-canadian-support-for-ukraine.html>

¹⁴⁰⁷ Minister Joly to travel to Germany to attend the Munich Security Conference, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-joly-to-travel-to-germany-to-attend-the-munich-security-conference.html>

¹⁴⁰⁸ Joint statement from female foreign ministers attending the Munich Security Conference 2023, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/joint-statement-from-female-foreign-ministers-attending-the-munich-security-conference-2023.html>

¹⁴⁰⁹ Minister Joly travels to Paris, France, Global Affairs Canada (Munich) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-joly-to-travel-to-paris-france.html>

inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁴¹⁰

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders held a summit with guest Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Ukraine against Russian invasion. The G7 leaders called upon Russia to end its war against Ukraine. The G7 leaders agreed to coordinate actions moving forward, specifically in military and defence equipment needs, to help support Ukraine. The G7 leaders committed to helping Ukraine recover economically and financially and to help restore its infrastructure during the Russian invasion. The leaders also agreed to the coordination of sanctions against Russia. The G7 members reaffirmed their solidarity for Ukrainian sovereignty as a part of the G7's larger commitment to supporting the rules-based international order.¹⁴¹¹

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced new measures in support of Ukraine in its fight for sovereignty against the Russian invasion. Measures included sanctions against 122 individuals and 64 entities associated with the Russian regime, sanctions against 50 defence entities working with Russia's military industry, exports bans on chemical elements used by Russian military and import bans on Russian ammunition.¹⁴¹²

On 26 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau reaffirmed Canada's commitment to supporting Ukraine and its principles of democracy, freedom and justice in its fight against Russian invasion.¹⁴¹³

On 27 February 2023, Minister Joly announced additional sanctions under the Special Economic Measures (Iran) Regulations against 12 senior officials in the Iranian regime involved in human rights violations.¹⁴¹⁴

On 28 January 2023, Canada, in a multilateral statement with the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Germany, condemned the Syrian regime's horrific use of deadly chemical weapons. The signatories called on the Syrian regime to end its chemical weapons program and to comply with the regulations set out under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁴¹⁵

On 1 March 2023, Minister Joly participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. Most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.¹⁴¹⁶

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau met with the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen to discuss their most urgent priorities, including supporting Ukraine and the response to Russian invasion. The two leaders condemned Russia's invasion on Ukraine and supported the international

¹⁴¹⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

¹⁴¹¹ G7 Leaders' Statement, Prime Minister of Canada (Toronto) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/02/24/g7-leaders-statement>

¹⁴¹² Supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes, Prime Minister of Canada (Toronto) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/02/24/supporting-ukraine-long-it-takes>

¹⁴¹³ Statement by the Prime Minister on Ukraine's Day of Resistance to the Occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/02/26/statement-prime-minister-ukraines-day-resistance-occupation-autonomous>

¹⁴¹⁴ Canada further sanctions Iranian regime for gross violations of human rights, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-further-sanctions-iranian-regime-for-gross-violations-of-human-rights.html>

¹⁴¹⁵ Use of Chemical Weapons in Douma, Syria: foreign ministers' joint statement, January 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-fms-statement-on-use-of-chemical-weapons-in-douma-syria>

¹⁴¹⁶ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

community's accountability efforts. They also reaffirmed their commitment to providing timely support for Ukraine during Russia's invasion and to continue to stand with Ukraine.¹⁴¹⁷

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau, in his remarks during a visit with the President of the European Union Ursula von der Leyen, announced that Canada would extend its engineering training program in Ukraine in partnership with UNIFIER until at least the fall of 2023. Canada will also deploy more CAF medical training staff to help Ukrainian forces in their training.¹⁴¹⁸

On 8 March 2023, Minister Joly, along with the foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁴¹⁹

On 9 March 2023, Minister Joly spoke with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway Anniken Huitfeldt to discuss opportunities for bilateral cooperation to address Russia's war on Ukraine and support Ukraine. The ministers noted that their respective countries are both committed to strengthening democracy and the rules-based international order.¹⁴²⁰

On 10 March 2023, Canada announced new sanctions against Russian aluminum and steel imports. The objective of the sanctions is to decrease Russia's ability to increase revenues it puts towards its invasion of Ukraine and to hold Russia accountable for its illegal invasion.¹⁴²¹

On 10 March 2023, Canada and the United States held their first Indo-Pacific Dialogue. The parties discussed key trends shaping the region and identified new areas of security cooperation. Canada and the United States also reaffirmed their shared commitment to a free and open region, which is prosperous and secure.¹⁴²²

On 17 March 2023, Minister Joly spoke with Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs Eli Cohen. In the bilateral discussion, the ministers discussed how Canada and Israel can work to help Ukraine in its defense against the

¹⁴¹⁷ Joint press release on the occasion of the visit to Canada of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Prime Minister of Canada (Kingston) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/03/07/joint-press-release-occasion-visit-canada-european-commission-president-ursula-von-der-leyen>

¹⁴¹⁸ Remarks during the visit of the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, Prime Minister of Canada (Kingston) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/videos/2023/03/07/remarks-during-visit-president-european-commission-ursula-von-der-leyen>

¹⁴¹⁹ Ministerial Statement on the Situation for Women and Girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/ministerial-statement-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on-international-womens-day.html>

¹⁴²⁰ Minister Joly to welcome Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-joly-to-welcome-norways-minister-of-foreign-affairs.html>

¹⁴²¹ Canada bans Russian aluminum and steel imports, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2023/03/canada-bans-russian-aluminum-and-steel-imports.html>

¹⁴²² National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada participates in First Indo-Pacific Dialogue between Canada and the United States, Privy Council Office (Washington D.C.) 11 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council/news/2023/03/national-security-advisor-to-the-prime-minister-of-canada-participates-in-first-indo-pacific-dialogue-between-canada-and-the-united-states.html>

Russian invasion. Minister Joly also reiterated Canada's commitment to keeping lasting peace in the Middle East.¹⁴²³

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁴²⁴

On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau and US President Biden released a joint statement which included the countries' commitment to strengthen global alliances with like-minded countries of liberal democracy. The statement particularly pointed out to the threats to rule-based order presented by Russia's invasion on Ukraine, China's expansion of economic influence, non-market politics and human right abuses, as well as Haiti's destabilization. Consequently, the statement confirmed the two countries' increased investment on collective defense and security to safeguard stability especially in the Indo-Pacific region.¹⁴²⁵

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced CAD50 million in funding for several initiatives intended to support democracy and the rules-based international order, both in Canada and abroad. This funding ranges from supporting non-profit organizations advocating for government accountability and the rule of law to funding international organizations working towards supporting human rights.¹⁴²⁶

On 30 March 2023, the Governments of Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, United States, France, Norway, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland issued a joint statement of combating the proliferation and misuse of commercial spyware. The parties expressed concern about the use of technologies by authoritarian regimes and in democracies, noting that the tools' usage in targeting and intimidating opponents and countering dissenting voices, limiting the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly or association and encouraging violations of human rights. The signatories noted that the misuse of such tools pose significant risks to international security and the rules-based order.¹⁴²⁷

On 3 April 2023, Minister Joly attended the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels. In the meeting, Canada reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Ukraine in its defense against Russian invasion. The ministers discussed making coordinated efforts to combat Russia in its war on Ukraine and reviewed progress made thus far. The ministers also officially welcomed Finland to NATO.¹⁴²⁸

On 4 April 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The two leaders discussed Ukraine's current efforts and how Canada can continue to support Ukraine. Prime Minister

¹⁴²³ Minister Joly speaks with Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-joly-speaks-with-israels-minister-of-foreign-affairs.html>

¹⁴²⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

¹⁴²⁵ Prime Minister Trudeau and President Biden Joint Statement, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2023/03/24/prime-minister-trudeau-and-president-biden-joint-statement>

¹⁴²⁶ Backgrounder: Canada announces over \$50 million in funding during second Summit for Democracy, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/03/29/backgrounder-canada-announces-over-50-million-funding-during-second>

¹⁴²⁷ Joint Statement on Efforts to Combat the Proliferation and Misuse of Commercial Spyware, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/30/joint-statement-on-efforts-to-counter-the-proliferation-and-misuse-of-commercial-spyware/>

¹⁴²⁸ Minister Joly to attend NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/04/minister-joly-to-attend-nato-foreign-ministers-meeting-in-brussels.html>

Trudeau reaffirmed Canada's commitment to supporting Ukraine for its fight for a peaceful and democratic future.¹⁴²⁹

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. Canada has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through economic, political and military action.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 29 June 2022, President Emmanuel Macron met with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Both parties stressed the importance of strengthening the position of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on the eastern flank, as to provide greater defence and security to Ukraine and neighbouring countries.¹⁴³⁰

On 30 June 2022, President Macron attended the Madrid NATO Summit. Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. Moreover, all participants expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. In specific, France committed to quickly delivering the military equipment required by Ukraine, including weapons and armoured vehicles. Participants also demanded that all countries respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.^{1431,1432}

On 1 July 2022, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna spoke with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom, Liz Truss. Minister Colonna reaffirmed France's determination to defend Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both parties agreed to build on the G7 and NATO summits to maintain international unity in supporting Ukraine's fight for freedom and self-determination. The parties also discussed increasing assistance to Ukraine.^{1433,1434}

On 1 July 2022, President Macron met with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Both leaders stressed the importance of the defence of shared values, through freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights in guiding their countries' international cooperation and engagement. Both parties also condemned Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. Both France and Australia noted their continued demand in protecting the rules-based international order and the integrity of international law. President Macron and Prime

¹⁴²⁹ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy (Ottawa) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2023/04/04/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-ukraine-volodymyr-zelenskyy>

¹⁴³⁰ Interview with Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey, Elysée (Madrid) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/06/29/entretien-avec-recep-tayyip-erdogan-president-de-la-republique-de-turquie>

¹⁴³¹ Participation of President Emmanuel Macron in the Madrid NATO Summit, Elysée (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/06/30/participation-du-president-emmanuel-macron-au-sommet-de-lotan-de-madrid>

¹⁴³² Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹⁴³³ United Kingdom – Interview of Catherine Colonna with her counterpart (July 1, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/royaume-uni-entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-01-07-22?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴³⁴ Foreign Secretary Liz Truss meeting with the French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna: 1 July 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-liz-truss-meeting-with-the-french-foreign-minister-catherine-colonna-1-july-2022>

Minister Albanese also stressed their belief in a free, open, inclusive and resilient Indo-Pacific region, as made possible through dialogue and diplomacy.^{1435,1436}

On 5 July 2022, President Macron met with Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid. President Macron stressed the importance of respecting Ukraine's sovereignty and integrity, along with its democratic institutions. President Macron also stressed France's commitment to Israel's security and its determination to remain committed to guaranteeing the stability and security of the entire region.¹⁴³⁷

On 7 July 2022, Minister Colonna participated in a meeting of G20 Foreign Ministers. Minister Colonna invited G20 members to increase humanitarian and financial support for Ukraine.¹⁴³⁸

On 8 July 2022, the Senate adopted a proposed law to supplement Article 48 of the French Constitution, adding a paragraph reserving one session per month for authorizing the ratification of international conventions discussed in multilateral discussions with other countries.¹⁴³⁹

On 20 July 2022, President Macron met with the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Both expressed their concern over the war in Ukraine and stressed the need to intensify diplomatic action in order to find a solution to the conflict. Both leaders discussed ways to promote peace, dialogue and diplomacy in the region and underscored their continued commitment to fostering peace and prosperity. Moreover, both Presidents stressed the importance of multilateralism to strengthen mutual understanding and trust and peace and stability in the region and beyond.¹⁴⁴⁰

On 20 July 2022, President Macron met with the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas. They discussed the ongoing violence and terrorism situations in Palestinian territories and the need for a resumption of negotiations and dialogue between Israel and Palestine, as to achieve a fair and lasting peace in the region. President Macron also reiterated France's continued support of the Palestinian population through bilateral financial aid.¹⁴⁴¹

¹⁴³⁵ Joint press release from France and Australia, Elysée (Paris) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/01/communique-conjoint-de-la-france-et-de-la-australie>

¹⁴³⁶ Joint statement by President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese, Elysée (Paris) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/01/declaration-conjointe-du-president-emmanuel-macron-et-du-premier-ministre-daustrie-anthony-albanese>

¹⁴³⁷ Statement by President Emmanuel Macron and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, Elysée (Paris) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/05/declaration-du-president-emmanuel-macron-et-du-premier-ministre-disrael-yair-lapid>

¹⁴³⁸ G20 – Participation of Catherine Colonna in the meeting of G20 Foreign Ministers (Bali, July 7-8, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/actualites-du-ministere/actualites-du-ministere-de-l-europe-et-des-affaires-etrangeres/article/g20-participation-de-catherine-colonna-a-la-reunion-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹⁴³⁹ The National Assembly announces that the Senate accepted the proposed constitutional law tending to provide a monthly session for the transposition of directives and the authorization of international conventions, National Assembly of France (Paris) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16b0030_proposition-loi

¹⁴⁴⁰ Joint France-United Arab Emirates communiqué on the occasion of the State visit to France of Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates on July 18 and 19, 2022, Elysée (Paris) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/20/communique-conjoint-france-emirats-arabes-unis-a-l'occasion-de-la-visite-detat-en-france-du-cheikh-mohamed-bin-zayed-al-nahyan-president-des-emirats-arabes-unis-les-18-et-19-juillet-2022>

¹⁴⁴¹ Working lunch with Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, Elysée (Paris) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/20/dejeuner-de-travail-avec-mahmoud-abbas-president-de-l'autorite-palestinienne>

On 21 July 2022, Minister Colonna spoke with Tunisia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Othman Jerandi. Minister Colonna affirmed France's demand for the preservation of the democratic achievements of the 2011 Tunisian revolution and the continued guarantee of fundamental rights and individual freedoms in the country.¹⁴⁴²

On 22 July 2022, President Macron met with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi. Both parties committed to strengthening their coordination towards security issues in the Middle East and the protection of human rights. Presidents Macron and Al-Sissi also expressed a common desire to continue action in favour of the restoration of the unity and full sovereignty of Libya.¹⁴⁴³

On 23 July 2022, President Macron spoke with Iran's President Ebrahim Raissi. President Macron reiterated France's attachment to the security and stability of the Middle East region and expressed France's desire to continue efforts in favour of a lasting easing of tensions.¹⁴⁴⁴

On 26 July 2022, President Macron visited Cameroon. Speaking with President Paul Biya, President Macron reaffirmed France's commitment to the security of the African continent, in support and at the request of France's African partners. President Macron also expressed France's continued willingness to help address terrorism within Cameroon and across the Sahel region, as to safeguard the rule of law.¹⁴⁴⁵

On 27 July 2022, President Macron visited Benin. Speaking with President Patrice Talon, President Macron expressed France's continued commitment to fighting terrorism within the region, through the provision of intelligence, training and equipment to Beninese military personnel, as to protect Beninese political institutions and the rule of law.¹⁴⁴⁶

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. They expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁴⁴⁷

On 28 July 2022, President Macron visited Guinea-Bissau. Speaking with President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, President Macron stressed the growing security challenge within West Africa and the heightening of terrorism, noting its threat to the political stability and rule of law across the region. President Macron reiterated France's support to continued engagement in the Sahel and West African regions in delivering security and political agendas to maintain peace and security throughout the region.¹⁴⁴⁸

On 29 July 2022, President Macron met with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saoud. President Macron expressed concern over the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine.

¹⁴⁴² Tunisia – Interview of Catherine Colonna with her counterpart (July 21, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/tunisie/evenements/article/tunisie-entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-21-07-22?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁴³ Working lunch with the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi. Elysée (Paris) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/22/dejeuner-de-travail-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-arabe-degypte-m-abdel-fattah-al-sissi>

¹⁴⁴⁴ Telephone interview with the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Ebrahim Raissi, Elysée (Paris) 23 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/23/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-islamique-diran-m-ebrahim-raissi-1>

¹⁴⁴⁵ Visit of the President of the Republic to Cameroon, Elysée (Yaoundé) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/26/deplacement-du-president-de-la-republique-au-cameroun>

¹⁴⁴⁶ Visit of the President of the Republic to Benin, Elysée (Cotonou) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/27/deplacement-du-president-de-la-republique-au-benin>

¹⁴⁴⁷ Statement by G7 foreign ministers on the executions of the military junta in Burma (28 July 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/birmanie/evenements/article/declaration-des-ministres-des-affaires-etrangeres-du-g7-sur-les-executions-de?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁴⁸ Visit of the President of the Republic to Guinea-Bissau, Elysée (Bissau) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/28/deplacement-du-president-de-la-republique-en-guinee-bissau>

President Macron and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman also recalled their shared commitment to security and stability in the Near and Middle East. Concerning Yemen, President Macron commended Saudi Arabia's efforts in favour of a solution guided by the United Nations. President Macron also expressed France's continued commitment to work for a fair and lasting peace and a resumption of dialogue between Palestine and Israel. President Macron concluded by addressing the issue of human rights in Saudi Arabia.¹⁴⁴⁹

On 1 August 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. President Macron reaffirmed France's support for Ukraine. President Macron confirmed France's desire to continue supporting the Ukrainian armed forces and expressed France's motivation to provide short-term macroeconomic support for Ukraine and for the country's reconstruction.¹⁴⁵⁰

On 2 August 2022, Minister Colonna met with Iraq's Minister of Foreign Affairs Fouad Hussein. Minister Colonna stressed France's affinity for a stable and sovereign Iraq and a respect for Iraqi institutions and its constitution.¹⁴⁵¹

On 3 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁴⁵²

On 9 August 2022, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson. President Macron and Prime Minister Johnson reaffirmed their determination to support Ukraine to address the needs of Ukraine in military, humanitarian and economic matters.¹⁴⁵³

On 16 August 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. President Macron called for the withdrawal of Russian forces and affirmed France's support for Ukraine.¹⁴⁵⁴

On 16 August 2022, President Macron spoke with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The parties discussed the ongoing Russian war on Ukraine and its destabilizing consequences. President Macron reaffirmed France's determination to continue its support for Ukraine. Both leaders agreed to cooperate to end the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.¹⁴⁵⁵

¹⁴⁴⁹ Official visit to France of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Elysée (Paris) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/07/29/visite-officielle-en-france-du-prince-heritier-mohammed-bin-salman>

¹⁴⁵⁰ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/01/entretien-telephonique-avec-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-3>

¹⁴⁵¹ Iraq – Interview between Catherine Colonna and her counterpart – Statement by the spokesperson (August 2, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/irak/evenements/article/irak-entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-declaration-de-la-porte?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁵² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait (August 3, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/asia-oceanie/article/declaration-des-ministres-des-affaires-etrangeres-du-g7-sur-la-preservation-de?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁵³ Telephone interview with Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Elysée (Paris) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/09/entretien-telephonique-avec-boris-johnson-premier-ministre-du-royaume-uni>

¹⁴⁵⁴ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/16/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-lukraïne-m-volodymyr-zelensky-2>

¹⁴⁵⁵ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, Elysée (Paris) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/16/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-de-linde-m-narendra-modi>

On 19 August 2022, President Macron spoke with Russia's President Vladimir Putin. During the discussion, President Macron expressed concern towards the situation at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.¹⁴⁵⁶

On 21 August 2022, President Macron spoke with Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, United States President Joe Biden and the UK's Prime Minister Boris Johnson. The four leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukraine through long-term measures.¹⁴⁵⁷

On 22 August 2022, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Israel, Yaïr Lapid. President Macron reaffirmed France's attachment to Israel's security and continued determination in supporting dialogue and stability in the region.¹⁴⁵⁸

On 29 August 2022, President Macron met with Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki. They reaffirmed their countries' continued support for Ukraine in military, economic and humanitarian means. President Macron and Prime Minister Morawiecki also discussed the ongoing issue of maintaining European sovereignty, through defensive and security measures.¹⁴⁵⁹

On 29 August 2022, President Macron met with the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. President Macron expressed concern over the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine. President Macron also noted France's continued commitment in the Middle East, particularly concerning the security and stability in the Gulf Region.¹⁴⁶⁰

On 29 August 2022, Minister Colonna met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani. Both ministers expressed their commitment to strengthening regional security and stability in the Middle East, including in regards to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the resolution of the crises in Yemen, Syria, Lebanon and in Iraq.¹⁴⁶¹

On 1 September 2022, President Macron met with Slovenia's Prime Minister Robert Golob. They discussed the war in Ukraine and their common commitment to supporting Ukraine through military, humanitarian and economic means.¹⁴⁶²

On 5 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. During the discussion, President Macron reiterated France's full support for Ukraine and its sovereignty, security and territorial integrity and expressed France's continued willingness to provide support through military, economic and

¹⁴⁵⁶ Telephone conversation between France and Russia, Élysée (Paris) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/19/telephone-conversation-with-the-president-of-the-russian-federation-mr-vladimir-putin>

¹⁴⁵⁷ Conference call with President Biden, Chancellor Scholz, President Biden and Prime Minister Johnson, Élysée (Paris) 21 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/21/conference-telephonique-avec-le-president-biden-le-chancelier-scholz-le-president-biden-et-le-premier-ministre-johnson>

¹⁴⁵⁸ Interview with the Prime Minister of Israel, Yaïr Lapid, Élysée (Paris) 22 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/22/entretien-avec-le-premier-ministre-disrael-yair-lapid>

¹⁴⁵⁹ Interview with Mateusz Morawiecki, President of the Council of Ministers of Poland, Élysée (Paris) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/29/entretien-avec-mateusz-morawiecki-president-du-conseil-des-ministres-de-pologne>

¹⁴⁶⁰ Working lunch with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Élysée (Paris) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/29/dejeuner-de-travail-avec-sa-majeste-le-roi-hamad-bin-isa-al-khalifa>

¹⁴⁶¹ Bahrain – Interview between Catherine Colonna and her counterpart (Paris, August 29, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/bahrein/evenements/article/bahrein-entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-paris-29-08-22?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁶² Working lunch with Robert Golob, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, Élysée (Paris) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/01/dejeuner-de-travail-avec-robert-golob-premier-ministre-de-la-republique-de-slovenie>

humanitarian means. President Macron also reaffirmed his determination to counter growing global divisions and to maintain protection and respect for international law.¹⁴⁶³

On 10 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. During the discussion, both leaders reiterated the demand for the withdrawal of Russian forces. President Macron also reiterated France's support for Ukraine.¹⁴⁶⁴

On 10 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Djibouti's President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh. President Macron expressed his continued attachment to the stability of Djibouti and reaffirmed the strength of the defence relationship between France and Djibouti in maintaining regional peace.¹⁴⁶⁵

On 10 September 2022, President Macron spoke with the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Liz Truss. Both President Macron and Prime Minister Truss expressed their desires to closely cooperate in addressing common challenges, including the support of Ukraine.¹⁴⁶⁶

On 11 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Russia's President Putin. During the discussion, President Macron condemned the continuation of Russian military operations in Ukraine and reiterated his demand for a military ceasefire, the launch of negotiations and the restoration of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity.¹⁴⁶⁷

On 13 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pachinian. During the discussion, President Macron called for a respect for the ceasefire and Armenia's territorial integrity. President Macron also noted France's willingness to continue its active contribution in the negotiation process.¹⁴⁶⁸

On 13 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Estonia's Prime Minister Kaja Kallas and Lithuania's President Gitanas Nausėda. During the discussion, the three parties affirmed continued coordination to address the Russian war on Ukraine. The three leaders also reaffirmed their support of Ukraine through military, humanitarian and economic means, in order to achieve the restoration of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity.¹⁴⁶⁹

On 13 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Angola's President João Lourenço. President Macron praised Angola's diplomatic efforts, through the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, in favour of peace and stability in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in the Great Lakes region.

¹⁴⁶³ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/05/entretien-telephonique-avec-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraie-4>

¹⁴⁶⁴ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/10/entretien-telephonique-avec-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraie>

¹⁴⁶⁵ Telephone interview with Mr. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, Elysée (Paris) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/10/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-ismail-omar-guelleh-president-de-la-republique-de-djibouti>

¹⁴⁶⁶ Telephone interview with Ms Liz Truss, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Elysée (Paris) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/10/entretien-telephonique-avec-mme-liz-truss-premiere-ministre-du-royaume-uni>

¹⁴⁶⁷ Telephone interview with Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, Elysée (Paris) 11 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/11/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-vladimir-poutine-president-de-la-federation-de-russie-2>

¹⁴⁶⁸ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pachinian, Elysée (Paris) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/13/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-darmenie-nikol-pachinian>

¹⁴⁶⁹ Interview by conference call with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, Kaja Kallas and the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Gitanas Nausėda, Elysée (Paris) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/13/entretien-par-conference-telephonique-avec-la-premiere-ministre-de-la-republique-destonie-kaja-kallas-et-le-president-de-la-republique-de-lituanie-gitanas-nauseda>

President Macron also reiterated France's support for Angola's commitment to the peace process in the Central African Republic.¹⁴⁷⁰

On 13 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev. President Macron expressed concern about the military actions between Armenia and Azerbaijan. President Macron expressed the urgency of ending hostilities and respecting the ceasefire and insisted on the need for the continuation and intensification of the negotiation efforts between Armenia and Azerbaijan.¹⁴⁷¹

On 16 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Armenia's Prime Minister Pachinian. In regards to ongoing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, President Macron affirmed France's support of Armenian sovereignty, territorial integrity and security. Moreover, President Macron reiterated his call on the parties to respect the ceasefire and demanded the continuation of negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan to achieve a lasting peace in the region.¹⁴⁷²

On 16 September 2022, President Macron spoke with the Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos. President Macron reaffirmed France's commitment to the Indo-Pacific, especially as it concerns respect for international maritime law.¹⁴⁷³

On 20 September 2022, President Macron met with Iran's President Raisi. President Macron encouraged Iran to cooperate fully with the International Atomic Energy Agency, to ensure stability within the region. President Macron also expressed concern at the news of the death of Mahsa Amini and insisted on the need for a transparent investigation.¹⁴⁷⁴

On 20 September 2022, President Macron met with UK Prime Minister Truss. They agreed to strengthen their coordinated support for Ukraine, through military, humanitarian and economic means.¹⁴⁷⁵

On 20 September 2022, President Macron addressed the United Nations General Assembly. He stressed the importance of the United Nations and its Charter, affirming its significance in peace-building and maintaining territorial sovereignty. President Macron condemned the Russian war on Ukraine, noting Russia's violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principle of sovereign equality. Within the speech, President Macron demanded a fair agreement and negotiation process respecting international law. In conclusion, President Macron called on all members of the United Nations to condemn the Russian war on Ukraine, to uphold their responsibilities to the Charter and world peace.¹⁴⁷⁶

¹⁴⁷⁰ Telephone interview with the President of the Republic of Angola, João Lourenço, Elysée (Paris) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/13/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-dangola-joao-lourenco>

¹⁴⁷¹ Telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, Elysée (Paris) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/13/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-dazerbaïdjan-ilham-aliev>

¹⁴⁷² Interview with the Prime Minister of Armenia Mr. Nikol Pachinian, Elysée (Paris) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/16/entretien-avec-le-premier-ministre-darmenie-m-nikol-pachinian>

¹⁴⁷³ Telephone interview with the President of the Philippines, Mr. Ferdinand Marcos Jr, Elysée (Paris) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/16/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-des-philippines-m-ferdinand-marcos-jr>

¹⁴⁷⁴ Interview with the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Ebrahim Raisi, Elysée (New York) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/20/entretien-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-islamique-diran-m-ebrahim-raissi>

¹⁴⁷⁵ Interview with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Ms Liz Truss, Elysée (New York) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/20/entretien-avec-la-premiere-ministre-du-royaume-uni-mme-liz-truss>

¹⁴⁷⁶ Speech by the President of the Republic to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Elysée (New York) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/20/discours-du-president-de-la-republique-devant-lassemblee-generale-de-lorganisation-des-nations-unies>

On 21 September 2022, President Macron met with the DRC President Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo and Rwanda's President Paul Kagame. They expressed their concern at the resurgence of violence in the DRC and noted their resolution to provide a coordinated response posed by terrorism in the region, as part of existing and new peace initiatives.¹⁴⁷⁷

On 21 September 2022, Minister Colonna published a statement along with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir. The ministers expressed their support for the sovereignty, security and stability of Lebanon and demanded the need of democratic elections in accordance with its constitution. The three leaders noted their willingness to work alongside Lebanon to support the implementation of measures to achieve fundamental democratic reforms.¹⁴⁷⁸

On 23 September 2022, G7 leaders issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. They noted Russia's violation of the UN Charter, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. The G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁴⁷⁹

On 26 September 2022, President Macron met with Armenia's Prime Minister Pashinian. President Macron reiterated France's support in defending the security and territorial integrity of Armenia and committed to finding a lasting solution to the conflicts in the South Caucasus.¹⁴⁸⁰

On 27 September 2022, President Macron spoke with Azerbaijan's President Aliyev. President Macron reaffirmed his demand for Azerbaijan to respect the ceasefire and Armenia's territorial integrity.¹⁴⁸¹

On 30 September 2022, President Macron issued a public statement, condemning Russia's illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson, stressing that Russian actions were in violation of international law and Ukrainian sovereignty. Moreover, President Macron reaffirmed France's support for Ukraine in confronting Russian aggression and recovering full sovereignty.¹⁴⁸²

On 2 October 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. President Macron reaffirmed his condemnation of Russia's illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia

¹⁴⁷⁷ Trilateral meeting of the Presidents of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and France on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, Elysée (New York) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/21/rencontre-trilaterale-des-presidents-de-la-republique-democratique-du-congo-du-rwanda-et-de-la-france-en-marge-de-lassemblee-generale-des-nations-unies>

¹⁴⁷⁸ Joint statement by the Foreign Ministers of the three countries (France, United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) – (September 21, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/liban/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-des-ministres-des-affaires-etrangeres-des-trois-pays?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁷⁹ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Paris) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/23/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-1>

¹⁴⁸⁰ Interview of President Emmanuel Macron with Nikol Pashinian, Prime Minister of Armenia, Elysée (Paris) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/26/entretien-du-president-emmanuel-macron-avec-nikol-pachinian-premier-ministre-darmenie>

¹⁴⁸¹ Meeting of President Emmanuel Macron with Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Elysée (Paris) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/27/entretien-du-president-emmanuel-macron-avec-m-ilham-aliev-president-de-la-republique-dazerbaidjan>

¹⁴⁸² The President of the Republic strongly condemns the illegal annexation by Russia of Ukrainian regions, Elysée (Paris) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/30/le-president-de-la-republique-condamne-fermement-lannexion-illegale-par-la-russie-des-regions-ukrainiennes>

and Kherson. President Macron also reaffirmed France's determination to aid Ukraine in regaining sovereignty and territorial integrity and pledged to work with European partners on delivering new sanctions.¹⁴⁸³

On 6 October 2022, President Macron participated in the first Summit of the European Political Community (EPC) in Prague, a forum created to allow greater cooperation and dialogue between all European countries, including in foreign and security policy issues. During the Summit, the EPC condemned Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine and reaffirmed its support for Ukraine. The EPC also expressed a willingness to deepen collaboration towards addressing propaganda and disinformation.¹⁴⁸⁴

On 6 October 2022, President Macron met with UK Prime Minister Truss. They expressed their determination to continue to provide Ukraine with all necessary support to enable Ukraine to restore its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to resist Russian aggression.¹⁴⁸⁵

On 7 October 2022, President Macron, at the EPC Summit, announced the creation of a fund of EUR100 million to enable Ukraine to buy military equipment directly from French manufacturers.¹⁴⁸⁶

On 10 October 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. President Macron reaffirmed his support to Ukraine and France's commitment to increasing its support for Ukraine, including through military equipment.¹⁴⁸⁷

On 11 October 2022, President Macron, along with the other G7 leaders, met with Ukrainian President Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and the UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁴⁸⁸

¹⁴⁸³ Telephone interview with Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 2 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/02/entretien-telephonique-avec-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-ukraine-5>

¹⁴⁸⁴ Summit of the European political community in Prague, Elysée (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/06/sommet-de-la-communaute-politique-europeenne-a-prague>

¹⁴⁸⁵ Joint press release between France and the United Kingdom, Elysée (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/06/communique-conjoint-entre-la-france-et-le-royaume-uni>

¹⁴⁸⁶ Press conference by President Emmanuel Macron following the Informal Summit of Heads of State and Government of the European Union in Prague Elysée (Prague) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/07/conference-de-presse-du-president-emmanuel-macron-a-lissue-du-sommet-informel-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-de-lunion-europeenne-a-prague>

¹⁴⁸⁷ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/10/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-ukraine-1>

¹⁴⁸⁸ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government on Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/11/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-sur-ukraine>

On 18 October 2022, President Macron spoke with UK Prime Minister Truss. They reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining close coordination in providing support to Ukraine, through military, humanitarian and economic measures.¹⁴⁸⁹

On 23 October 2022, Minister Colonna met with the US Secretary Blinken and UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly. The three ministers reiterated their support for the defence of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. All three parties also reaffirmed their determination in continuing support for Ukraine with security, economic and humanitarian assistance.¹⁴⁹⁰

On 28 October 2022, President Macron spoke with the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. President Macron expressed a desire to deepen bilateral relations and cooperation between France and the United Kingdom, including in regards to the war on Ukraine.¹⁴⁹¹

On 1 November 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. Presidents Macron and Zelensky spoke about the ongoing Russian war against Ukraine and the Ukrainian counter-offensive. President Macron reiterated France's mobilization to increase military support for Ukraine as soon as possible. President Macron also affirmed France's support in strengthening Ukraine's domestic energy resources and infrastructure.¹⁴⁹²

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁴⁹³

On 10 November 2022, President Macron met with Argentina's President Alberto Ángel Fernández. They expressed their continued commitment to geopolitical stability and delivering peace in Europe, in response to the Russian war on Ukraine. More broadly, both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to democracy and the defence of international law and multilateralism.¹⁴⁹⁴

¹⁴⁸⁹ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Ms Liz Truss, Elysée (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/18/entretien-telephonique-avec-la-premiere-ministre-du-royaume-uni-mme-liz-truss>

¹⁴⁹⁰ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

¹⁴⁹¹ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Rishi Sunak, Elysée (Paris) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/28/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-du-royaume-uni-m-rishi-sunak>

¹⁴⁹² Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/01/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-2>

¹⁴⁹³ Statement by the G7 Foreign Ministers (Münster, 4 November 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/europe/balkans-occidentaux/article/declaration-des-ministres-des-affaires-etrangees-du-g7-munster-04-11-22?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁹⁴ Joint statement with Alberto Ángel Fernández, President of the Argentine Republic, Elysée (Paris) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/10/declaration-conjointe-avec-alberto-angel-fernandez-president-de-la-republique-argentine>

On 11 November 2022, President Macron, along with Argentina's President Fernández and Colombia's President Gustavo Petro issued a joint statement. Within the statement, the three leaders expressed their support for the resumption of the inter-Venezuelan negotiation and peace processes. The three heads of state encouraged negotiators to reach agreements in the humanitarian and political realms and stressed their availability to support the process as needed.¹⁴⁹⁵

On 11 November 2022, Minister Colonna met with the UK's Secretary Cleverly. They reaffirmed their determination to provide Ukraine with the political, military, humanitarian and economic support necessary to defend Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both France and the United Kingdom pledged to strengthen cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific region and condemned Iran's destabilizing activities towards domestic protests and in the Middle East.¹⁴⁹⁶

On 12 November 2022, President Macron spoke with Kenya's President William Ruto. President Macron commended the ongoing deployment of the East African military force intended to halt fighting and initiate a withdrawal of the M23 terrorist group. President Macron also reiterated France's support for the efforts undertaken by the countries of the region to obtain a de-escalation and a settlement of the situation within the framework of the Luanda and Nairobi peace processes.¹⁴⁹⁷

On 15 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit President Macron stressed that the vast majority of G20 members explicitly condemn the war in Ukraine. Moreover, President Macron noted G20 members' respect for international law.¹⁴⁹⁸

On 15 November 2022, President Macron met with China's President Xi Jinping. President Macron expressed concern over Russia's continued war in Ukraine. Both Presidents Macron and Xi reaffirmed their commitment to respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine and agreed on the urgency of de-escalation.¹⁴⁹⁹

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁵⁰⁰

On 18 November 2022, France issued a joint statement with the United States, the United Kingdom and Belgium on the situation in the DRC. The signatories reaffirmed their support for regional diplomatic efforts, including the Nairobi and Luanda processes, to promote de-escalation and create the conditions for lasting

¹⁴⁹⁵ Joint statement by France, Colombia and Argentina, Elysée (Paris) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/11/declaration-conjointe-de-la-france-la-colombie-et-largentine>

¹⁴⁹⁶ Joint statement following the meeting of November 11 in Paris (November 11, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/declaration-commune-a-l-issue-de-la-reunion-du-11-novembre-a-paris-11-11-22?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁴⁹⁷ Telephone interview with the President of the Republic of Kenya, William Ruto, Elysée (Paris) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/12/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-du-kenya-william-ruto>

¹⁴⁹⁸ Introductory Remarks by the President of the Republic, Elysée (Bali) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/16/sommet-du-g20-a-bali>

¹⁴⁹⁹ Interview with the President of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Xi Jinping, Elysée (Bali) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/15/entretien-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-populaire-de-chine-m-xi-jinping>

¹⁵⁰⁰ Bali Declaration of G20 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/16/declaration-de-bali-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g20>

peace in the DRC and affirmed their appreciation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries of the Great Lakes region.¹⁵⁰¹

On 18 November 2022, President Macron visited Thailand. Meeting with Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha, both parties reiterated their commitment to promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Both leaders also expressed concern at the deterioration of the situation in Burma and expressed their support for ASEAN's diplomatic efforts. Both France and Thailand reaffirmed their commitment to the principle of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states as enshrined in the UN Charter. Both leaders also demanded Russia and Ukraine to seriously consider ways to peacefully resolve the crisis through diplomacy and dialogue.¹⁵⁰²

On 21 November 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. Following the series of bombings against Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, President Macron reaffirmed France's solidarity with Ukraine.¹⁵⁰³

On 22 November 2022, President Macron met with Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. During the visit, they reaffirmed their beliefs in the resolution of conflicts through dialogue, in full respect of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Lastly, both President Macron and President Mirziyoyev expressed a common desire in contributing to the stabilization of Afghanistan and regional security.¹⁵⁰⁴

On 25 November 2022, France issued a joint statement with the Netherlands on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Hague Code of Conduct against the proliferation of ballistic missiles. Both France and the Netherlands affirmed their commitment to multilateralism and the strengthening of the rules-based international order, especially in response to the issue of ballistic missile proliferation.¹⁵⁰⁵

On 25 November 2022, Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne met with Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, to discuss Franco-German cooperation. Prime Minister Borne and Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed their continued support of Ukraine.¹⁵⁰⁶

On 28 November 2022, the National Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the Iranian people's freedom movement. The resolution condemned the brutal and widespread repression against non-

¹⁵⁰¹ Great Lakes Region – joint statement by France, the United States, the United Kingdom and Belgium on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (November 18, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Münster) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/republique-democratique-du-congo/evenements/article/region-des-grands-lacs-communique-conjoint-de-la-france-des-etats-unis-du?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁵⁰² Joint communiqué on the bilateral discussions between the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Elysée (Bangkok) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/18/communique-conjoint-sur-les-discussions-bilaterales-entre-le-president-de-la-republique-et-le-premier-ministre-du-royaume-de-thaïlande>

¹⁵⁰³ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/21/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-lukraine-volodymyr-zelensky-1>

¹⁵⁰⁴ Joint statement by the President of the French Republic and the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Elysée (Paris) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/11/22/declaration-conjointe-du-president-de-la-republique-francaise-et-du-president-de-la-republique-douzbeistan>

¹⁵⁰⁵ Joint statement by France and the Netherlands on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Hague Code of Conduct against the proliferation of ballistic missiles (HCoC) (25 November 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/securite-desarmement-et-non-proliferation/actualites-et-evenements-lies-a-la-securite-au-desarmement-et-a-la-non/2022/article/declaration-conjointe-de-la-france-et-des-pays-bas-a-l-occasion-du-20e>

¹⁵⁰⁶ Make the Franco-German partnership the engine of European consensus, le gouvernement de la France (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/faire-du-partenariat-franco-allemand-le-moteur-du-consensus-europeen>

violent demonstrators in Iran and affirmed the Assembly's support for the Iranian people in their aspirations for democracy and respect for their fundamental rights and freedoms.¹⁵⁰⁷

On 30 November 2022, the National Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution aimed at demanding an end to Azerbaijan's aggression against Armenia and establishing lasting peace in the South Caucasus. Specifically, the National Assembly condemned the military aggression of Azerbaijan in violation of Armenia's sovereignty and called for an end to the military occupation by Azerbaijan of the sovereign territory of Armenia.¹⁵⁰⁸

On 30 November 2022, the National Assembly adopted a resolution affirming the National Assembly's support for Ukraine and condemning the war waged by Russia. Specifically, France affirmed its support for Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity and condemned the illegitimate referendums and attempts to annex the Ukrainian territories of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhyya and Kherson. Moreover, the National Assembly demanded the restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine and issued its support for new financial aid to Ukraine and the intensification of sanctions against Russia.¹⁵⁰⁹

On 30 November 2022, Minister of the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu met with US Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin III. France and the United States renewed the 2016 Statement of Intent between the United States' Department of Defence and France's Minister of the Armed Forces. The Statement more largely seeks to deepen ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries in working towards a world that is "more secure, just and free."^{1510,1511}

On 1 December 2022, President Macron visited the United States. During the state visit, President Macron met with President Biden. Within a joint statement, both leaders committed to strengthening security worldwide and advancing democratic values. Both parties committed to continuing working for a Europe that is whole, free and at peace, including through the maintenance of collective defence and security measures. Presidents Macron and Biden committed to pursuing a more robust, integrated and coherent approach to building national and collective resilience against military and non-military threats to security and promoting international stability. They condemned the illegal Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. They also condemned and rejected Russia's illegal attempted annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, stressing Russian actions as a violation of international law. Both President Macron and President Biden reaffirmed their countries' continued support for Ukraine's defence of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of political, security, humanitarian and economic assistance to Ukraine. The United States and France also reiterated their duty in upholding international obligations and the principles and purposes of the UN Charter. Concerning the Indo-Pacific, the United States and France committed to strengthening their partnership within the region, as to advance prosperity, security and shared values based on a rules-based international order, transparent governance, fair economic practices and respect for international law. Presidents Macron and Biden noted their continued commitment to coordinating responses regarding China's challenge to the rules-based international order, including respect for human rights and reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. Presidents Macron and Biden also noted their continued support of

¹⁵⁰⁷ Resolution in support of the Iranian people 's freedom movement, Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16t0035_texte-adopte-seance

¹⁵⁰⁸ Motion for a Resolution aimed at demanding an end to Azerbaijan 's aggression against Armenia and establishing lasting peace in the South Caucasus, Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16b0388_proposition-resolution

¹⁵⁰⁹ Resolution affirming the National Assembly's support for Ukraine and condemning the war waged by the Russian Federation, Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16t0039_texte-adopte-seance

¹⁵¹⁰ Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III Remarks Welcoming French Minister of the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu to the Pentagon, U.S. Department of Defence (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript/Article/3234170/secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-remarks-welcoming-french-minister-of-th/>

¹⁵¹¹ Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron/>

democratic institutions and civil societies in Africa. Both Presidents also expressed their respect for the Iranian people protesting to gain the freedom to exercise human rights and fundamental freedoms that the Iranian government has violated. Presidents Macron and Biden also stressed the importance of strengthening democratic values and respect for universal human rights and reiterated their support for free and independent media.^{1512,1513}

On 4 December 2022, President Macron spoke with Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Chia Al-Soudani. President Macron reiterated France's support in protecting Iraqi sovereignty and stability.¹⁵¹⁴

On 6 December 2022, President Macron participated in the European Union – Western Balkans Summit, resulting in the publication of the Tirana Declaration. Within the statement, participants welcomed the resolve of partners within the Western Balkans to uphold core European values and principles in line with international law. Participants also reaffirmed the importance of democracy, fundamental rights and values and the rule of law. Members also stressed the need for sustained efforts in addressing corruption and strengthening support for good governance and human rights.¹⁵¹⁵

On 6 December 2022, France took part in the 20th International Conference Against Corruption, intended to mobilize public and non-state actors against corruption and defending democratic values. During the conference, France reaffirmed its commitment to preventing and combating corruption at the national and international levels.¹⁵¹⁶

On 9 December 2022, President Macron participated in the Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union. The summit's declaration reiterated participants' determination in continuing to provide support for Ukraine, through economic, military, social, financial and humanitarian means. Members noted that solutions to international conflicts must be in full respect of international law. Moreover, participants demanded the preservation and respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all European Union Member States. Participants also reaffirmed their common commitment to the unity, stability, sovereignty and prosperity of Libya and their support of the United Nations in its efforts to facilitate a Libyan-led political solution.¹⁵¹⁷

On 10 December 2022, Minister Colonna issued a statement on International Human Rights Day. Within the statement, France reaffirmed its comment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Specifically, Minister Colonna stressed that the defence and promotion of human rights are a priority for France's actions in the international environment and in its bilateral relations.¹⁵¹⁸

¹⁵¹² Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron/>

¹⁵¹³ President Emmanuel Macron meets with President Joe Biden at the White House, Elysée (Washington D.C.) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/02/le-president-emmanuel-macron-recontre-le-president-joe-biden-a-la-maison-blanche>

¹⁵¹⁴ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, Mr. Mohammed Chia Al-Soudani. Elysée (Paris) 4 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/04/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-de-la-republique-dirak-m-mohammed-chia-al-soudani>

¹⁵¹⁵ Tirana Declaration, European Council (Tirana) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/60568/tirana-declaration-en.pdf>

¹⁵¹⁶ France takes part in the 20th International Conference against Corruption (December 6 to 10, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Washington D.C.) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/securite-desarmement-et-non-proliferation/lutte-contre-la-corruption/>

¹⁵¹⁷ Declaration of the 9th Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union, EU-MED (Alicante) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/presidente/actividades/Documentos/2022/091222_declaracionConjuntaMED9.pdf

¹⁵¹⁸ International Human Rights Day – Statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (December 10, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 10 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/droits-de-l-homme/actualites-et-evenements-sur-le-theme-des-droits-de-l-homme/actualites-2022-sur-le-theme-des-droits-de-l-homme/article/journee-internationale-des-droits-de-l-homme-declaration-de-la-porte-parole-du>

On 11 December 2022, President Macron spoke with Ukraine's President Zelensky. During the discussion, President Macron reiterated France's ongoing support in restoring Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. President Macron also welcomed the Ukrainian proposal for a ten-point peace plan, noting France's full support.¹⁵¹⁹

On 12 December 2022, in a joint statement G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. The G7 members also stressed their commitment to holding President of Russia, Vladimir Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defence to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defensive equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁵²⁰

On 12 December 2022, Minister Colonna condemned Russia's detention of several political prisoners, including Ilya Yashin and Alexei Navalny. Minister Colonna called on Russia to respect rights and fundamental freedoms, to release all political prisoners and to drop the legal proceedings against them.¹⁵²¹

On 13 December 2022, President Macron co-chaired two summits with Ukraine's President Zelensky, the Bilateral Conference for Resilience and Reconstruction of Ukraine and the Summit for Solidarity with the Ukrainian People. The conferences focused on Ukrainian economic reconstruction to address critical economic and infrastructure needs facing Ukraine and providing Ukraine with concrete essential assistance to improve living conditions of the population.^{1522,1523}

On 14 December 2022, President Macron, along with Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen issued a joint statement, calling for the immediate cessation of violence on Ukrainian civilian populations and infrastructures.¹⁵²⁴

¹⁵¹⁹ Telephone interview with the President of Ukraine, Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, Elysée (Paris) 11 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/11/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-president-de-lukraine-m-volodymyr-zelensky-3>

¹⁵²⁰ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government of December 12, 2022, Elysée (Paris) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/12/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-du-12-decembre-2022>

¹⁵²¹ Russia – Authorities crack down on the opposition (December 12, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/russie/evenements/evenements-de-l-annee-2022/article/russie-repression-des-autorites-a-l-encontre-de-l-opposition-12-12-22>

¹⁵²² Bilateral Conference for Resilience and Reconstruction of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/13/conference-bilaterale-pour-la-resilience-et-la-reconstruction-de-lukraine>

¹⁵²³ Solidarity with the Ukrainian people, Elysée (Paris) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/13/solidaires-du-peuple-ukrainien>

¹⁵²⁴ Ukraine: the appeal of France and Cambodia, Elysée (Paris) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/14/ukraine-lappel-de-la-france-et-du-cambodge>

On 18 December 2022, Secretary of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou travelled to the Republic of Congo and the DRC. During the trip, Secretary Zacharopoulou reaffirmed France's support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRC.¹⁵²⁵

On 19 December 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs issued a statement following recent acts of violence in Peru. The Ministry demanded an immediate end to violence and the resumption of dialogue so that a peaceful solution can be found in accordance with the rule of law. Moreover, France also called on all actors to engage in the political reforms necessary for the resolution of the crisis and the democratic stability of the country.¹⁵²⁶

On 19 December 2022, Minister Colonna met with China's Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi. Ministers Colonna and Wang reiterated their commitment to respecting the UN Charter.¹⁵²⁷

On 21 December 2022, President Macron attended the second Baghdad Summit for Cooperation and Partnership. Within the summit's statement, participants reaffirmed their commitment to increasing cooperation with Iraq in order to strengthen its security, stability and sovereignty and to support democratic processes and ongoing constitutional negotiations, in addition to promoting dialogue as a means of resolving regional disputes. Participants also reiterated their support for Iraq in promoting the rule of law and good governance by building institutions capable of facilitating greater progress, enabling reconstruction, consolidating achievements and meeting the aspirations of the Iraqi population.¹⁵²⁸

On 21 December 2022, France issued a statement of condemnation against the request of the Russian Minister of Justice to dissolve the Moscow Helsinki Group, Russia's oldest organization for the defense of human rights. France condemned Russian attacks on fundamental freedoms and human rights and called on the Russian government to respect these freedoms and human rights.¹⁵²⁹

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.^{1530,1531}

¹⁵²⁵ Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo – Trip by Chrysoula Zacharopoulou (December 18-22, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 18 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/congo/evenements/article/congo-et-republique-democratique-du-congo-deplacement-de-chrysoula>

¹⁵²⁶ Peru – Statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (December 19, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/perou/evenements/article/perou-declaration-de-la-porte-parole-du-ministere-de-l-europe-et-des-affaires>

¹⁵²⁷ China – Minister's meeting with her Chinese counterpart (December 19, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/chine/evenements/article/chine-entretien-de-la-ministre-avec-son-homologue-chinois-19-12-22>

¹⁵²⁸ Joint Communiqué – Second Baghdad Conference for Cooperation and Partnership, Elysée (Baghdad) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/21/communique-conjoint-deuxieme-conference-de-bagdad-pour-la-cooperation-et-le-partenariat>

¹⁵²⁹ Russia – Condemnation of the request for dissolution of the Moscow Helsinki Group (December 21, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/russie/evenements/evenements-de-l-annee-2022/article/russie-condamnation-de-la-demande-de-dissolution-du-groupe-helsinki-de-moscou>

¹⁵³⁰ Participation of Catherine Colonna in the meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers – Statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/participation-de-catherine-colonna-a-la-reunion-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹⁵³¹ Statement by the Chair of the Virtual Meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/declaration-de-la-presidente-de-la-reunion-virtuelle-des-ministres-des-affaires>

On 23 December 2022, President Macron spoke with Azerbaijan’s President Aliyev. President Macron expressed concern about the renewed tension in the South Caucasus. With this, President Macron called for respecting the November 9, 2020, ceasefire agreement. Moreover, President Macron and President Aliyev agreed to continue negotiations in order to find a lasting political solution in the region.¹⁵³²

On 26 December 2022, France issued a statement of condemnation in response to the recent firing of ballistic missiles by North Korea. Noting the country’s violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions, France demanded North Korea to immediately comply with its international obligations.¹⁵³³

On 3 January 2023, President Macron met with the Prime Minister of Sweden Ulf Kristersson. Both parties expressed their commitment to respond to Russian aggression in Ukraine and the support of Ukraine and European sovereignty.¹⁵³⁴

On 4 January 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. During the meeting, President Macron reaffirmed France’s support for the return of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. President Macron announced France’s decision to increase military aid, through the delivery of combat tanks. President Macron also expressed his support for President Zelensky’s proposal for a ten-point peace plan and indicated France’s readiness to support Ukraine’s efforts in this regard.¹⁵³⁵

On 11 January 2023, Minister Colonna travelled to Ethiopia. During the visit, Minister Colonna celebrated the success of the Ethiopian peace agreement.¹⁵³⁶

On 19 January 2023, President Macron met with the President of Spain Pedro Sánchez, during the 27th Franco-Spanish Summit. Through signing the Treaty of Barcelona, President Macron expressed his commitment to maintaining a “secure Europe” and upholding its values of democracy, rule of law and sovereignty. President Macron also pledged stronger cooperation for its support of Ukraine, including through diplomacy.^{1537,1538}

On 23 January 2023, Minister Colonna participated in the Foreign Affairs Council of the European Union. During the meeting, Minister Colonna reaffirmed the importance of increasing European support for Ukraine and called for support for Ukraine’s efforts for a just peace. Minister Colonna also welcomed the adoption of new sanctions targeting officials responsible for human rights violations in Iran. The Minister also called for increased European

¹⁵³² Telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, Elysée (Paris) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/23/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-ilham-aliev-president-de-la-republique-dazerbaidjan-1>

¹⁵³³ North Korea – Missile firings (December 26, 2022), Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 26 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/coree-du-nord/evenements/article/coree-du-nord-tirs-de-missiles-26-12-22>

¹⁵³⁴ Joint statement by French President Emmanuel Macron and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Elysée (Paris) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/03/declaration-conjointe-du-president-de-la-republique-emmanuel-macron-et-du-premier-ministre-suedois-ulf-kristersson>

¹⁵³⁵ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Elysée (Paris) 4 January 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/04/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-3>

¹⁵³⁶ French, German foreign ministers hail Tigray peace progress in Ethiopia, France24 (Paris) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20230112-french-german-foreign-ministers-arrive-in-ethiopia-to-support-peace-agreement>

¹⁵³⁷ Visit of the President of the Republic to Spain, Elysée (Paris) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/19/deplacement-du-president-de-la-republique-en-espagne>

¹⁵³⁸ Signing of the Treaty of Barcelona, Elysée (Paris) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/19/signature-du-traite-de-barcelone>

Union presence in the Gulf of Guinea region for security and defence. Lastly, Minister Colonna acknowledged the issue of foreign interference in order to protect European democratic frameworks.¹⁵³⁹

On 23 January 2023, the governments of France and Germany issued a joint declaration following a meeting of the Franco-German Council of Ministers. Germany and France agreed to work together to build strong European foreign and security policy, to strengthen European defence and consolidate the European democratic model. France and Germany also agreed to defend European interests as well as to uphold the current international order, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter.¹⁵⁴⁰

On 24 January 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. During the meeting, President Macron reiterated France's readiness to provide additional support to Ukraine. The two leaders also discussed the prospects for a return to peace in Europe. President Macron also reaffirmed his support for the Ukrainian proposal for a ten-point peace plan.¹⁵⁴¹

On 25 January 2023, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni, President of the United States Joe Biden, Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak. During the meeting, the leaders shared their support for a European-Atlantic framework to foster coordination in support of Ukraine.¹⁵⁴²

On 27 January 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. President Macron reiterated his support for President Lula following unsuccessful coup attempts to destabilize Brazilian democracy. Presidents Macron and Lula expressed their commitment to defend universal democratic values. President Macron also stressed the importance of the restoration of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity, noting their importance to the multilateral international order. Both leaders expressed a desire to collaborate to restore peace.¹⁵⁴³

On 27 January 2023, President Macron met with the Prime Minister of Iraq Mohammed Chia Al-Soudani. Both leaders condemned the attacks which undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq. President Macron informed Prime Minister Al-Soudani of France's continued willingness to support Iraq against terrorism, to uphold the stability and security of Iraq. President Macron also congratulated the efforts of Prime Minister Al-Soudani in fighting against corruption.¹⁵⁴⁴

On 28 January 2023, France, in a multilateral statement with Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany, condemned the Syrian regime's horrific use of deadly chemical weapons. The signatories called

¹⁵³⁹ Participation of Catherine Colonna in the Foreign Affairs Council of the European Union (January 23, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangetere-de-la-france/la-france-et-l-europe/evenements-et-actualites-lies-a-la-politique-europeenne-de-la-france/conseils-affaires-generales-et-affaires-etrangeteres/article/participation-de-catherine-colonna-au-conseil-des-affaires-etrangeteres-de-l>

¹⁵⁴⁰ French-German Declaration, Élysée (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/22/french-german-declaration>

¹⁵⁴¹ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of the Republic of Ukraine, Élysée (Paris) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/24/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-4>

¹⁵⁴² President Meloni's telephone conversation with Biden, Macron, Scholz, and Sunak, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/ucraina-conversazione-telefonica-del-presidente-meloni-con-biden-macron-scholz-e-sunak>

¹⁵⁴³ Telephone interview with Mr. Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Élysée (Paris) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/27/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-luiz-inacio-lula-da-silva-president-de-la-republique-federative-du-bresil>

¹⁵⁴⁴ Joint statement following the visit to France of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, Mohammed Chia Al-Soudani, Élysée (Paris) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/27/communique-conjoint-a-lissue-de-la-visite-en-france-du-premier-ministre-de-la-republique-dirak-mohammed-chia-al-soudani>

on the Syrian regime to end its chemical weapons program and to comply with the regulations set out under the Chemical Weapons Convention and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁵⁴⁵

On 29 January 2023, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu. During the meeting, President Macron stressed France's support of Israel security and expressed his readiness to contribute to the resumption of peaceful dialogue between Palestine and Israel. President Macron also expressed concern about Iran's activities in the region.¹⁵⁴⁶

On 2 February 2023, President Macron met with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu. During the meeting, President Macron expressed concern about the current situation in Palestine and Israel and noted hopes for Israeli peace and security. President Macron also welcomed the normalization of relations between Israel and other states in the region, which he noted contributed to stability and security. President Macron also stressed his readiness to contribute to the resumption of peaceful dialogue between Palestine and Israel. Both leaders also discussed the efforts and willingness to cooperate to address consequences of the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine.¹⁵⁴⁷

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁵⁴⁸

On 6 February 2023, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pachinian. During the discussion, President Macron reiterated France's commitment to Armenia's security.¹⁵⁴⁹

On 6 February 2023, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni. Both partners welcomed the joint actions of France and Italy in the military support of Ukraine and expressed commitment to continue the support over the long term.¹⁵⁵⁰

On 8 February 2023, President Macron met with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. During the meeting, President Macron expressed France's continued support for Ukraine.¹⁵⁵¹

On 16 February 2023, President Macron met with the Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq Masrour Barzani. During the meeting, President Macron recalled France's commitment to the unity of

¹⁵⁴⁵ Use of Chemical Weapons in Douma, Syria: foreign ministers' joint statement, January 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-fms-statement-on-use-of-chemical-weapons-in-douma-syria>

¹⁵⁴⁶ Telephone conversation between the President of the Republic and Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Elysée (Paris) 29 January 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/29/entretien-telephonique-du-president-de-la-republique-avec-m-benjamin-netanyahu-premier-ministre-de-letat-disrael-1>

¹⁵⁴⁷ Working dinner with the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Elysée (Paris) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/03/diner-de-travail-avec-le-premier-ministre-de-letat-disrael-m-benjamin-netanyahu>

¹⁵⁴⁸ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁵⁴⁹ Telephone interview with Mr. Nikol Pachinian, Prime Minister of Armenia, Elysée (Paris) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/06/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-nikol-pachinian-premier-ministre-darmenie-2>

¹⁵⁵⁰ Telephone interview with the President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, Ms Giorgia Meloni, Elysée (Paris) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/06/entretien-telephonique-avec-la-presidente-du-conseil-des-ministres-ditalie-mme-giorgia-meloni>

¹⁵⁵¹ Reception by the President of the Republic of the President of the Republic of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky and of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Olaf Scholz at the Élysée Palace, Elysée (Paris) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/08/accueil-par-le-president-de-la-republique-du-president-de-la-republique-dukraïne-volodymyr-zelensky-et-du-chancelier-de-la-republique-federale-dallemagne-olaf-scholz-au-palais-de-lelysee>

Iraq and the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan of Iraq's stability and security. President Macron also reaffirmed France's desire to safeguard Iraq's sovereignty.¹⁵⁵²

On 17 February 2023, at the 59th Munich Security Conference, President Macron reiterated France's support for Ukraine and his desires to address the wars in the Caucasus, in the Near and Middle East and Africa. President Macron also expressed France's commitment to strengthening military presences in eastern Europe and Mediterranean as to uphold European peace and security. President Macron also requested greater defence spending by European countries to achieve and uphold peace. President Macron lastly expressed a desire for greater European coordination in addressing cyber- and maritime-security issues and democratic vulnerabilities.¹⁵⁵³

On 17 February 2023, President Macron met with the President of Poland Andrzej Duda and the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. The leaders condemned Russia's war in Ukraine, noting Russia's violation of the international order based on the United Nations Charter. France, Germany and Poland reconfirmed their support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as Ukraine's inherent right to self-defence against Russian aggression. France, Poland and Germany also agreed to coordinate their efforts to meet Ukraine's military and defence needs. The leaders also expressed their continued determination to maintain sanctions against Russia and consider additional sets. The parties also reaffirmed their support for Ukraine's ten-point peace plan and noted that Ukraine's future "lies in Europe."¹⁵⁵⁴

On 18 February 2023, Minister Colonna along with the foreign ministers of Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Slovenia, issued a statement which strongly condemned the Taliban's exclusion of women from public life. In the statement, the leaders noted that the Taliban regime has banned women from attending university and has continuously restricted women's human rights and freedoms.¹⁵⁵⁵

On 20 February 2023, Minister Colonna met with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly to discuss their determination in assisting Ukraine in the Russian war. The ministers also discussed their common interests in supporting the rule of law.¹⁵⁵⁶

On 20 February 2023, Minister Colonna participated in the Foreign Affairs Council. Minister Colonna emphasized the importance of increasing military support for Ukraine, as well as signaled Europe's support for Ukraine's efforts to achieve a just peace plan and called for the swift adoption of the 10th set of sanctions against Russia. Minister Colonna also met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova Nicu Popescu, stressing the importance of European support for Moldova's sovereignty, territorial integrity and security. Minister Colonna also emphasized the necessity to continue humanitarian support for Afghan women and girls. Lastly, Minister Colonna stressed the continued importance of additional sanctions against Iran.¹⁵⁵⁷

¹⁵⁵² Interview with Mr Masrour Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq, Elysée (Paris) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/17/entretien-avec-m-masrour-barzani-premier-ministre-du-gouvernement-regional-du-kurdistan-dirak>

¹⁵⁵³ Trip to Germany for the 59th Munich Security Conference, Élysée (Paris) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/17/deplacement-en-allemande-a-loccasion-de-la-59eme-conference-de-munich-sur-la-securite>

¹⁵⁵⁴ Joint Press Release by the leaders of the Weimar Triangle, Élysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/joint-press-release-by-the-leaders-of-the-weimar-triangle>

¹⁵⁵⁵ Joint Statement from female Foreign Ministers attending the Munich Security Conference 2023, Ambassade de France en Afghanistan (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://af.ambafrance.org/Joint-Statement-from-female-Foreign-Ministers-attending-the-Munich-Security>

¹⁵⁵⁶ Minister Joly travels to Paris, France, Global Affairs Canada (Munich) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-joly-to-travel-to-paris-france.html>

¹⁵⁵⁷ Mme Catherine Colonna's participation in the Foreign Affairs Council, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/europe/news/article/european-union-mme-catherine-colonna-s-participation-in-the-foreign-affairs-271564>

On 21 February 2023, at the Munich Security Conference G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. They reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. They also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. They urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁵⁵⁸

On 22 February 2023, Minister Colonna addressed the United Nations General Assembly. Minister Colonna also participated in a General Assembly vote on a Ukrainian resolution, reiterating that the fundamental principles of the United Nations are the only possible foundations for a just and lasting peace.¹⁵⁵⁹

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders held a summit and reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal acts of aggression and its disregard for the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also called on Russia to end its aggression and withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory. They also expressed their determination to support the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and human rights. They also expressed a commitment to continued coordination in the provision of military and economic support, including through equipment, training, aid packages and economic sanctions.¹⁵⁶⁰

On 24 February 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Both parties reiterated their attachment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.¹⁵⁶¹

On 27 February 2023, Minister Colonna participated in the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council and in an event on the violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed in the Russian war against Ukraine. Minister Colonna reiterated France's condemnation of aggression and its consequences for civilians and for international security and stability, as well as reaffirmed France's solidarity with Ukraine. Minister Colonna also reaffirmed France's commitment to and called for universal respect for human rights.¹⁵⁶²

On 27 March 2023, President Macron announced the Africa-France Partnership. During the announcement, President Macron expressed France's commitment to assisting with security and geopolitical challenges in the African states.¹⁵⁶³

On 2 March 2023, at the G20 Foreign Ministers, Minister Colonna called for the G20 to respond firmly to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and called for a just and lasting peace which respects the United

¹⁵⁵⁸ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

¹⁵⁵⁹ Catherine Colonna's visit to New York, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (New York) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/news-and-events/news/news-2023/article/un-catherine-colonna-s-visit-to-new-york-feb-22-24-2023>

¹⁵⁶⁰ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-2>

¹⁵⁶¹ Videoconference with the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Elysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/visioconference-avec-le-president-de-la-republique-de-turquie-recep-tayyip-erdogan>

¹⁵⁶² Catherine Colonna's participation in the high-level segment of the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Geneva) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/news-and-events/news/news-2023/article/united-nations-catherine-colonna-s-participation-in-the-high-level-segment-of>

¹⁵⁶³ The Africa-France Partnership: speech by the President on the eve of his trip to Central Africa, Elysée (Paris) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/27/discours-du-president-de-la-republique-dans-la-perspective-de-son-prochain-deplacement-en-afrique-centrale>

Nations Charter principles. Minister Colonna also expressed her commitment to supporting international institutions and their reform. Most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.^{1564,1565}

On 3 March 2023, President Macron met with the President of Angola João Lourenço. President Macron discussed opportunities for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo. President Macron also committed to strengthening defence cooperation in the areas of training and maritime security.¹⁵⁶⁶

On 4 March 2023, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of France, Germany, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom and Spain issued a statement on the situation in the West Bank. Signatories expressed their desire for a just and lasting peace and noted their opposition to all unilateral measures that undermine a two-state solution.¹⁵⁶⁷

On 4 March 2023, President Macron met with the President of Congo-Brazzaville Denis Sassou Nguesso. During the meeting, President Macron confirmed France's commitment to securing democracy in Libya.¹⁵⁶⁸

On 5 March 2023, President Macron met with the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo Félix Tshisedekedi. During the meeting, President Macron reaffirmed France's commitment in the defence of Congo's territorial integrity and sovereignty. President Macron also reiterated France's support of the Luanda and Nairobi peace processes. President Macron also expressed a desire to achieve full security and military sovereignty and committed France to providing training and equipment to ensure Congolese sovereignty.¹⁵⁶⁹

On 6 March 2023, Minister Colonna spoke with the United Kingdom's Secretary Cleverly. During the meeting, the parties discussed their common support for Ukraine and the defence of the rules-based international order.¹⁵⁷⁰

On 6 March 2023, France denounced the convictions of several Belarusian opposition figures. France reaffirmed its support for the fight of the Belarusian opposition for democracy and peace.¹⁵⁷¹

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of France, Germany, Australia, Canada, United States, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration

¹⁵⁶⁴ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

¹⁵⁶⁵ G20 Summit - Interventions by Catherine Colonna (New Delhi, March 2, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/sommet-du-g20-interventions-de-catherine-colonna-new-delhi-02-03-23>

¹⁵⁶⁶ Trip to Angola, Elysée (Paris) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/03/deplacement-en-angola>

¹⁵⁶⁷ Israel / Palestinian Territories – Situation in the West Bank (04 March 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/israel-territoires-palestiniens/actualites-et-evenements/2023/article/israel-territoires-palestiniens-situation-en-cisjordanie-04-03-23>

¹⁵⁶⁸ Trip to Congo-Brazzaville, Elysée (Paris) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/04/deplacement-au-congo>

¹⁵⁶⁹ Trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Elysée (Paris) 5 March 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/05/deplacement-en-republique-democratique-du-congo>

¹⁵⁷⁰ Joint press release - United Kingdom – Telephone interview between Ms Catherine Colonna and her British counterpart (06 March 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/communique-conjoint-royaume-uni-entretien-telephonique-de-mme-catherine-colonna>

¹⁵⁷¹ Belarus – Convictions of several opposition figures (06 March 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/bielorussie/evenements/article/bielorussie-condamnations-de-plusieurs-figures-de-l-opposition-06-03-2023>

of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.¹⁵⁷²

On 7 March 2023, President Macron spoke with US President Joe Biden. The leaders discussed the situation in Ukraine and reiterated their commitment to providing Ukraine with the necessary military support for as long as necessary. Both parties also reaffirmed their common objective of restoring Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. President Macron also discussed the prospects for a return to peace in Europe. The leaders also discussed the situation in the Indo-Pacific and Iran.¹⁵⁷³

On 8 March 2023, Minister Colonna, along with the foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁵⁷⁴

On 8 March 2023, France reiterated its concern towards a recent bill adopted by the Georgian Republic on foreign agents. France stressed that the bill weakens Georgian democracy. Moreover, France called on Georgian authorities to respect human rights, particularly the right to peaceful demonstration and freedom of the press.¹⁵⁷⁵

On 8 March 2023, Minister Colonna reaffirmed France's commitment to defending the rights of women and girls on the occasion of International Women's Day. Minister Colonna expressed her continued support of the defence of women's rights in Afghanistan and Iran.¹⁵⁷⁶

On 9 March 2023, Director of the Americas and the Caribbean Michèle Ramis met with the Director General for Europe of Peru, Lissette Nalvarte. During the meeting, France and Peru reaffirmed their shared views towards Russian aggression in Ukraine, as well as respect for international law and the Charter of the United Nations.¹⁵⁷⁷

¹⁵⁷² Joint statement on Afghanistan (March 6, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/afghanistan/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-sur-l-afghanistan-06-03-23>

¹⁵⁷³ Telephone interview with Mr. Joe Biden, President of the United States of America, Elysée (Paris) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/07/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-joe-biden-president-des-etats-unis-damerique>

¹⁵⁷⁴ Ministerial statement on the situation for women and girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Paris) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/feminist-diplomacy/news/article/ministerial-statement-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on>

¹⁵⁷⁵ Georgia - Law on Foreign Agents (March 8, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/georgie/evenements/article/georgie-loi-sur-les-agents-de-l-etranger-08-03-23>

¹⁵⁷⁶ Feminist diplomacy - International Women's Day (March 8, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/diplomatie-feministe/actualites-et-evenements/article/diplomatie-feministe-journee-internationale-des-droits-des-femmes-08-03-23>

¹⁵⁷⁷ Bilateral consultations between France and Peru (March 9, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/perou/evenements/article/consultations-bilaterales-entre-la-france-et-le-perou-09-03-23>

On 9 March 2023, Minister Colonna met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of Togo Robert Dussey. Minister Colonna expressed France's support for regional initiatives concerning peace, security and development.¹⁵⁷⁸

On 10 March 2023, President Macron met with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as part of the 36th Franco-British Summit. They expressed their shared priority of continuing support of Ukraine in the war against Russia through military, diplomatic and economic means. Militarily, both leaders affirmed their continued provision of materials, including the supply of equipment and military training. President Macron and Prime Minister Sunak expressed their support for the principles of the peace plan presented by Ukraine. Both parties expressed a desire to contribute to international security, to strengthen the international order based on the rule of law. France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed the importance of cooperation in defence and committed to developing future solutions to strengthen defence capabilities as to contribute to the stability of the multilateral order.¹⁵⁷⁹

On 10 March 2023, Minister Colonna met with the United Kingdom's Secretary Cleverly as part of the 36th Franco-British Summit. During the meeting, the ministers reaffirmed their shared desire to intensify their coordination on major international issues, including shared support for Ukraine in light of continued Russian aggression, Iran, Africa and the Indo-Pacific.¹⁵⁸⁰

On 13 March 2023, President Macron met with the Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban. The leaders expressed the need for European unity in the face of Russian aggression, including through the use of sanctions.¹⁵⁸¹

On 10 March 2023, France welcomed the restoration of diplomatic and trade relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia. Minister Colonna noted that France is in favour of dialogue, de-escalation and strengthening regional security and stability.¹⁵⁸²

On 13 March 2023, France applauded the publication of the European Union Space Strategy for Security and Defence. The Strategy offers the European Union a shared policy framework for protecting their interest in space and allows for the joint analysis and suggestions of institutional, diplomatic and capacity-building responses.¹⁵⁸³

On 16 March 2023, the Governments of France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States released a joint statement marking the 12-year anniversary of the Syrian uprising. They recalled their joint goals to advance a Syrian-led and United Nations-facilitated peace process in line with UN Security Council Resolution

¹⁵⁷⁸ Togo – Interview of Catherine Colonna with her Togolese counterpart (March 9, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/togo/evenements/article/togo-entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-togolais-09-03-23>

¹⁵⁷⁹ Sunak and Macron hail 'new chapter' in UK-France ties, Politico (Paris) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.politico.eu/article/rishi-sunak-emmanuel-macron-hail-new-chapter-uk-france-ties-channel-migration/>

¹⁵⁸⁰ Interview of Catherine Colonna with her British counterpart - Press release from the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (March 10, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-britannique-communique-du>

¹⁵⁸¹ Interview with Mr. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary, Elysée (Paris) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/13/entretien-avec-viktor-orban-premier-ministre-de-hongrie>

¹⁵⁸² France welcomes the announcement that diplomatic relations have been restored between the two countries, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/saudi-arabia/news/article/iran-saudi-arabia-france-welcomes-the-announcement-that-diplomatic-relations>

¹⁵⁸³ France applauds the publication of the EU Space Strategy for Security and Defence, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/europe/news/article/the-european-union-france-applauds-the-publication-of-the-eu-space-strategy-for>

2254. They remain committed to supporting Syrian civil society and ending human rights abuses in Syria and welcomed ongoing efforts by national courts to hold perpetrators accountable.¹⁵⁸⁴

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁵⁸⁵

On 24 March 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Algeria Abdelmadjid Tebboune. During the meeting, the leaders discussed regional stability issues, particularly concerning the fight against terrorism in the Sahel.¹⁵⁸⁶

On 25 March 2023, President Macron spoke with the Prime Minister of Iraq Mohammed Chia Al-Sudani. The leaders discussed the regional situation, with President Macron reaffirming France's support of the stability and sovereignty of Iraq.¹⁵⁸⁷

On 26 March 2023, France condemned Russian President Vladimir Putin's announcement of an agreement between Russia and Belarus for the deployment of nuclear weapons in Belarus. France noted that this agreement violates the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and contributes towards the erosion of the international arms control architecture and strategic stability in Europe. France reaffirmed the importance of preventing a nuclear war and arms race and called on Russia to reverse the agreement.¹⁵⁸⁸

On 27 March 2023, Secretary of State Boone travelled to New York and Washington DC. The visit focused on the defence of European sovereignty.¹⁵⁸⁹

On 27 March 2023, France expressed its concern towards Israel's decision to overhaul the judiciary. France also reaffirmed their commitment to the democratic principles that constitute the basis of French-Israeli relations.¹⁵⁹⁰

On 28 March 2023, France condemned the Taliban's arrest of Matiullah Wesa, the head of a girls' school and advocate for girls' education. France called for his immediate release and noted its support for the efforts made

¹⁵⁸⁴ Joint Statement on the Occasion of the 12th Anniversary of the Syrian Uprising, U.S. Department of States (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-occasion-of-the-12th-anniversary-of-the-syrian-uprising/>

¹⁵⁸⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/security-disarmament-and-non-proliferation/news/2023/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-launch-of-an-intercontinental-ballistic>

¹⁵⁸⁶ Telephone interview with Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Élysée (Paris) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/24/entretien-telephonique-avec-abdelmadjid-tebboune-president-de-la-republique-algerienne-democratique-et-populaire-1>

¹⁵⁸⁷ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, Mohammed Chia Al-Sudani, Élysée (Paris) 25 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/25/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-de-la-republique-dirak-mohammed chia-al-soudani>

¹⁵⁸⁸ Statements by Vladimir Putin, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 26 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/russia/news/article/russia-belarus-statements-by-vladimir-putin-26-march-2023>

¹⁵⁸⁹ United States - Visit by Laurence Boone, Secretary of State for Europe, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/etats-unis/evenements/article/etats-unis-deplacement-de-laurence-boone-secretaire-d-etat-chargee-de-l-europe>

¹⁵⁹⁰ Israel – Political Situation, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/israel-palestinian-territories/news/2023/article/israel-political-situation-march-27-2023>

in this regard by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. France reiterated its commitment to the freedom of speech, the universal right to education and defending the rights of women and girls.¹⁵⁹¹

On 29 March 2023, France deplored the Burmese junta's decision to ban forty political groups, infringing on the freedoms of expression and assembly and the dismantling of the rule of law. France reiterated its commitment to the establishment of political dialogue, including democratic opposition.¹⁵⁹²

On 29 March 2023, President Macron spoke at the 2nd Summit of Democracies. In the speech, President Macron spoke about the necessity of collectively rethinking international institutions, so that they are able to respond to the major contemporary challenges.¹⁵⁹³

On 29 March 2023, Minister Colonna travelled to Lithuania. During the visit, Minister Colonna met with Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė and Minister of Foreign Affairs Gabrielius Landsbergis. The parties discussed the consequences of the Russian war in Ukraine and their support for Ukraine, particularly in military matters. Minister Colonna also discussed the strengthening of NATO's posture on the eastern flank in Lithuania, Estonia and Romania.¹⁵⁹⁴

On 29 March 2023, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs travelled to Benin, Togo and Ghana. During the visit, the Ministry reaffirmed France's commitment to the countries and noted its solidarity in the face of current security challenges.¹⁵⁹⁵

On 30 March 2023, France welcomed the Parliament of Turkey's ratification of Finland's membership into NATO, which allows Finland's formal membership in NATO to proceed. France noted that it also expects Turkey and Hungary to immediately move forward with the ratification of Sweden's bid into NATO.¹⁵⁹⁶

On 30 March 2023, the Governments of Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, United States, France, Norway, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland issued a joint statement of combating the proliferation and misuse of commercial spyware. The parties expressed concern about the use of technologies by authoritarian regimes and in democracies, noting that the tools' usage in targeting and intimidating opponents and countering dissenting voices, limiting the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly or association and encouraging violations of human rights. The signatories noted that the misuse of such tools pose significant risks to international security and the rules-based order.¹⁵⁹⁷

¹⁵⁹¹ France condemns the arrest of the founder of a girls' school (Paris) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/afghanistan/news/article/afghanistan-france-condemns-the-arrest-of-the-founder-of-a-girls-school-28-03>

¹⁵⁹² Dissolution of the National League for Democracy, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/myanmar/news/article/myanmar-dissolution-of-the-national-league-for-democracy-29-march-2023>

¹⁵⁹³ Second Summit of Democracies, Élysée (Paris) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/03/29/deuxieme-sommet-des-democraties>

¹⁵⁹⁴ Lithuania - Visit by Catherine Colonna, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/lituanie/evenements/article/lituanie-deplacement-de-catherine-colonna-29-30-mars-2023>

¹⁵⁹⁵ Benin, Togo, Ghana - Trip by Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/benin/evenements/article/benin-togo-ghana-deplacement-de-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-29-03-03-04-23>

¹⁵⁹⁶ NATO – Turkey ratifies Finland's membership, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/security-disarmament-and-non-proliferation/news/2023/article/nato-turkey-ratifies-finland-s-membership-30-03-23>

¹⁵⁹⁷ Joint Statement on Efforts to Combat the Proliferation and Misuse of Commercial Spyware, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangetere-de-la-france/securite-desarmement-et-non-proliferation/actualites-et-evenements-lies-a-la-securite-au-desarmement-et-a-la-non/2023/article/declaration-conjointe-relative-aux-efforts-visant-a-lutter-contre-la>

On 1 April 2023, President Macron spoke with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. The leaders discussed the current military situation in Ukraine. President Macron reiterated France's support for Ukraine to end Russian aggression and discussed current diplomatic efforts.¹⁵⁹⁸

On 2 April 2023, France condemned the expulsion of French correspondents from Burkina Faso several days after the decision to suspend the broadcast of France 24. France reaffirmed its commitment to the freedom of the press and protection of journalists.¹⁵⁹⁹

On 3 April 2023, Minister Colonna met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria Ahmed Attaf. During the meeting, the parties welcomed the momentum created by the Algiers Declaration for a renewed partnership between Algeria and France.¹⁶⁰⁰

On 3 April 2023 Minister Colonna met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel Eli Cohen. During the meeting, Minister Colonna stressed France's commitment to Israel's security. The ministers discussed regional development, especially Iran's destabilizing activities. The parties also discussed their actions towards Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine. Minister Colonna also stressed the necessity of refraining from unilateral measures in the West Bank and Jerusalem and honouring the commitments made in Aqaba and Sharm el-Sheikh.¹⁶⁰¹

On 5 April 2023, President Macron travelled to China. During the visit, President Macron expressed France's desire to avoid escalation and to preserve and reinvent an international order of peace and stability by ensuring respect between nations.¹⁶⁰²

On 7 April 2023, France and China issued a joint declaration. In the statement, the parties reaffirmed their desire to pursue the continuous development of their global strategic partnership, on the basis of mutual respect for their sovereignty, territorial integrity and interests. France and China noted their commitment to working together to find constructive solutions, based on international law, to the challenges and threats to international security and stability. Moreover, both parties expressed their support for efforts to restore peace in Ukraine on the basis of international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.¹⁶⁰³

On 6 April 2023, France and the United Kingdom released a joint statement on the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed their support for the universalisation and the entry into force of the treaty, with the aim of making the voluntary moratorium legally binding.¹⁶⁰⁴

¹⁵⁹⁸ Telephone interview with Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, Élysée (Paris) 1 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/04/01/entretien-telephonique-avec-m-volodymyr-zelensky-president-de-lukraine>

¹⁵⁹⁹ Burkina Faso – Expulsion of journalists, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/burkina-faso/news/article/burkina-faso-expulsion-of-journalists-2-april-2023>

¹⁶⁰⁰ Telephone conversation between Catherine Colonna and her Algerian counterpart, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/algeria/news/article/algeria-telephone-conversation-between-catherine-colonna-and-her-algerian>

¹⁶⁰¹ Israel – Telephone conversation between Mme Catherine Colonna and her Israeli counterpart, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/israel-palestinian-territories/news/2023/article/israel-telephone-conversation-between-mme-catherine-colonna-and-her-israeli>

¹⁶⁰² State visit to China: day in Canton, Élysée (Paris) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/04/07/visite-en-chine-journee-a-canton>

¹⁶⁰³ Joint declaration between the French Republic and the People's Republic of China, Élysée (Paris) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/04/07/declaration-conjointe-entre-la-republique-francaise-et-la-republique-populaire-de-chine>

¹⁶⁰⁴ Draft Joint Statement by France and the United Kingdom on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ratification of the CTBT, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/united-kingdom/news/article/draft-joint-statement-by-france-and-the-united-kingdom-on-the-occasion-of-the>

On 6 April 2023, France condemned the Taliban's decision to ban Afghan women from working for United Nations agencies operating in Afghanistan and urged the Taliban to revoke the ban.¹⁶⁰⁵

On 6 April 2023, Minister Colonna met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. Minister Colonna expressed France's concern over the situation in Iran and the Iranian nuclear program.¹⁶⁰⁶

France has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. France has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through economic, political and military action.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 30 June 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz attended the Madrid Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. Moreover, all participants expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the United Nations Charter, as well as committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. Participants also demanded that all countries respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.¹⁶⁰⁷

On 8 July 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock spoke at the Vigoni Forum in Italy. She emphasized that Germany and Europe must support Ukraine's fight against Russian aggression in order to preserve democracy. Minister Baerbock noted the compatibility of transatlantic relations and European sovereignty and emphasized that democracy must be actively protected and not taken for granted.¹⁶⁰⁸

On 19 July 2022, Chancellor Scholz published an article regarding Russia's war in Ukraine, calling it a watershed moment for Germany, Europe and the international community. He called for greater cooperation between Germany and states a part of the Global South, which share UN Charter values, including the rule of law and fundamental freedoms and values and emphasized the need to protect democracy and freedom.¹⁶⁰⁹

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. They expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast

¹⁶⁰⁵ Afghanistan – France condemns the Taliban's ban on Afghan women from working for UN agencies operating in Afghanistan, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/afghanistan/news/article/afghanistan-france-condemns-the-taliban-s-ban-on-afghan-women-from-working-for>

¹⁶⁰⁶ Conversation between Catherine Colonna and her Iranian counterpart, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/iran/news/article/iran-conversation-between-catherine-colonna-and-her-iranian-counterpart-06-04>

¹⁶⁰⁷ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹⁶⁰⁸ Video message by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock for the Vigoni Forum 2022 – European Democracy at a Watershed, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/baerbock-vigoni/2541306>

¹⁶⁰⁹ After the watershed, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/after-the-watershed-2063256>

Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁶¹⁰

On 2 August 2022, Minister Baerbock gave a speech in New York on the renewed importance of transatlantic relations in the context of the West's response to Russia's war in Ukraine. Noting that Europeans (Germans) and Americans share common values of freedom, democracy and human rights, Minister Baerbock affirmed the importance of defending such values, both domestically and internationally.¹⁶¹¹

On 3 August 2022, G7 foreign ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁶¹²

On 13 August 2022, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Bärbel Kofler visited Tanzania. During her visit she praised the current Tanzanian government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for increasing Tanzania's political dialogue and overall international cooperation.¹⁶¹³

On 21 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz spoke with France's President Emmanuel Macron, US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson. The four leaders reaffirmed their support of Ukraine through long-term measures.¹⁶¹⁴

On 24 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and emphasized that Canada is a reliable democracy and a reliable partner to Germany with similar common values.¹⁶¹⁵

On 25 August 2022, Minister Baerbock released a joint German Moroccan declaration with Morocco's Minister of Foreign Affairs Nasser Bourita. The two ministers committed to enhancing political relations and dialogue, promoting democracy, rule of law and good governance. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based international order and also expressed intentions to engage on human rights issues.¹⁶¹⁶

On 25 August 2022, Commissioner for Human Rights Luise Amtsberg released a statement concerning Vietnamese human rights defender and journalist Pham Doan Trang's imprisonment in Vietnam. Commissioner Amtsberg stressed that her sentencing is a step backward for human rights in Vietnam. Commissioner Amtsberg also called on the Vietnamese government to release Pham Doan Trang along with other human rights defenders and to protect the rule of law.¹⁶¹⁷

¹⁶¹⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Executions by the Military Junta in Myanmar, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220728-myanmar.html>

¹⁶¹¹ Seizing the Transatlantic Moment: Our Common Responsibility in a New World – Speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at The New School in New York, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2545662>

¹⁶¹² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220803-taiwan.html>

¹⁶¹³ Parliamentary State Secretary Kofler visits Tanzania, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 13 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/parliamentary-state-secretary-kofler-visits-tanzania-119720>

¹⁶¹⁴ Conference call with President Biden, Chancellor Scholz, President Biden and Prime Minister Johnson, Elysée (Paris) 21 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/08/21/conference-telephonique-avec-le-president-biden-le-chancelier-scholz-le-president-biden-et-le-premier-ministre-johnson>

¹⁶¹⁵ Federal Chancellor Scholz in Canada: "Our two countries are well matched," The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/federal-chancellor-scholz-in-canada-2078234>

¹⁶¹⁶ German-Moroccan joint declaration, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/joint-declaration-germany-morocco/2548280>

¹⁶¹⁷ Statement by Human Rights Commissioner Luise Amtsberg on the decision by a Hanoi court of appeal to uphold the sentencing of human rights defender Pham Doan Trang to nine years' imprisonment, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/human-rights-commissioner-pham-doan-trang/2548474>

On 20 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz presented a speech at the UN General Assembly in New York. In it, he stressed the importance of actively enforcing the principles of a peaceful international order and protecting human rights, especially in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He also affirmed that Germany would not accept peace on Russian terms and would continue to provide assistance to Ukraine.¹⁶¹⁸

On 23 September 2022, G7 leaders issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. They noted Russia's violation of the UN Charter, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. Lastly, the G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁶¹⁹

On 24 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz visited Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. With each leader, he discussed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the importance of human rights and women's rights. Scholz also addressed regional political issues such as freedom of expression.¹⁶²⁰

On 29 September 2022, the German Government introduced its EUR200 billion "economic protective shield" to help businesses and citizens afford electricity and gas amid Russia's war in Ukraine. The funding package will reduce German energy dependency on Russia and thus defund Russia's war.¹⁶²¹

On 6 October 2022, Chancellor Scholz participated in the first Summit of the European Political Community (EPC) in Prague, a forum created to allow greater cooperation and dialogue between all European countries, including in foreign and security policy issues. During the Summit, the EPC condemned Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine and reaffirmed its support for Ukraine. The EPC also expressed a willingness to deepen collaboration towards addressing propaganda and disinformation.¹⁶²²

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity, and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁶²³

¹⁶¹⁸ Federal Chancellor Scholz at the UN General Assembly: "Our world has clear rules," The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/chancellor-scholz-un-2128398>

¹⁶¹⁹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Illegal Annexation of Sovereign Ukrainian Territory, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220930-ukraine.html>

¹⁶²⁰ The Federal Chancellor in the Middle East: Three Gulf states in two days, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/federal-chancellor-gulf-states-visit-2129744>

¹⁶²¹ 200 billion euros for economic protective shield, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/protective-shield-2131014>

¹⁶²² Meeting of the European Political Community, 6 October 2022, Council of the European Union (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/10/06/>

¹⁶²³ G7 Statement on Ukraine, G7 Germany 2022 (Berlin) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.g7germany.de/resource/blob/997532/2133528/3bb39ef1d9bc0c99f93bfea15f89dd4a/2022-10-11-g7-leaders-statement-data.pdf?download=1>

On 25 October 2022, Berlin hosted the International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine. The conference focused on Ukrainian infrastructure and enhancing its democratic institutions and rule of law.¹⁶²⁴

On 26 October 2022, Minister Baerbock released a statement on the situation in Iran, condemning the Iranian government for its violation of human rights and the ongoing oppression of women and ethnic, religious and sexual minorities. Along with Germany's sanctions under the EU umbrella, Minister Baerbock noted that Germany would review all national action options as well. She pledged to support Iranian civil society by collaborating with the UN Commissioner for Human Rights and exiled Iranian human rights advocates.¹⁶²⁵

On 30 October 2022, Minister Baerbock visited Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Minister Baerbock emphasized that economic development and human rights are inseparable and that the two Central Asian countries can turn to Europe as a fair alternative to Russian and Chinese influence.¹⁶²⁶

On 30 October 2022, Minister of State Katja Keul visited Cameroon and Kenya. Minister Keul noted that Kenya is a strong democracy and essential to stability in East Africa.¹⁶²⁷

On 2 November 2022, the Federal Foreign Office released a statement concerning various economic, financial and humanitarian crises in Lebanon. The statement called for political unity and called on Lebanon's parliament to elect a new president and for effective reforms.¹⁶²⁸

On 2 November 2022, Commissioner Amtsberg released a joint statement with nine other European Human Rights Ambassadors marking the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. The joint statement called for better prosecution for crimes against journalists and emphasized that freedom of expression and access to information are essential to democratic societies.¹⁶²⁹

On 3 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz published an opinion piece in Politico on the subject of bilateral relations between Germany and China. Chancellor Scholz stated that Germany pursues a policy based on protecting human and minority rights and preserving the rules-based international order and that this policy is closely aligned with EU policy.¹⁶³⁰

On 3 November 2022, Germany hosted the first-ever US-Germany Futures Forum, focused on improving democracy through digital transformation, including policies on disinformation, digital authoritarianism and online human rights, as well as how to safeguard democracy through technological development and vice versa.¹⁶³¹

¹⁶²⁴ FAQ: International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine, The Federal Government (Berlin) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/conference-reconstruction-ukraine-2134566>

¹⁶²⁵ Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on the situation in Iran, Foreign Federal Office (Berlin) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2560416>

¹⁶²⁶ Statement by Foreign Minister Baerbock prior to her departure for Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2560922>

¹⁶²⁷ Minister of State Keul before her trip to Cameroon and Kenya, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/-/2560888>

¹⁶²⁸ Statement by a Federal Foreign Office Spokesperson on the situation in Lebanon, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2561656>

¹⁶²⁹ European Human Rights Ambassadors' Joint Statement on International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/international-day-to-end-impunity-for-crimes-against-journalists/2561536>

¹⁶³⁰ Opinion piece by Olaf Scholz in Politico: We don't want to decouple from China, but can't be overreliant, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/chancellor-guest-article-politico-china-2139576>

¹⁶³¹ Strengthening democracy in a digital world – U.S.-German Futures Forum 2022: Participants' recommendations for concrete action, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2561692>

On 4 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz visited China to meet with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang. The leaders discussed issues such as Russia's war in Ukraine and economic relations and human rights. In particular, Chancellor Scholz raised the issue of human rights in Xinjiang and called on China to abide by their commitment to the United Nations Charter of Human Rights.¹⁶³²

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity, and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁶³³

On 6 November 2022, Commissioner Amtsberg released a statement regarding the human rights situation in Egypt. The statement criticized Egypt's infringement of human rights and civil liberties.¹⁶³⁴

On 13 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. The leaders discussed deepening defence, economic and political cooperation.¹⁶³⁵

On 15 November 2022, Minister Baerbock participated in the eighth World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Berlin. In her opening speech, Minister Baerbock highlighted that the death penalty is a human rights violation that is extant in both democratic and autocratic governments. She condemned the political use of the death penalty and emphasized that the Congress is a crucial international platform to address capital punishment.¹⁶³⁶

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁶³⁷

On 22 November 2022, Germany released a joint statement with France and the United Kingdom on Iran's nuclear programme. The governments condemned Iran's decision to increase its uranium production in violation of global non-proliferation agreements such as the Non-Proliferation Treaty.¹⁶³⁸

On 23 November 2022, Minister Baerbock spoke to the Bundestag during the debate for the Federal Foreign Office budget. Minister Baerbock reiterated Germany's continuation of military and diplomatic engagement in

¹⁶³² Shared global responsibility, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/federal-chancellor-in-china-2140012>

¹⁶³³ G7: Foreign Ministers' Statement, European Union External Action (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/g7-foreign-ministers-statement_en

¹⁶³⁴ Statement by Human Rights Commissioner Luise Amtsberg on the human rights situation in Egypt, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 6 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2562078>

¹⁶³⁵ Strengthening the international order and trade relations, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/scholz-in-southeast-asia-2143510>

¹⁶³⁶ Opening speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2563364>

¹⁶³⁷ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

¹⁶³⁸ Joint statement by France, Germany, and the UK on Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2564882>

the Sahel region with other international partners. Minister Baerbock stated that diplomacy and military engagement are complementary approaches in Germany's foreign policy.¹⁶³⁹

On 24 November 2022, Minister Baerbock spoke at the Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in Iran. Minister Baerbock called on the international community to establish an independent and impartial United Nations mechanism to investigate human rights violations in Iran in light of the ongoing violent crackdowns against peaceful protestors.¹⁶⁴⁰

On 25 November 2022, Commissioner Amtsberg released a statement to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Commissioner Amtsberg called on European and international leaders for the accession of more countries to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention).¹⁶⁴¹

On 25 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with France's Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne, to discuss Franco-German cooperation. Prime Minister Borne and Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed their continued support of Ukraine.¹⁶⁴²

On 25 November 2022, the German Development Ministry committed EUR94 million to help Zambia enact democratic reforms alongside financial and climate policy reforms as part of a joint development cooperation agreement.¹⁶⁴³

On 30 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz spoke at the Berlin Security Conference. He reiterated Germany's unwavering support for Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression. Moreover, he mentioned that Germany needs to protect itself from hybrid threats to its democratic functions.¹⁶⁴⁴

On 30 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with various representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Trade Organization and the World Bank. Chancellor Scholz stressed that working with international organizations was the only way to tackle global challenges.¹⁶⁴⁵

On 1 December 2022, Minister Baerbock participated in the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's ministerial council. In her speech, she emphasized the need to support Ukraine to ensure that

¹⁶³⁹ Speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in the Bundestag debate on the Federal Foreign Office budget for 2023, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/baerbock-budget-bundestag/2565194>

¹⁶⁴⁰ Speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/baerbock-unhcr-iran/2565298>

¹⁶⁴¹ Statement by Human Rights Commissioner Luise Amtsberg to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2565728>

¹⁶⁴² Make the Franco-German partnership the engine of European consensus, le gouvernement de la France (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/faire-du-partenariat-franco-allemand-le-moteur-du-consensus-europeen>

¹⁶⁴³ Germany supports Zambia's reform efforts, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-zambias-reform-efforts-129448>

¹⁶⁴⁴ "We will continue to support Ukraine for as long as it takes", The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/scholz-speech-bsc-2147610>

¹⁶⁴⁵ Strengthening the multilateral order together, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/scholz-multilateralism-2146746>

destabilization resulting from Russian aggression does not occur. She stated that the best protection against disinformation, fake news and manipulation is trust in government through transparency.¹⁶⁴⁶

On 6 December 2022, Chancellor Scholz participated in the European Union – Western Balkans Summit, resulting in the publication of the Tirana Declaration. Within the statement, participants welcomed the resolve of partners within the Western Balkans to uphold core European values and principles in line with international law. Participants also reaffirmed the importance of democracy, fundamental rights and values and the rule of law. Members also stressed the need for sustained efforts in addressing corruption and strengthening support for good governance and human rights.¹⁶⁴⁷

On 7 December 2022, the Government of Germany published its fifteenth Human Rights Report. The report highlighted Germany's efforts in protecting human rights domestically and internationally. It highlights digital technologies used by autocratic regimes to violate human rights, gender-sensitive human rights approaches and Germany's overall efforts to address human rights issues in international fora.¹⁶⁴⁸

On 8 December 2022, Minister Baerbock visited Ireland and the United Kingdom. In a statement, she reiterated that the internationally recognized Northern Ireland Protocol, which stipulates that there cannot be a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland, must remain in place despite Brexit.¹⁶⁴⁹

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. They also stressed their commitment to holding Russian President Vladimir Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defence to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defence equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁶⁵⁰

On 18 December 2022, Minister Baerbock travelled to Nigeria. She acknowledged that Nigeria is the largest democracy in Africa and is a key pillar of the African Union as well as a key contributor to United Nations peacekeeping missions.¹⁶⁵¹

On 19 December 2022, the Federal Foreign Office issued a statement on the latest series of ballistic missile tests by North Korea. The office condemned the launches as a breach of international law under the UN Security

¹⁶⁴⁶ Statement by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the OSCE Ministerial Council, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2566958>

¹⁶⁴⁷ Tirana Declaration, European Council (Tirana) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/60568/tirana-declaration-en.pdf>

¹⁶⁴⁸ German Government's fifteenth Human Rights Report, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/menschenrechte/human-rights-report-15/2567970>

¹⁶⁴⁹ Statement by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock prior to her departure for Ireland and the United Kingdom, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/baerbock-irland-grossbritannien/2568318>

¹⁶⁵⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/221212-statement.html>

¹⁶⁵¹ A looted history, a self-determined present: Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock travels to Nigeria, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/nigeria-node/baerbock-nigeria/2569892?view=>

Council (UNSC) and emphasized that North Korea is jeopardizing regional and international security. The Federal Foreign Office called on North Korea to implement UNSC decisions and end weapons proliferation.¹⁶⁵²

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.¹⁶⁵³

On 27 December 2022, Chancellor Scholz and US President Joe Biden released a joint press statement reaffirming their solidarity with Ukraine against Russian aggression. In the statement, the leaders promised continuous financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support. Specifically, Germany promised a donation of Marder Infantry Fighting Vehicles, as well as a Patriot air defense battery.¹⁶⁵⁴

On 1 January 2023, the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG) entered into force in Germany. It is the first comprehensive regulation of corporate due diligence processes with a focus on human rights in supply chains and applies to all German companies based anywhere in the world.¹⁶⁵⁵

On 5 January 2023, Minister Baerbock met with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom James Cleverly. In the dialogue, the two parties agreed to building stronger partnerships, especially in their cooperation towards helping Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion.¹⁶⁵⁶

On 11 January 2023, Minister Baerbock travelled to Ethiopia along with France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna noted that Russia's war on Ukraine has destabilized the Horn of Africa in terms of food supplies. Ministers Baerbock and Colonna offered support to Ethiopia to help broker a long-lasting peace deal.¹⁶⁵⁷

On 13 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz welcomed Prime Minister of Iraq Mohammed Shia al-Sudani to Berlin. The leaders agreed to work on a structure for future cooperation. Germany committed to using civil instruments to stabilize Iraq, deepen development cooperation and provide humanitarian aid in light of Iraq's fight against the Islamic State terror group.¹⁶⁵⁸

On 23 January 2023, the governments of Germany and France issued a joint declaration following a meeting of the Franco-German Council of Ministers. Germany and France agreed to work together to build strong

¹⁶⁵² Statement by the Federal Foreign Office on reports of the latest series of ballistic missile tests by North Korea, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/ballistic-missile-tests-north-korea/2570060>

¹⁶⁵³ Statement by the Chair of the Virtual Meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/declaration-de-la-presidente-de-la-reunion-virtuelle-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹⁶⁵⁴ Joint Press Statement Following a Call between the President Joe Biden and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/05/joint-press-statement-following-a-call-between-the-president-joe-biden-and-the-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-olaf-scholz/>

¹⁶⁵⁵ Better protection of human rights and the environment along global supply chains, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221229-better-protection-of-human-rights-and-the-environment-along-global-supply-chains.html>

¹⁶⁵⁶ UK and Germany agree closer cooperation in first ever UK-Germany annual Dialogue, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-germany-agree-closer-cooperation-in-first-ever-uk-germany-annual-dialogue>

¹⁶⁵⁷ The ceasefire in Ethiopia holds: Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and her French colleague Catherine Colonna travel to Addis Ababa together, Auswärtiges Amt (Berlin) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/service/laender/aethiopien-node/baerbock-colonna-aethiopien/2572668>

¹⁶⁵⁸ Press conference by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Sudani on January 13, 2023, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/pressekonferenz-von-bundeskanzler-scholz-und-ministerpraesident-sudani-am-13-januar-2023-2157888>

European foreign and security policy, to strengthen European defence and consolidate the European democratic model. Germany and France also agreed to defend European interests as well as to uphold the current international order, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter.¹⁶⁵⁹

On 24 January 2023, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulz presented the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's new Africa strategy. It lays the framework for German engagement with African partner countries that focuses on socio-ecological change in the economy, notably with regards to youth inclusion and gender equality.¹⁶⁶⁰

On 25 January 2023, Germany co-hosted the International Lake Chad Conference in Nigeria along with Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad. The conference aims to tackle terrorism, conflicts, weak state structures and the climate crises in the region by discussing approaches to aid, stabilization and cooperation development with key actors. The parties acknowledged the progress made in cooperation and noted that many Boko Haram fighters have ceased their fighting.¹⁶⁶¹

On 25 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz announced that Germany would deliver fourteen Leopard 2 battle tanks to Ukraine to help it defend against Russia's invasion. Germany will also provide training to Ukrainian crews to operate the tanks.¹⁶⁶²

On 27 January 2023, Minister Baerbock participated in the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council and the Disarmament Conference at the United Nations in Geneva. The session focused on Russia's ongoing human rights abuses in Ukraine as well as Russia's suspension of arms agreements. The foreign Minister also demanded that the Iranian government respects the rights of demonstrators in the country. Foreign Minister Baerbock noted that Germany's deliverance of arms support to Ukraine in self-defense is not in conflict with its commitment to disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation; rather, they both serve to defend the international rules-based order.¹⁶⁶³

On 28 January 2023, Germany, in a multilateral statement with Canada, the United States, France and the United Kingdom, condemned the Syrian regime's horrific use of deadly chemical weapons. The signatories called on the Syrian regime to end its chemical weapons program and to comply with the regulations set out under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁶⁶⁴

On 3 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni. Prime Minister Meloni and Chancellor Scholz discussed their support for Ukraine, guaranteeing their full political, financial and military support.¹⁶⁶⁵

¹⁶⁵⁹ French-German Declaration, Élysée (Paris) 22 January 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023.

<https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/22/french-german-declaration>

¹⁶⁶⁰ BMZ 's new Africa strategy : Jobs for the greatest generation of young people of all time, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023.

<https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/neue-afrika-strategie-des-bmz-137724>

¹⁶⁶¹ In the region, with the region: Lake Chad Conference in Niamey, Auswärtiges Amt (Berlin) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/aussenpolitik/afrika/tshadsee-konferenz/2574840>

¹⁶⁶² Germany supplies Leopard battle tanks, Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 6 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/deutschland-liefert-kampfpanzer-leopard-2160262>

¹⁶⁶³ For international law and rules-based order: Foreign Minister Baerbock in Geneva, Auswärtiges Amt (Berlin) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/aussenpolitik/regelbasierte-internationale-ordnung/menschenrechte/aussenministerin-baerbock-beim-menschenrechtsrat--bei-der-abruestungskonferenz-und-geberkonferenz-fuer-jemen-in-genf/2584450?view=>

¹⁶⁶⁴ Use of Chemical Weapons in Douma, Syria: foreign ministers' joint statement, January 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-fms-statement-on-use-of-chemical-weapons-in-douma-syria>

¹⁶⁶⁵ Statements to the Press with Chancellor Scholz, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Berlin) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-con-il-cancelliere-scholz-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni/21703>

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁶⁶⁶

On 8 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with France's President Emmanuel Macron and the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. During the meeting, Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Europe's support with Ukraine and its commitment to providing Ukraine with financial, humanitarian and military support.¹⁶⁶⁷

On 17 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz and Minister Baerbock participated in the 59th Munich Security Conference. At the Conference, Chancellor Scholz stressed that Germany along with its partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union must strike a balance between providing support to Ukraine without escalating conflict between NATO and Russia. He also called on other states to provide more battle tanks to Ukraine.¹⁶⁶⁸

On 17 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with France's President Macron and the President of Poland Andrzej Duda. The leaders condemned Russia's war in Ukraine, noting Russia's violation of the international order based on the United Nations Charter. Germany, France and Poland reconfirmed their support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as Ukraine's right to self-defence against Russian aggression. France, Poland and Germany also agreed to coordinate their efforts to meet Ukraine's military and defence needs. The leaders also expressed their continued determination to maintain sanctions against Russia and consider additional sets. The parties also reaffirmed their support for Ukraine's ten-point peace plan and noted that Ukraine's future "lies in Europe."¹⁶⁶⁹

On 18 February 2023, Minister Baerbock along with the foreign ministers of Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Canada, France, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Slovenia, issued a statement which strongly condemned the Taliban's exclusion of women from public life. In the statement, the leaders noted that the Taliban regime has banned women from attending university and has continuously restricted women's human rights and freedoms.¹⁶⁷⁰

On 21 February 2023, at the Munich Security Conference G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. They reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. They also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. They urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁶⁷¹

On 23 February 2023, Germany along with the United Nations General Assembly in New York adopted a resolution for a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace in Ukraine. The resolution reaffirmed Ukraine's

¹⁶⁶⁶ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁶⁶⁷ Scholz and Macron meet with Zelensky, The Federal Government (Paris) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/scholz-macron-zelensky-2163694>

¹⁶⁶⁸ Speech by Chancellor Scholz at the Munich Security Conference on 17 February 2023 in Munich, Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/speech-by-chancellor-scholz-at-the-munich-security-conference-on-17-february-2023-in-munich-2166536>

¹⁶⁶⁹ Joint Press Release by the leaders of the Weimar Triangle, Élysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/joint-press-release-by-the-leaders-of-the-weimar-triangle>

¹⁶⁷⁰ Joint Statement from female Foreign Ministers attending the Munich Security Conference 2023, Federal Foreign Office (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2583154>

¹⁶⁷¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

territorial sovereignty and appealed to Russia to withdraw its troops, stop the bombing and return to the UN Charter.¹⁶⁷²

On 24 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz attended a special meeting of the G7. Within a joint statement, the leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal acts of aggression and its disregard for the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also called on Russia to end its aggression and withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory. The parties also expressed their determination to support the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and human rights. All signatories also expressed a commitment to continued coordination in the provision of military and economic support, including through equipment, training, aid packages and economic sanctions.¹⁶⁷³

On 25 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. Chancellor Scholz stressed India and Germany's shared affinity for democracy and noted that the countries can further exchange economic, political and cultural ideas. The parties also reiterated that the war in Ukraine must come to an end.¹⁶⁷⁴

On 1 March 2023, the federal cabinet presented the guidelines of a feminist foreign and development policy. The new approach is a shift towards values-based foreign policy and aims to integrate women and marginalized groups into global work for peace and security.¹⁶⁷⁵

On 1 March 2023, at the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bali, most parties including Germany strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.¹⁶⁷⁶

On 2 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz released a statement marking one year since his speech on Germany's shifting foreign and security policy with regards to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's humanitarian, economic and military support for Ukraine. He also noted that the European peace order is stronger than ever and condemned Russian President Vladimir Putin for violating international law.¹⁶⁷⁷

On 2 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan. The leaders discussed the impact of the Russo-Ukrainian war on Armenia and the South Caucasus as well as the ongoing border conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.¹⁶⁷⁸

On 2 March 2023, State Secretary for Development Jochen Flasbarth travelled to the Palestinian Territories. Germany noted it has a responsibility towards Israel but at the same time recognizes Palestinians' right to self-

¹⁶⁷² United for peace in Ukraine, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/vereinte-nationen-ukraine-2167606>

¹⁶⁷³ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023.

<https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-2>

¹⁶⁷⁴ Press statements by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Indian Prime Minister Modi on February 25, 2023 in New Delhi, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/pressestatements-von-bundestkanzler-scholz-und-dem-indischen-premierminister-modi-am-25-februar-2023-in-neu-delhi-2167958>

¹⁶⁷⁵ For just and strong societies worldwide, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/feministische-aussen-und-entwicklungspolitik-2168832>

¹⁶⁷⁶ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

¹⁶⁷⁷ Government statement by Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/service/bulletin/regierungserklaerung-von-bundestkanzler-olaf-scholz-2169350>

¹⁶⁷⁸ Press conference by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Pashinyan on the visit of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia to Berlin on March 2, 2023, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/pressekonferenz-von-bundestkanzler-scholz-und-ministerpraesident-paschinyan-zum-besuch-des-ministerpraesidenten-der-republik-armenien-in-berlin-am-2-maerz-2023-2169186>

determination and encouraged a two-state solution. Secretary Flasbarth noted that German engagement in the Palestinian territories helps to develop state structures and civil society.¹⁶⁷⁹

On 3 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with US President Joe Biden. The leaders discussed the situation in Ukraine and stressed the importance of transatlantic relations in global security.¹⁶⁸⁰

On 4 March 2023, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Germany, France, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom and Spain issued a statement on the situation in the West Bank. Signatories expressed their desire for a just and lasting peace and noted their opposition to all unilateral measures that undermine a two-state solution.¹⁶⁸¹

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of Germany, France, Australia, Canada, United States, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.¹⁶⁸²

On 7 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama. The leaders discussed Albania's progress and challenges, namely in rule of law and in its European Union accession progress.¹⁶⁸³

On 8 March 2023, Minister Baerbock along with the foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁶⁸⁴

On 13 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of Bhutan Lotay Tshering. Chancellor Scholz thanked Bhutan for taking a clear stance on Russia's invasion of Ukraine by condemning the war and defending the principles of the United States Charter.¹⁶⁸⁵

¹⁶⁷⁹ Development Secretary Flasbarth travels to the Palestinian Territories, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/staatssekretaer-flasbarth-reise-palaestinensische-gebiete-146430>

¹⁶⁸⁰ We want freedom and peace for Ukraine, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/scholz-biden-2169474>

¹⁶⁸¹ European countries condemn Palestinian attacks, urge Israel to stop expanding settlements, Reuters (Bengaluru) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/european-countries-condemn-palestinian-attacks-urge-israel-stop-expanding-2023-03-04/>

¹⁶⁸² Joint statement on Afghanistan (March 6, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/afghanistan/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-sur-l-afghanistan-06-03-23>

¹⁶⁸³ Western Balkans is "part of the European family", Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/scholz-rama-2169872>

¹⁶⁸⁴ Ministerial statement on the situation for women and girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Paris) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/feminist-diplomacy/news/article/ministerial-statement-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on>

¹⁶⁸⁵ The Federal Chancellor meets Prime Minister Tshering, The Federal Government (Berlin) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/scholz-meets-prime-minister-of-bhutan-2170822>

On 14 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev. The two parties reaffirmed their commitment to work more closely together within the European Union's Eastern Partnership framework. Chancellor Scholz stated that Germany is ready to intensify efforts to reach a peace settlement between Armenia and Azerbaijan for the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.¹⁶⁸⁶

On 16 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu. In addition to the role of Iran and the Russian war against Ukraine, the focus of their talks was also on the Middle East conflict and the judicial reform planned in Israel. Both parties stated their concern about Iran's nuclear programme and called on Iran to cease its crackdown on peaceful protestors. Chancellor Scholz called on Israel to halt settlement construction and called on Palestinian leadership to commit to building a peaceful and democratic Palestine. Chancellor Scholz reiterated Germany's support for a two-state solution to the conflict.¹⁶⁸⁷

On 16 March 2023, Germany along with France, the United Kingdom and the United States released a joint statement marking the 12-year anniversary of the Syrian uprising. They recalled their joint goals to advance a Syrian-led and United Nations-facilitated peace process in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2254. They remain committed to supporting Syrian civil society and ending human rights abuses in Syria and welcomed ongoing efforts by national courts to hold perpetrators accountable.¹⁶⁸⁸

On 16 March 2023, the German government released a statement condemning North Korea's illegal launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles and ballistic missiles and called the continued violations of United Nations Security Council resolutions deeply worrying. They called on North Korea to disarm and halt its development of weapons of mass destruction.¹⁶⁸⁹

On 18 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz travelled to Japan for the first German-Japanese intergovernmental consultations. The parties discussed taking joint action to safeguard critical infrastructure, trade routes and energy supply security all under the umbrella of a rules-based international order.¹⁶⁹⁰ They discussed security issues in the Indo-Pacific and committed to cooperating in order to maintain and strengthen a free and open rules-based international order and to tackle global challenges such as nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.¹⁶⁹¹

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards

¹⁶⁸⁶ Press conference by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev on March 14, 2023 in Berlin, Der Bundeskanzler (Berlin) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-de/aktuelles/pressekonferenz-von-bundeskanzler-scholz-und-dem-aserbaidschanischen-staatspraesidenten-ilham-aliyev-am-14-maerz-2023-in-berlin-2170994>

¹⁶⁸⁷ Scholz receives Prime Minister Netanyahu, Der Bundeskanzler (Berlin) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-de/aktuelles/scholz-netanjahu-2171582>

¹⁶⁸⁸ Joint Statement on the Occasion of the 12th Anniversary of the Syrian Uprising, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/syrian-uprising/2588134>

¹⁶⁸⁹ Federal Foreign Office on reports of North Korea testing an ICBM, Auswärtigen Amt (Berlin) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/aa-test-ballistischer-interkontinentalrakete-nordkorea/2588338>

¹⁶⁹⁰ Close collaboration between Germany and Japan, Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 18 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/german-japanese-government-consultations-2172364>

¹⁶⁹¹ Press conference by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Japanese Prime Minister Kishida at the end of the German-Japanese intergovernmental consultations, Der Bundeskanzler (Berlin) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2023. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-de/aktuelles/pressekonferenz-von-bundeskanzler-scholz-und-dem-japanischen-ministerpraesidenten-kishida-zum-abschluss-der-deutsch-japanischen-regierungskonsultationen-2172340>

the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁶⁹²

On 23 March 2023, Human Rights Commissioner Luise Amtsberg released a statement concerning Uganda's adoption of anti-LGBT legislation. Commissioner Amtsberg appealed to the Ugandan president not to sign the law, which if approved would violate human rights by imposing the death penalty on queer people in Uganda.¹⁶⁹³

On 26 March, Minister Keul travelled to the United States to hold talks with the United States and the United Nations. The parties discussed cooperating on stabilization projects in the Sahel and in the Horn of Africa as well as nuclear non-proliferation and arms control more broadly. At the United Nations in New York, she discussed UN peacekeeping missions and feminist foreign policy.¹⁶⁹⁴

On 27 March 2023, the German government officially launched a new platform to strengthen Germany's role in the reconstruction of Ukraine. It provides a first point of contact for non-state actor involvement in helping Ukraine's reconstruction and aims to network and exchange information through conferences, forums and dialogues.¹⁶⁹⁵

On 27 March 2023, Germany and the Netherlands held their fourth intergovernmental consultations. They discussed their continued commitment to defending Ukraine against Russia's invasion and agreed to provide military and diplomatic support to Ukraine. The two parties stated that they are working to set up an international centre at the Hague to prosecute Russia's alleged war crimes.¹⁶⁹⁶

On 29 March 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the President of Kenya Willian Ruto. The talks focused on strengthening economic and political ties.¹⁶⁹⁷

On 29 March 2023, the Federal Foreign Office released a statement concerning the dissolution of political parties in Myanmar by the country's military junta, which rendered elections void. The statement condemned the junta's disregard for democracy and rule of law and called on the military in Myanmar to end its violent attacks on civilians and opposition.¹⁶⁹⁸

On 3 April 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with the President of Romania Klaus Ioannis and the President of Moldova Maia Sandu. Germany reiterated its support for Chisinau through its reforms in rule of law towards a democratic and stable European state. Chancellor Scholz acknowledged the acute impact Russia's invasion of

¹⁶⁹² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

¹⁶⁹³ Human Rights Commissioner Amtsberg on the Anti-Gay Law in Uganda, Auswärtigen Amt (Berlin) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/-/2589756>

¹⁶⁹⁴ Minister of State Katja Keul before her trip to Washington, DC and New York, Auswärtigen Amt (Berlin) 26 March 2023. Access Date: 3 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/-/2589996>

¹⁶⁹⁵ New platform to strengthen Germany's commitment to reconstruction in Ukraine, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/neue-plattform-wiederaufbau-in-der-ukraine-150728>

¹⁶⁹⁶ Press conference by Federal Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Rutte after the 4th German-Dutch government consultations on March 27, 2023, Der Bundeskanzler (Rotterdam) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-de/aktuelles/pressekonferenz-von-bundeskanzler-scholz-und-ministerpraesident-rutte-nachden-4-deutsch-niederlaendischen-regierungskonsultationen-am-27-maerz-2023-2173452>

¹⁶⁹⁷ Kenyan President Ruto's state visit to Berlin, Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federal-chancellor-kenya-president-2182152>

¹⁶⁹⁸ Federal Foreign Office on the dissolution of Aung San Suu Kyi's party in Myanmar, Auswärtigen Amt (Berlin) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/-/2590726>

Ukraine has had on Moldova. All three parties stressed the necessity of cohesion and solidarity in countering Russian imperialism.¹⁶⁹⁹

On 4 April 2023, Minister of State Anna Lurhmann travelled to Sweden for political talks in Stockholm. In addition to European Union issues, they held bilateral talks on migration, climate policy, the green transformation and Baltic Sea Council cooperation.¹⁷⁰⁰

On 4 April 2023, Germany welcomed Finland's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Chancellor Scholz called it a win for transatlantic security and stated that he supports Sweden's pending accession.¹⁷⁰¹

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. Germany has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order in two of the three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through economic and political action.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 30 June 2022, Prime Minister Mario Draghi attended the Madrid Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. Moreover, all participants expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the United Nations Charter, as well as committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. In specific, France committed to quickly delivering the military equipment required by Ukraine, including weapons and armoured vehicles. Participants also demanded that all countries respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.¹⁷⁰²

On 28 July 2022, President Sergio Mattarella denounced fascism and the loss of freedoms Italians experienced during the dictatorship of Benito Mussolini. In his speech, President Mattarella reaffirmed the protection of liberal democracy and the freedoms it provides.¹⁷⁰³

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. They expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁷⁰⁴

¹⁶⁹⁹ Press conference by Chancellor Scholz, Romanian President Iohannis and Moldovan President Sandu in Bucharest on April 3, 2023, Der Bundeskanzler (Berlin) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-de/aktuelles/pressekonferenz-von-bundeskanzler-scholz-dem-rumaenischen-praesidenten-iohannis-und-der-moldauischen-praesidentin-sandu-in-bukarest-am-3-april-2023-2183098>

¹⁷⁰⁰ Minister of State Anna Lührmann travels to Sweden for political talks, Auswärtigen Amt (Berlin) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/staatsministerin-luehrmann-schweden/2591378>

¹⁷⁰¹ "Finland's accession will make NATO stronger", Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/nato-accession-finland-2183336>

¹⁷⁰² Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹⁷⁰³ President Mattarella denounces fascism, Presidency of the Republic (Ravenna) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.quirinale.it/elementi/70646>

¹⁷⁰⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Executions by the Military Junta in Myanmar, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220728-myanmar.html>

On 3 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁷⁰⁵

On 31 August 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Luigi Di Maio participated in the informal meeting of European Union Foreign Ministers. Participants expressed their support of Ukraine against Russian aggression.¹⁷⁰⁶

On 23 September 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. The statement noted Russia's violation of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. G7 foreign ministers reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁷⁰⁷

On 6 October 2022, Prime Minister Mario Draghi participated in the first Summit of the European Political Community (EPC) in Prague, a forum created to allow greater cooperation and dialogue between all European countries, including in foreign and security policy issues. The EPC condemned Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine and reaffirmed their support for Ukraine. The EPC also expressed its willingness to deepen collaboration towards addressing propaganda and disinformation.¹⁷⁰⁸

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with the Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 leaders condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁷⁰⁹

On 24 October 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Antonio Tajani met with France's Minister for Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna. They agreed to implement commitments made in the European Council and strengthen the European Union's defence against Russia in support of Ukraine.¹⁷¹⁰

¹⁷⁰⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220803-taiwan.html>

¹⁷⁰⁶ Foreign Minister Di Maio's participation in the informal meeting of European Union Foreign Ministers in Gymnich, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Prague) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2022/08/missione-del-ministro-luigi-di-maio-a-praga/

¹⁷⁰⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Illegal Annexation of Sovereign Ukrainian Territory, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220930-ukraine.html>

¹⁷⁰⁸ Summit of the European political community in Prague, Elysée (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/06/sommet-de-la-communaute-politique-europeenne-a-prague>

¹⁷⁰⁹ G7 Statement on Ukraine, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/221011-ukraine.html>

¹⁷¹⁰ Foreign Minister Tajani meets with the French Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/il-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-e-della-cooperazione-internazionale-on-antonio-tajani-ha-incontrato-oggi-alla-farnesina-la-sua-omologa-francese-catherine-colonna/

On 25 October 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni delivered a parliamentary address. She reaffirmed Italy's support for Ukraine against Russia.¹⁷¹¹

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁷¹²

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁷¹³

On 23 November 2022, international and regional experts in the prevention and fight against corruption gathered in Quito (Ecuador) for the event "New perspectives against corruption." The initiative, which dealt with methodologies and tools for the prevention of corruption from an evolutionary and comparative perspective, was organized within the framework of the Falcone-Borsellino program, financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

On 5 December 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) hosted a meeting entitled "Legal Diplomacy at the Service of Peace and International Security: Italy's Commitment to Combat Corruption." The meeting opened the cycle of "Global Days," a series of initiatives on issues of international interest to share information and best practices on the Rule of Law Diplomacy and took place at the attendance of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Minister of the Interior, and the Minister of Justice, together with the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Italy and the representatives of national and international institutions engaged in combating corruption in the world of business and in civil society.

On 6 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni participated in the European Union – Western Balkans Summit, resulting in the publication of the Tirana Declaration. Within the statement, participants welcomed the resolve of partners within the Western Balkans to uphold core European values and principles in line with international law. Participants also reaffirmed the importance of democracy, fundamental rights and values and the rule of law. Members also stressed the need for sustained efforts in addressing corruption and strengthening support for good governance and human rights.¹⁷¹⁴

On 9 December 2022, Minister Tajani participated in the Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union. Participants reiterated their determination in continuing to provide support for Ukraine, through economic, military, social, financial and humanitarian means. Members noted that solutions to international

¹⁷¹¹ Prime Minister Meloni's parliamentary address, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-council-ministers-giorgia-meloni-s-parliamentary-address-government-programme>

¹⁷¹² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, G7 Research Group (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/221104-foreign.html>

¹⁷¹³ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

¹⁷¹⁴ Tirana Declaration, European Council (Tirana) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/60568/tirana-declaration-en.pdf>

conflicts must be in full respect of international law. Moreover, participants demanded the preservation and respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all European Union Member States. Participants also reaffirmed their common commitment to the unity, stability, sovereignty and prosperity of Libya and their support of the United Nations in its efforts to facilitate a Libyan-led political solution.¹⁷¹⁵

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. They also stressed their commitment to holding Russia's President Vladimir Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defence to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defence equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁷¹⁶

On 10 January 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. During the meeting, the leaders agreed to the establishment of a bilateral agenda between Italy and Japan, including cooperation in political, economic and security fields. Prime Ministers Meloni and Kishida discussed the war of Russian aggression and its repercussions, as well as prospects for stability, growth and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. Prime Minister Meloni and Prime Minister Kishida agreed to launch a mechanism of bilateral Foreign-Defence consultations.¹⁷¹⁷

On 17 January 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the President of France Emmanuel Macron. During the meeting, the leaders reaffirmed their shared support of Ukraine.¹⁷¹⁸

On 18 January 2023, the MAECI held a session of the Anti-Corruption Coordination Table with over 34 national actors. The representatives of Public Administrations, the National Anti-Corruption Agency, the Law Enforcement Forces, and the Judiciary, together with representatives from the civil society gathered for the inter-institutional Table to co-ordinate anti-corruption activities in order to address the principal issues on the international agenda on the matter of transparency, integrity and the fight against corruption. The event represented the setting for the G20 (as co-chair of the anti-corruption working group) and G7 (as presidency) exercises which, respectively in 2023 and 2024, will see a high-profile participation of Italy.

On 25 January 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the President of the United States Joe Biden, President of France Emmanuel Macron, Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak. During the meeting, the leaders shared their support for a European-Atlantic framework to foster coordination in support of Ukraine.¹⁷¹⁹

¹⁷¹⁵ Declaration of the 9th Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union, EU-MED (Alicante) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/presidente/actividades/Documents/2022/091222_declaracionConjuntaMED9.pdf

¹⁷¹⁶ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/221212-statement.html>

¹⁷¹⁷ President Meloni meets the Prime Minister of Japan Kishida, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/il-presidente-meloni-incontra-il-prim-ministro-del-giappone-kishida/21455>

¹⁷¹⁸ Meloni-Macron telephone conversation, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/colloquio-telefonico-meloni-macron/21539>

¹⁷¹⁹ President Meloni's telephone conversation with Biden, Macron, Scholz, and Sunak, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/ucraina-conversazione-telefonica-del-presidente-meloni-con-biden-macron-scholz-e-sunak>

On 28 January 2023, Prime Minister Meloni, Minister Tajani and Minister of the Interior Matteo Piantedosi met with the Prime Minister of Libya Abdel Hamid al-Dabaiba. During the meeting, Italy reaffirmed Italy's willingness to assist in producing favourable domestic conditions required for establishing and stabilizing democracy in Libya. Prime Minister Meloni stated that the stabilization of the political and security framework in Libya was essential in order for Italy and Libya to have bilateral relations and appreciated Libya's commitment to holding presidential and parliamentary elections.¹⁷²⁰

On 3 February 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. Prime Minister Meloni and Chancellor Scholz discussed their support for Ukraine, guaranteeing their full political, financial and military support.¹⁷²¹

On 6 February 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the President of France Emmanuel Macron, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte and the Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis. During the discussions, the leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine.¹⁷²²

On 20 February 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the President of the United States Joe Biden. During the meeting, the leaders discussed their coordination in their support for Ukraine, including assistance in security and economic issues.¹⁷²³

On 20 February 2023, Minister Tajani participated in the Foreign Affairs Council. During the meeting, participants exchanged views on Russia's invasion of Ukraine and discussed military support for Ukraine. Participants also discussed developments in Afghanistan and the imposition of sanctions on additional individuals and entities responsible for human rights violations in Iran.¹⁷²⁴

On 21 February 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. During the meeting, Prime Minister Meloni reiterated Italy's support for Ukraine against Russian aggression, including through military and financial support.¹⁷²⁵

On 21 February 2023, at the Munich Security Conference, G7 foreign ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. The G7 members reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. They also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. They urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7

¹⁷²⁰ Statements with Prime Minister al-Dabaiba, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Tripoli) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-con-il-prim-ministro-al-dabaiba-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni/21616>

¹⁷²¹ Statements to the Press with Chancellor Scholz, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Berlin) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-con-il-cancelliere-scholz-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni/21703>

¹⁷²² European Council of 9-10 February: Telephone Conversations with Macron, Rutte, Nehammer, and Mitsotakis, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/consiglio-europeo-del-9-10-febbraio-conversazioni-telefoniche-con-macron-rutte-nehammer-e>

¹⁷²³ Ukraine, Meloni-Biden Telephone Conversation, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/ucraina-colloquio-telefonico-meloni-biden/21856>

¹⁷²⁴ Participation of Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, at the Foreign Affairs Council (Brussels, 20 February 2023), Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Brussels) 19 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/partecipazione-del-vice-presidente-del-consiglio-e-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-e-della-cooperazione-internazionale-on-antonio-tajani-al-consiglio-affari-esteri-bruxelles-20-febbraio-2023/

¹⁷²⁵ President Meloni's Statement at the press conference with President Zelensky, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Kyiv) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/conferenza-stampa-con-il-presidente-zelensky-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni/21869>

members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁷²⁶

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal acts of aggression and its disregard for the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also called on Russia to end its aggression and withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory. The parties also expressed their determination to support the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and human rights. All signatories also expressed a commitment to continued coordination in the provision of military and economic support, including through equipment, training, aid packages and economic sanctions.¹⁷²⁷

On 1 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni and Minister Tajani participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. Most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.¹⁷²⁸

On 2 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. During the meeting, Prime Minister Meloni and Prime Minister Modi reiterated their support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.¹⁷²⁹

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁷³⁰

On 4 March 2023, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Germany, France, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom and Spain issued a statement on the situation in the West Bank. Signatories expressed their desire for a just and lasting peace and noted their opposition to all unilateral measures that undermine a two-state solution.¹⁷³¹

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of France, Germany, Australia, Canada, United States, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.¹⁷³²

¹⁷²⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

¹⁷²⁷ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-2>

¹⁷²⁸ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

¹⁷²⁹ Statements to the Press with Prime Minister Modi, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-con-il-primoministro-modi-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni>

¹⁷³⁰ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁷³¹ European countries condemn Palestinian attacks, urge Israel to stop expanding settlements, Reuters (Bengaluru) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/european-countries-condemn-palestinian-attacks-urge-israel-stop-expanding-2023-03-04/>

¹⁷³² Joint statement on Afghanistan (March 6, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/afghanistan/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-sur-l-afghanistan-06-03-23>

On 8 March 2023, the foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁷³³

On 8 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte. During the meeting, they reaffirmed their continued support for Ukraine.¹⁷³⁴

On 10 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. During the meeting, Prime Minister Meloni reaffirmed Italy's support for the normalization of relations between Israel and Arab nations.¹⁷³⁵

On 16 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Prime Minister of Lebanon Najib Mikati. During the meeting, Prime Minister Meloni reaffirmed Italy's willingness to continue to contribute to Lebanon's security and stability.¹⁷³⁶ Lebanon thanked Italy for its contribution to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and to training Lebanese Armed Forces.

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. They noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁷³⁷

On 20 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. During the meeting, the leaders discussed their support for Ukraine.¹⁷³⁸

On 21 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis and the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. During the meetings, the parties discussed

¹⁷³³ International Women's Day: Ministerial Statement on the situation for women and girls in Afghanistan, Rappresentanza Permanente d'Italia ONU – New York (Rome) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://italyun.esteri.it/en/news/dalla_rappresentanza/2023/03/international-womens-day-ministerial-statement-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan/

¹⁷³⁴ Press Statements with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Rutte, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-con-il-primoministro-dei-paesi-bassi-rutte/22004>

¹⁷³⁵ Statements with the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/dichiarazioni-con-il-primoministro-dello-stato-disraele-netanyahu/22033>

¹⁷³⁶ Meeting of Prime Minister Meloni and the Prime Minister of the Lebanese Republic, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-del-presidente-meloni-con-il-primoministro-della-repubblica-libanese/22100>

¹⁷³⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

¹⁷³⁸ Meloni-Scholz Telephone Conversation, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/colloquio-telefonico-meloni-scholz/22139>

their support for Ukraine.¹⁷³⁹ Prime Minister Mitsotakis also agreed to further deepen bilateral relations with Italy.

On 22 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni gave the reply speech in the Chamber of Deputies at the end of the general discussion on the Communications in view of the European Council of 23 and 24 March.¹⁷⁴⁰

On 22 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke with the Prime Minister of Poland Mateusz Morawiecki. The discussion focused on supporting Ukraine.¹⁷⁴¹

On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni, in a press conference at the European Council and Eurosummit, expressed her support for Ukraine.¹⁷⁴²

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni addressed the 2023 Summit for Democracy. She stated that the pandemic and Russia's war in Ukraine posed unprecedented challenges and threats to democracy. She noted that in order to remedy these challenges, democracies must promote economic growth, shared prosperity and the protection of the free market.¹⁷⁴³

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni spoke to the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. The parties discussed the need to pursue a just peace.¹⁷⁴⁴

On 3 April 2023, in a video message to the foreign ministers of the Western Balkans, Prime Minister Meloni stressed Italy's desire of increased European integration of the Western Balkans to invest in European and regional security and stability.¹⁷⁴⁵

On 5 April 2023, Prime Minister Meloni met with the Prime Minister of Spain, Pedro Sánchez. Prime Minister Meloni and Prime Minister Sánchez discussed the war in Ukraine, reaffirming their full support for Ukraine for as long as necessary and discussed how to promote steps towards a fair and respectful territorial integrity of Ukrainian sovereignty.¹⁷⁴⁶

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. Italy has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through political, economic and security action.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

¹⁷³⁹ Telephone Conversations with President von der Leyen and Prime Minister Mitsotakis, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/conversazioni-telefoniche-con-la-presidente-von-der-leyen-e-il-primo-ministro-mitsotakis>

¹⁷⁴⁰ The Communications of Prime Minister Meloni to the Chamber of Deputies, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/consiglio-europeo-del-23-e-24-marzo-le-comunicazioni-del-presidente-meloni-alla-camera-dei>

¹⁷⁴¹ Telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Morawiecki, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/conversazione-telefonica-con-il-primo-ministro-della-repubblica-di-polonia-morawiecki/22165>

¹⁷⁴² Final Press Point by Prime Minister Meloni at the European Council and Eurosummit, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Brussels) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/intervento-del-presidente-meloni-al-summit-democracy-2023/22225>

¹⁷⁴³ Speech by Prime Minister Meloni at the 2023 Summit for Democracy, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/intervento-del-presidente-meloni-al-summit-democracy-2023/22225>

¹⁷⁴⁴ Telephone Conversation Meloni-Zelensky, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/colloquio-telefonico-meloni-zelensky/22231>

¹⁷⁴⁵ Greeting Video Message from the Prime Minister to the Ministerial Meeting on the Western Balkans, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/videomessaggio-di-saluto-del-presidente-del-consiglio-alla-riunione-ministeriale-sui>

¹⁷⁴⁶ Meeting with the Prime Minister of Spain, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-presidente-del-governo-di-spagna-le-dichiarazioni-del-presidente-meloni>

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 7 July 2022, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Takeo Mori met with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and European Union in Brussels. During this meeting, Vice-Minister Mori expressed Japan's faith in Japan-NATO relations based on their common commitment to a rule-based order in international relations, against challenges such as the Russo-Ukrainian War and increasing tensions in the Indo-Pacific.¹⁷⁴⁷

On 12 July 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi released a statement calling for awareness of the Arbitral Tribunal's award as to the disputes between the Philippines and China over the South China Sea. Minister Hayashi stated that China's noncompliance with the ruling challenges the international law, namely the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and so undermines the rule-based order. Minister Hayashi promised that Japan would continue to hold China accountable and would strengthen Japan's alliances with countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to ensure stability in the Indo-Pacific (ASEAN).¹⁷⁴⁸

On 24 July 2022, Japan condemned the Russian attack on the port of Odesa that occurred on 23 July 2022, which disrupted resumption of grain exports from Ukraine. Japan reaffirmed its call upon Russia to stop its aggression that has threatened peace in the region.¹⁷⁴⁹

On 25 July 2022, Minister Hayashi condemned the execution of pro-democracy activists in Myanmar for challenging ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus, which includes the end of violence against civilians and restoring the democratic development of the region.¹⁷⁵⁰

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. They expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of ASEAN and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁷⁵¹

On 1 August 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attended the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). During the conference, Prime Minister Kishida proposed the Hiroshima Action Plan, supported by several participating countries. Along with this, Japan submitted the Joint Statement on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education, joined by 88 other countries. While the adoption of the document by consensus failed, Japan made progress on the next Review Conference through advocacy of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative.

On 3 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁷⁵²

¹⁷⁴⁷ Vice Minister Mori's Visit to Brussels (Meetings with NATO and EU counterparts), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003141.html

¹⁷⁴⁸ Six Years since the issuance of the Arbitral Tribunal's award as to the disputes between the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China regarding the South China Sea (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000307.html

¹⁷⁴⁹ The Attack on the Port of Odesa (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003148.html

¹⁷⁵⁰ Regarding Executions of Myanmar Citizens including Pro-democracy Activists (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000312.html

¹⁷⁵¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the executions by the military junta in Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003153.html

¹⁷⁵² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000433.html

On 17 August 2022, Minister Hayashi met with the Philippines's Secretary of Foreign Affairs Enrique A. Manalo to discuss the countries' strategic partnership. During this meeting, Minister Hayashi renewed Japan's commitment to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) through bilateral security and defence cooperation, including exercises between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.¹⁷⁵³

On 8 September 2022, Minister Hayashi and Minister of Defense Yasukazu Hamada met India's Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Minister of Defense Rajnath Singh in a foreign and defense ministerial meeting. The ministers agreed upon stronger security and defense cooperation, especially for defense equipment, coast guard operations, technology and cybersecurity. The ministers noted their countries' shared dedication to realizing FOIP and increasing regional integration with ASEAN countries for India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.¹⁷⁵⁴

On 23 September 2022, G7 members issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. They noted Russia's violation of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁷⁵⁵

On 30 September 2022, Japan denounced the Russian-forced "referenda" and consequent "annexation" of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson. Japan noted that Russia's actions infringed upon Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, its violation of international law and genuine democracy representation. Moreover, Japan also pledged non-recognition of such "incorporation."¹⁷⁵⁶

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁷⁵⁷

¹⁷⁵³ Japan–Philippines Foreign Ministers' Telephone Talk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000392.html

¹⁷⁵⁴ Second Japan-India 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 September 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000321.html

¹⁷⁵⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the illegal annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000408.html

¹⁷⁵⁶ Russia's "incorporation" of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 September 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000407.html

¹⁷⁵⁷ G7 Statement on Ukraine, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/221011-ukraine.html>

On 11 October 2022, Minister Hayashi met with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly, during which they announced the Japan-Canada Action Plan for a FOIP. The Action Plan, which will serve to guide future Japan-Canada cooperation, aims to reinforce stability in the Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁵⁸

On 22 October 2022, Japan and Australia signed the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation. The Joint Declaration will consolidate the two countries' Special Strategic Partnership in the area of security and defense of intelligence, logistics and operations to realize the goal of FOIP for Indo-Pacific regional peace.^{1759,1760}

On 31 October 2022, Japan submitted the Draft Solution of Steps to Building a Common Roadmap Towards a World Without Nuclear Weapons to the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, which was subsequently adopted. The Draft Solution affirmed the continued commitment of nuclear weapon non-uses, as well as aiming to enforce the disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.¹⁷⁶¹

On 3 November 2022, Prime Minister Kishida condemned the launch of ballistic missiles from North Korea for threatening regional stability.¹⁷⁶²

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁷⁶³

On 12 November 2022, Prime Minister Kishida attended the 25th ASEAN-Japan Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He affirmed Japan's support of ASEAN and its effort to regional peace with a FOIP.¹⁷⁶⁴

On 13 November 2022, Prime Minister Kishida attended the 17th East Asia Summit, held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. With other ASEAN leaders, Prime Minister Kishida discussed concerns over international security, especially in Ukraine, China, North Korea, and Myanmar and reiterated Japan's commitment to a FOIP.¹⁷⁶⁵

¹⁷⁵⁸ Japan-Canada Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 11 October 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003165.html

¹⁷⁵⁹ Japan-Australia Joint Press Announcement, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202210/_00011.html

¹⁷⁶⁰ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida regarding His Visit to Australia and Other Matters, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202210/_00012.html

¹⁷⁶¹ Adoption of the Draft Resolution on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons submitted by Japan to the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (New York) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000490.html

¹⁷⁶² Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida regarding the Launch of Ballistic Missiles by North Korea, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202211/_00001.html

¹⁷⁶³ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, G7 Research Group (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/221104-foreign.html>

¹⁷⁶⁴ The 25th ASEAN-Japan Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page1e_000523.html

¹⁷⁶⁵ The 17th East Asia Summit (EAS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page1e_000526.html

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁷⁶⁶

On 22 November 2022, Japan extended the Emergency Grant Aid of approximately USD2.57 million to support winterization in Ukraine.¹⁷⁶⁷

On 8 December 2022, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the Draft Solution of Steps to Building a Common Roadmap Towards a World Without Nuclear Weapons which Japan submitted, marking Japan's contribution towards world-wide non-proliferation.¹⁷⁶⁸

On 8 December 2022, UNGA adopted the Draft Solution of the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects which Japan, Colombia and South Africa submitted, demonstrating the countries' efforts in preventing illegal militarization in defense of global security.¹⁷⁶⁹

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. They also stressed their commitment to holding Russia's President Vladimir Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defense to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defense equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁷⁷⁰

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.¹⁷⁷¹

On 24 December 2022, Minister Hayashi participated in the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue with the foreign ministries of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Cambodia to strengthen multilateral cooperation on the stabilization of regional security, especially under the turmoil in Ukraine and Afghanistan.¹⁷⁷²

¹⁷⁶⁶ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

¹⁷⁶⁷ Emergency Grant Aid for winterization assistance in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003183.html

¹⁷⁶⁸ The Adoption of the Draft Resolution on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons Submitted by Japan in the Plenary Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000519.html

¹⁷⁶⁹ Adoption of the Draft Resolution on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons Submitted by Japan in the Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000518.html

¹⁷⁷⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/documents/2022/_00029.html

¹⁷⁷¹ Statement by the Chair of the Virtual Meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/declaration-de-la-presidente-de-la-reunion-virtuelle-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹⁷⁷² The 9th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003190.html

On 10 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni. During the meeting, the leaders agreed to the establishment of a bilateral agenda between Italy and Japan, including cooperation in political, economic and security affairs. Prime Ministers Kishida and Meloni discussed the war of Russian aggression and its repercussions, as well as prospects for stability, growth and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.¹⁷⁷³

On 11 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak. The two leaders announced a new bilateral defence agreement between the two countries. The agreement joins the two countries together to facilitate military defence efforts at maintaining peace and security, especially in the Indo-Pacific region. Japan and the United Kingdom also reaffirmed their collective support for Ukrainian sovereignty against Russian invasion.¹⁷⁷⁴

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau. During the meeting, the leaders expressed a desire for collaboration to strengthen the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific region and international community. Prime Ministers Kishida and Trudeau reaffirmed their commitment to continuing sanctions against Russia and their support for Ukraine. The two leaders also expressed concern about Russia's nuclear threats and North Korea's ballistic missile launches. Lastly, Japan and Canada also noted their opposition to unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force in the East and South China Seas and reaffirmed their coordination in addressing issues concerning China.¹⁷⁷⁵

On 13 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida released a joint statement with the President of the United States Joe Biden. In the statements, the leaders promoted the modernization of bilateral alliance through the alignment of military capabilities. The signatories also expressed their determination in protecting prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, including denuclearization in the Korean Peninsula and de-escalation in the Taiwan Strait. The parties also requested support from third parties, such as from countries including South Korea, Australia, India and countries of ASEAN to ensure a multilateral rules-based order in the region.¹⁷⁷⁶

On 14 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida concluded his visits to France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. During the visits, Prime Minister Kishida recognized Japan's responsibility to lead multilateral cooperation to defend the rules-based order.¹⁷⁷⁷

On 17 January 2023, Japan announced debt service suspension for Ukraine to reduce financial stress Ukraine faces consequent to the Russo-Ukraine War.¹⁷⁷⁸

On 24 January 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia Prak Sokhonn. During the meeting, the leaders discussed bilateral cooperation in the realm of security in the Indo-Pacific region and peace-building in countries such as Ukraine.¹⁷⁷⁹

¹⁷⁷³ Visit to Italy, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Rome) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023.

https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202301/_00002.html

¹⁷⁷⁴ Signing of Japan-UK Reciprocal Access Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (London) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/we/gb/page1e_000556.html

¹⁷⁷⁵ Japan-Canada Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Ottawa) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/ca/page4e_001315.html

¹⁷⁷⁶ The Joint Statement of U.S. and Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Washington D.C.) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/page4e_001320.html

¹⁷⁷⁷ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida Regarding His Visits to France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States of America, the Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 14 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202301/_00010.html

¹⁷⁷⁸ Debt Relief for Ukraine (Debt Service Suspension), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000357.html

¹⁷⁷⁹ Japan-Cambodia Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000361.html

On 3 February 2023, Minister Hayashi spoke with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of China Qin Gang. During the meeting, Minister Hayashi highlighted the importance of China to contribute to regional peace, especially across the Taiwan Strait and respect the rules-based order.¹⁷⁸⁰

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁷⁸¹

On 8 February 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Marshall Islands Kitland Kabua. In the meeting, Minister Hayashi and Minister Kabua agreed to further bilateral relations to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁸²

On 9 February 2023, Deputy Minister for Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Keiichi Ichikawa and Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights of the United States Uzra Zeya led the first Japan-U.S. Strategic Dialogue on Democratic Resilience. The two countries exchanged views on their shared commitment on democracy, human rights and the rule of law, which the dialogue aims to protect worldwide.¹⁷⁸³

On 10 February 2023, Minister Hayashi spoke to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Enrique A. Manalo. During the meeting, they discussed the necessity for enhanced security cooperation in order to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁸⁴

On 15 February 2023, Minister Hayashi hosted a dinner with the President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Csaba Kőrösi. Minister Hayashi and President Kőrösi affirmed Japan and UNGA's respective roles in safeguarding international security, including nuclear non-proliferation and the upcoming Emergency Special Session of the UNGA to address one year of Russian aggression.¹⁷⁸⁵

On 17 February 2023, Minister Hayashi attended the 59th Munich Security Conference and participated in a session on the regional security situation of the Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁸⁶

On 18 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida held a press conference to state strong opposition against North Korea's launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles for its disruption of regional security and violation of international regulations on weapons of mass destruction.¹⁷⁸⁷

On 20 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida attended the fourth Tokyo Global Dialogue. During the meeting, Prime minister Kishida reaffirmed Japan's desire for international participation in the defence of peace and

¹⁷⁸⁰ Japan-China Foreign Ministers' Telephone Talk, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000367.html

¹⁷⁸¹ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁷⁸² The first Japan-U.S. Strategic Dialogue on Democratic Resilience, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000545.html

¹⁷⁸³ Japan-Marshall Islands Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000546.html

¹⁷⁸⁴ Japan-Philippines Foreign Ministers' Working Lunch, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000374.html

¹⁷⁸⁵ Foreign Minister Hayashi's Meeting with H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000379.html

¹⁷⁸⁶ Foreign Minister Hayashi's Visit to Munich, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Munich) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/nsp/page3e_001310.html

¹⁷⁸⁷ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida regarding the Ballistic Missile Launch by North Korea, the Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202302/_00003.html

stability against aggression. In addition, Prime Minister Kishida expressed concern towards nuclear threats from Russia and noted Japan's unwavering opposition.¹⁷⁸⁸

On 21 February 2023, at the Munich Security Conference G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. They reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. They also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. The parties urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁷⁸⁹

On 21 February 2023, Minister Hayashi held a meeting with ambassadors and representatives of Southeast Asian countries to Japan. During the meeting, Minister Hayashi reaffirmed Japan's commitment in its support of ASEAN in the achievement of a free and open Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁹⁰

On 22 February 2023, Minister Hayashi held the 17th round of Japan-China Security Dialogue. During the dialogue, Minister Hayashi expressed concern over China's military operations in the East China Sea and balloon-type objects in Japanese airspace for destabilizing the region and called for China to respect the rule of law.¹⁷⁹¹

On 24 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida chaired the G7 summit that condemned Russia's attack on Ukraine's sovereignty and nuclear threats. Prime Minister Kishida called for strengthened international cooperation to assist Ukraine, including the resolution A/ES-11/L.7 titled "Principles of the Charter of the United Nations Underlying a Comprehensive, Just and Lasting Peace in Ukraine" and further sanctions. Prime Minister Kishida announced that Japan in particular will be imposing sanctions on individuals and entities that support Russian aggression and export bans on goods and technology to limit Russia's military, industrial and financial capacities. Japan will provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine and affected neighboring countries through the G7 with an increased budget of up to USD39 billion in 2023, as reiterated in the G7 Leaders' Statement. Japan will also offer Moldova with a loan of USD100 million. Prime Minister Kishida shed light on Japan's role in broadcasting to protect fair journalism on the war, a part of the country's unyielding effort to safeguard the rules-based international order.^{1792,1793}

On 27 February 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Nanaia Mahuta. During the meeting, the countries reaffirmed their cooperation and their determination to establish a free and open Indo-Pacific region through security cooperation and strengthen their alliances with like-minded ASEAN and Pacific Island countries.¹⁷⁹⁴

¹⁷⁸⁸ Tokyo Global Dialogue, the Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202302/_00027.html

¹⁷⁸⁹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023.

Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

¹⁷⁹⁰ Foreign Minister Hayashi's Meeting with Ambassadors and Representatives of Southeast Asian Countries to Japan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000380.html

¹⁷⁹¹ The 17th Japan-China Security Dialogue (Overview), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000381.html

¹⁷⁹² G7 Leaders' Video Conference (Summary), the Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202302/_00008.html

¹⁷⁹³ G7 Leaders' Statement, the Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://japan.kantei.go.jp/content/000123437.pdf>

¹⁷⁹⁴ Japan-New Zealand Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000382.html

On 1 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and Minister Hayashi participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. Most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.¹⁷⁹⁵

On 6 March 2023, Director General for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Atsushi Kaifu and Chair and Executive Officer of the Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission François Jacq co-chaired the 11th meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee. Director Kaifu and Officer Jacq exchanged opinions to ensure bilateral efforts in nuclear safety and security.¹⁷⁹⁶

On 6 March 2023, Minister Hayashi and Indonesia's Minister for Foreign Affairs Retno L.P. Marsudi participated in the Japan-Indonesia Ministerial-Level Strategic Dialogue. Minister Hayashi affirmed Japan's desire to work in cooperation with ASEAN to enhance security capabilities for a free and open Indo-Pacific region.¹⁷⁹⁷

On 7 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the President of Romania Klaus-Werner Iohannis. In the meeting, the two leaders discussed furthering bilateral strategic partnership that counters against aggression including that from Russia.¹⁷⁹⁸

On 8 March 2023, Minister Hayashi, along with the foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁷⁹⁹

On 13 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and President of Angola João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço attended the Japan-Angola Summit Meeting. The two leaders promised cooperation to defend the countries' shared commitment to the international rule-based order, especially against Russia's nuclear threats.¹⁸⁰⁰

On 13 March 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Ayman Safadi in the Third Japan-Jordan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue. The two

¹⁷⁹⁵ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gttwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

¹⁷⁹⁶The 11th Meeting of the Japan - France Nuclear Cooperation Committee (Results), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000565.html

¹⁷⁹⁷Japan-Indonesia Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Japan-Indonesia Ministerial-Level Strategic Dialogue), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000386.html

¹⁷⁹⁸ Japan-Romania Summit Meeting (Summary), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00001.html

¹⁷⁹⁹ Ministerial Statement on the Situation for Women and Girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/me_a/me2/af/page3e_001324.html

¹⁸⁰⁰ Japan-Angola Summit Meeting and Working Dinner (Summary), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00002.html

ministers reiterated their determination in strengthening regional security, particularly in the Middle East, East Asia and East Europe against Russia.¹⁸⁰¹

On 15 March 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Global Forum of Japan held the 12th Tokyo Dialogue of the “Central Asia plus Japan.” With practitioners from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, as well as non-Central Asian countries of Azerbaijan and Georgia, Japan encouraged cooperation with Central Asian countries and underscored the importance to collectively promote the principle of rule of law in the international order.¹⁸⁰²

On 16 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and President of South Korea Yoon Suk Yeol expressed optimism on normalization of bilateral relations during the Japan-South Korea Summit Meeting. The two leaders also reasserted their goal to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific and to counter North Korea’s intensifying militarization, including the launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile-class missile on the same day.¹⁸⁰³

On 18 March 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany Annalena Baerbock in the Japan-Germany Intergovernmental Consultations. The ministers restated their promises to collaboratively support resistance against Russia, while continuing to safeguard regional security in Western Europe and the Indo-Pacific region.¹⁸⁰⁴

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea’s launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁸⁰⁵

On 20 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida announced new plans for Japan’s initiative to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The new plan includes protecting regional peace and prosperity, pushing forward a regional-specific approach to regional challenges, expanding connectivity and the safe use of sea and air forces.¹⁸⁰⁶

On 20 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. The two leaders discussed how to facilitate the G7 and G20’s cooperation to protect the rule-based order. The parties also welcomed more bilateral defense exchanges for a free and open Indo-Pacific.¹⁸⁰⁷

On 21 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Prime Minister Kishida announced an additional aid of USD5.5 billion and USD30 million-worth of defense equipment to strengthen Ukraine’s resistance against Russia on this one-year mark of the war. Prime Minister Kishida also reaffirmed Japan’s continuation of sanctions against Russia. Prime Minister Kishida invited

¹⁸⁰¹ Third Japan-Jordan Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000568.html

¹⁸⁰² Twelfth Tokyo Dialogue of “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue on “Connectivity with Central Asia and the Caucasus”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ca_c/page4e_001357.html

¹⁸⁰³ Japan-ROK Summit Meeting (Summary), Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Tokyo) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00009.html

¹⁸⁰⁴ Japan-Germany Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 18 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003230.html

¹⁸⁰⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

¹⁸⁰⁶ Policy Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio (New Plan for a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/pc/page1e_000586.html

¹⁸⁰⁷ Japan-India Summit Meeting (Summary), Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Tokyo) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00006.html

President Zelenskyy to participate in the G7 Hiroshima Summit online, which would include Ukraine's situation as a main topic.¹⁸⁰⁸

On 22 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with Prime Minister of Poland Mateusz Morawiecki and exchanged views on how to advance defense cooperation to defend international security.¹⁸⁰⁹

On 23 March 2023, the Director-General of African Affairs Ambassador Saida Shinichi and Directors of Africa of G7 countries held the G7 Africa Directors' Meeting. During the meeting, the parties emphasized the importance of enhancing Africa's presence in the international arena for a rule-based order.¹⁸¹⁰

On 28 March 2023, Japan held the 38th meeting of the ASEAN-Japan Forum, marking the 50th commemorative year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. During the meeting, Japan expressed optimism in strengthening regional cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific.¹⁸¹¹

On 31 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida promised that Japan, as the G7 President, will continuously support Ukraine, to counter Russia's nuclear threats and to keep Russia accountable for its violation of the rule-based international order.¹⁸¹²

On 2 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with China's State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Qin Gang. Minister Hayashi voiced concern over China's military activities in the East China Sea, as well as the political situation in Hong Kong and Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. The minister also asked China to join international efforts to hold Russia accountable for its aggression and North Korea for its frequent tests of nuclear weapons.¹⁸¹³

On 4 April 2023, Prime Minister Kishida spoke with the Vice President of the Dominican Republic Raquel Peña Rodríguez. Prime Minister Kishida invited the Dominican Republic to join Japan's initiative on a free and open Indo-Pacific partnership. In addition, after President Rodríguez expressed concern over the crisis in Haiti, Prime Minister Kishida promised to voice this concern in international fora.¹⁸¹⁴

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Zbigniew Rau. The two ministers exchanged views on security concerns in East Europe and East Europe and promised to enhance regional stability.¹⁸¹⁵

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi held a meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu to discuss possibilities of bilateral relations to enhance democracy internationally.

¹⁸⁰⁸ Japan-Ukraine Summit Meeting (Summary), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00008.html

¹⁸⁰⁹ Summit Meeting between Prime Minister Kishida and Prime Minister Morawiecki of the Republic of Poland (Summary), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202303/_00010.html

¹⁸¹⁰ G7 Africa Directors' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000571.html

¹⁸¹¹ The 38th Meeting of the ASEAN-Japan Forum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000399.html

¹⁸¹² Message from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio on the G7 Hiroshima Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/summit/page22e_001034.html

¹⁸¹³ Japan-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Working Lunch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/c_m1/cn/page1e_000599.html

¹⁸¹⁴ Courtesy Call from Vice President Raquel Peña Rodríguez of the Dominican Republic (Summary), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202304/_00001.html

¹⁸¹⁵ Japan-Poland Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/c_see/pl/page1e_000609.html

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal João Gomes Cravinho. The two ministers shared opinions against Russia's destabilization of international security.¹⁸¹⁶

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi attended a working lunch with the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Josep Borrell. During the meeting, Minister Hayashi expressed optimism towards Japan-EU partnership in advancing a rule-based international order.¹⁸¹⁷

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Belgium's Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions Hadja Lahbib. The two ministers condemned Russia's continuous aggression against Ukraine and promised further support.¹⁸¹⁸

On 4 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Dmytro Kuleba. Minister Hayashi reassured Japan's commitment to support Ukraine with the resources needed.¹⁸¹⁹

On 5 April 2023, Minister Hayashi attended the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Belgium. The minister reiterated Japan's confidence in Japan-NATO cooperation to address challenges to international peace and security.¹⁸²⁰

On 5 April 2023, Minister Hayashi attended a meeting with Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs Nikolay Milkov, during which the ministers agreed to further bilateral partnership to safeguard international stability.¹⁸²¹

On 5 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Denmark's Minister of Foreign Affairs Lars Løkke Rasmussen and stated Japan's commitment to promoting the principle of rule of law internationally.

On 5 April 2023, Minister Hayashi met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Europe of Luxembourg Jean Asselborn. The two ministers reassured their countries' unwavering support towards Ukraine.¹⁸²²

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. Japan has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through political, economic and security action.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 28 June 2022, Ambassador to the United Nations Barbara Woodward verbally reaffirmed the United Kingdom's support for Ukraine's sovereignty during the Russian war against Ukraine. In the statement,

¹⁸¹⁶ Japan-Portugal Foreign Minister's Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page4e_001364.html

¹⁸¹⁷ Japan-EU Foreign Ministers' Working Lunch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page1e_000607.html

¹⁸¹⁸ Japan-Belgium Foreign Ministers' Meeting, , Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/we/be/page1e_000606.html

¹⁸¹⁹ Japan-Ukraine Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/c_see/ua/page6e_000339.html

¹⁸²⁰ Foreign Minister Hayashi Attends the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page4e_001369.html

¹⁸²¹ Japan-Bulgaria Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page4e_001367.html

¹⁸²² Japan-Luxembourg Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/erp/ep/page4e_001368.html

Ambassador Woodward declared that the United Kingdom would continue to support Ukraine to “exercise this right of self-defense and to re-secure its privileges and rights under the UN Charter.”¹⁸²³

On 30 June 2022, the United Kingdom and Korea reaffirmed their commitment to actively upholding democratic principles, the rule of law and multilateralism, through the UK-Korea bilateral framework for closer cooperation. The intention of the framework is to strengthen the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea by recognizing and reaffirming their shared values of democracy to further shared interests in the rules-based multilateral order.¹⁸²⁴

On 30 June 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson attended the Madrid Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. Moreover, all participants expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the UN Charter, as well as committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. Participants also demanded that all countries respect Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.¹⁸²⁵

On 1 July 2022, Minister of State for Asia Amanda Milling met with Thailand’s Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Vijavat Isarabhakdi for the fourth session of the United Kingdom-Thailand Strategic Dialogue. As part of the proceedings, the United Kingdom and Thailand committed to cooperating on issues of mutual importance, such as promoting the rules-based international order, human rights, democracy, security and peace.¹⁸²⁶

On 1 July 2022, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs Liz Truss spoke with France’s Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna. Secretary Truss stressed the United Kingdom’s commitment to European security. Both parties agreed to build on the G7 and NATO summits to maintain international unity in supporting Ukraine’s fight for freedom and self-determination. The parties also discussed increasing assistance to Ukraine.¹⁸²⁷

On 2 July 2022, Minister of State for the Middle East and United Nations Lord Tariq Ahmad reaffirmed the United Kingdom’s continued support for Ukraine during the opening session of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly Annual Session. The United Kingdom will support Ukraine through the provision of military support to Ukraine and placement of sanctions and energy imports against Russia.¹⁸²⁸

On 4 July 2022, Secretary Truss announced an aid package intended to assist in the Ukrainian recovery from the Russian war, including a wide range of financial support and additional long-term recovery programs to support Ukrainian democracy. The package will assist in supporting Ukraine’s economic and political recovery,

¹⁸²³ When the world calls for peace, Russia answers with missiles and targeting civilians: UK Statement at the UN Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 June 2022. Access Date: November 6, 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/when-the-world-calls-for-peace-russia-answers-with-missiles-and-targeting-civilians-uk-statement-at-the-un-security-council>

¹⁸²⁴ UK-Republic of Korea bilateral framework for closer cooperation, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-republic-of-korea-bilateral-framework/uk-republic-of-korea-bilateral-framework-for-closer-cooperation>

¹⁸²⁵ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹⁸²⁶ Fourth session of the United Kingdom-Thailand Strategic Dialogue: joint statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fourth-uk-thailand-strategic-dialogue-2022/fourth-session-of-the-united-kingdom-thailand-strategic-dialogue-joint-statement#human-rights-and-democracy>

¹⁸²⁷ Foreign Secretary Liz Truss meeting with the French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna: 1 July 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-liz-truss-meeting-with-the-french-foreign-minister-catherine-colonna-1-july-2022>

¹⁸²⁸ Lord Ahmad: Our support for Ukraine must not waver, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (Birmingham) 2 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/lord-ahmad-our-support-for-ukraine-must-not-waver>

by creating programs that strengthen Ukraine's rule of law and democracy and by providing financial support following the Russian war.¹⁸²⁹

On 11 July 2022, Business and Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng announced GBP5 million in support of Ukraine's civil nuclear sector. This financial assistance will provide safety and security equipment for Ukraine to use in defence of Russian attacks.¹⁸³⁰

On 14 July 2022, Lord Ahmad announced GBP2.5 million in financial support for the Office of the Ukrainian Prosecutor General to support investigations into Russian war crimes in Ukraine. The financial support will hold Russia accountable for war crimes, condemning crimes committed by Russian forces and upholding the principles of international human rights law.¹⁸³¹

On 28 July 2022, Secretary Truss, along with the other G7 foreign ministers, issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. The foreign ministers expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁸³²

On 3 August 2022, Secretary Truss participated in a G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting. All participants reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁸³³

On 9 August 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke with France's President Emmanuel Macron. They reaffirmed their determination to support Ukraine to address the needs of Ukraine in military, humanitarian and economic matters.¹⁸³⁴

On 21 August 2022, Prime Minister Johnson spoke with the German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, US President Joe Biden and President Macron. They reaffirmed their support of Ukraine through long-term measures.¹⁸³⁵

On 25 August 2022, Minister of State for Asia Amanda Milling announced new sanctions and legal action in response to the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. As part of the announcement, the United Kingdom will place sanctions against the Myanmar Armed Forces and will intervene in the case of *The Gambia v. Myanmar* before

¹⁸²⁹ Foreign Secretary announces major UK package of support to help rebuild Ukraine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (Lugano) 4 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-announces-major-uk-package-of-support-to-help-rebuild-ukraine>

¹⁸³⁰ UK Provides Increased Support for Ukraine's Energy Sector, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-provides-increased-support-for-ukraines-energy-sector>

¹⁸³¹ Lord Ahmad announces UK support package for war crimes investigations, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (The Hague) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lord-ahmad-announces-uk-support-package-for-war-crimes-investigations>

¹⁸³² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Executions by the Military Junta in Myanmar, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220728-myanmar.html>

¹⁸³³ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220803-taiwan.html>

¹⁸³⁴ PM call with President Macron: 9 August 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-president-macron-9-august-2022>

¹⁸³⁵ PM call with the leaders of the United States, France and Germany: 21 August 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 22 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-the-leaders-of-the-united-states-france-and-germany-21-august-2022>

the International Court of Justice to determine whether the acts of violence committed by the Myanmar military against the Rohingya have violated obligations under the Genocide Convention.¹⁸³⁶

On 28 August 2022, Lord Ahmad issued a statement of condemnation in response to the actions of violence committed by armed groups in Tripoli, Libya. Within the statement, Lord Ahmad reiterated the United Kingdom's commitment to work with Libyans, the United Nations and international partners to achieve peace and democracy in Libya.¹⁸³⁷

On 10 September 2022, Prime Minister Liz Truss spoke with France's President Macron. They expressed their desire to closely cooperate in addressing common challenges, including the support of Ukraine.¹⁸³⁸

On 20 September 2022, Prime Minister Truss met with President Macron. They agreed to strengthen their coordinated support for Ukraine, through military, humanitarian and economic means.¹⁸³⁹

On 22 September 2022, Minister for Development Vicky Ford reaffirmed the United Kingdom's continued support of Myanmar's Rohingya people alongside international partners. This statement noted the United Kingdom's intentions to assist in efforts to restore peace, justice and prosperity in Myanmar, through continuing previously announced financial sanctions against the Myanmar military and intervention in the case brought by Gambia.¹⁸⁴⁰

On 23 September 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. They noted Russia's violation of the UN Charter, as well as international law. The signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 signatories also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁸⁴¹

On 6 October 2022, Prime Minister Truss participated in the first Summit of the European Political Community (EPC) in Prague, a forum created to allow greater cooperation and dialogue between all European countries, including in foreign and security policy issues. The EPC condemned Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine and reaffirmed their support for Ukraine. The EPC also expressed its willingness to deepen collaboration towards addressing propaganda and disinformation.¹⁸⁴²

¹⁸³⁶ Fifth anniversary of the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar: UK statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-statement-on-the-5th-anniversary-of-the-rohingya-crisis>

¹⁸³⁷ Violence in Tripoli, Libya: FCDO ministerial statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fcdo-ministerial-statement-on-violence-in-tripoli-libya>

¹⁸³⁸ Prime Minister Liz Truss's call with President Emmanuel Macron of France: 10 September 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-liz-truss-call-with-president-emmanuel-macron-of-france-10-september-2022>

¹⁸³⁹ PM meeting with President Macron: 20 September 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (New York) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-meeting-with-president-macron-20-september-2022>

¹⁸⁴⁰ Rohingya crisis side event at the 2022 UN General Assembly: Minister Ford's statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (New York) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/rohingya-crisis-side-event-at-the-2022-un-general-assembly-minister-fords-statement>

¹⁸⁴¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Illegal Annexation of Sovereign Ukrainian Territory, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/220930-ukraine.html>

¹⁸⁴² What is the European Political Community?, UK Parliament (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/what-is-the-european-political-community/>

On 6 October 2022, Prime Minister Truss met with France's President Macron. They expressed their determination to continue to provide Ukraine with all necessary support to enable Ukraine to restore its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to resist Russian aggression.¹⁸⁴³

On 10 October 2022, the United Kingdom sanctioned Iran's "Morality Police" and senior security and political officials following reports that revealed the use of threat of detention and violence to control the clothing and behaviour of Iranian women in public settings and the death of Mahsa Amini following her detainment. The sanctions hold the Government of Iran accountable for their repression of women and girls, along with the violence inflicted on the Iranian population.¹⁸⁴⁴

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. Moreover, G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁸⁴⁵

On 18 October 2022, Prime Minister Truss spoke with France's President Macron. They reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining close coordination in providing support to Ukraine, through military, humanitarian and economic measures.¹⁸⁴⁶

On 23 October 2022, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs James Cleverly met with France's Foreign Ministers Catherine Colonna and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. They reiterated their support for the defence of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. They also reaffirmed their determination in continuing support for Ukraine with security, economic and humanitarian assistance.¹⁸⁴⁷

On 28 October 2022, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke with France's President Macron. Prime Minister Sunak expressed a desire to deepen bilateral relations and cooperation between France and the United Kingdom, including in regards to the war on Ukraine.¹⁸⁴⁸

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned

¹⁸⁴³ UK-France Joint Statement: 6 October 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-france-joint-statement-6-october-2022>

¹⁸⁴⁴ UK Sanctions Iranian 'Morality Police' and senior security officials, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-iranian-morality-police-and-senior-security-officials>

¹⁸⁴⁵ G7 Leaders' joint statement on Ukraine: 11 October 2022, Government of United Kingdom (London) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-leaders-joint-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022>

¹⁸⁴⁶ UK PM Truss discusses deepening cooperation with France's Macron, Reuters (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/uk-pm-truss-discusses-deepening-cooperation-with-frances-macron-2022-10-18/>

¹⁸⁴⁷ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

¹⁸⁴⁸ Telephone interview with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Rishi Sunak, Elysée (Paris) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/10/28/entretien-telephonique-avec-le-premier-ministre-du-royaume-uni-m-rishi-sunak>

the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁸⁴⁹

On 11 November 2022, Secretary Cleverly met with France's Minister Colonna. Both reaffirmed their determination to provide Ukraine with the political, military, humanitarian and economic support necessary to defend Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. The United Kingdom and France pledged to strengthen cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific region and condemned Iran's destabilizing activities towards domestic protests and in the Middle East.¹⁸⁵⁰

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁸⁵¹

On 16 November 2022, the Senior Military Advisor at the United Kingdom Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Ian Stubbs reaffirmed the United Kingdom's support for Ukrainian sovereignty and independence in Russia's war on Ukraine.¹⁸⁵²

On 16 November 2022, the United Kingdom supported the resolution on human rights in Iran at the United Nations Third Committee. This resolution is in response to the Iranian peoples' repression, specifically women's oppression, under Iranian leadership.¹⁸⁵³

On 16 November 2022, the United Kingdom condemned the Myanmar military's human rights violations against the people of Myanmar at the United Nations Third Committee.¹⁸⁵⁴

On 18 November 2022, France issued a joint statement with the United States, the United Kingdom and Belgium on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The signatories reaffirmed their support for regional diplomatic efforts, including the Nairobi and Luanda processes, to promote de-escalation and create the conditions for lasting peace in the DRC and affirmed their appreciation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries of the Great Lakes region.¹⁸⁵⁵

¹⁸⁴⁹ G7 foreign ministers' statement in Germany, November 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-foreign-ministers-statement>

¹⁸⁵⁰ UK-France foreign ministers joint statement: 11 November 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (Paris) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-france-joint-statement-11-november-2022>

¹⁸⁵¹ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

¹⁸⁵² Putin has only achieved isolationism and humiliation for Russia: UK statement to the OSCE, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (Vienna) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/putin-has-only-achieved-isolationism-and-humiliation-for-russia-uk-statement-to-the-osce>

¹⁸⁵³ The Iranian people have suffered enough: UK statement at UN, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (New York) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-iranian-people-have-suffered-enough-uk-statement-at-un>

¹⁸⁵⁴ The continued deterioration of human rights in Myanmar: UK Statement at the UN, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (New York) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-continued-deterioration-of-human-rights-in-myanmar-uk-statement-at-un>

¹⁸⁵⁵ Security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: joint statement from Belgium, France, the UK and USA, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-united-states-and-the-great-lakes-special-envoys-of-belgium-france-and-the-uk>

On 19 November 2022, Prime Minister Sunak announced a GBP50 million air defense package for Ukraine in support against Russian invasion. The package consists of technology to combat military drones. The United Kingdom will also provide winter survival kits for Ukrainian troops.¹⁸⁵⁶

On 19 November 2022, Secretary Cleverly committed to forming stronger relations with the Middle East and Africa with the aim of creating peace, security and sovereignty in these regions. Secretary Cleverly affirmed that such security is fundamental to progress and prosperity for all nations.¹⁸⁵⁷

On 6 December 2022, the United Kingdom took part in the 20th International Conference Against Corruption, intended to mobilize public and non-state actors against corruption and defending democratic values.¹⁸⁵⁸

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. The G7 members also stressed their commitment to holding Russian President Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defense to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defense equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁸⁵⁹

On 13 December 2022, the United Kingdom Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations James Kariuki condemned the continued violence against South Sudanese people and reaffirmed its commitment to restoring peace, prosperity and democracy in South Sudan. The United Kingdom also supported the efforts of the UN Mission in South Sudan to protect the South Sudanese people.¹⁸⁶⁰

On 18 December 2022, the United Kingdom reaffirmed its commitment to the rules-based international order and peacekeeping in the Korean Peninsula.¹⁸⁶¹

¹⁸⁵⁶ PM announces new air defence for Ukraine on first visit to Kyiv, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-air-defence-for-ukraine-on-first-visit-to-kyiv>

¹⁸⁵⁷ Manama Dialogue 2022 in Bahrain: Foreign Secretary's speech, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (Bahrain) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretary-speech-at-the-manama-dialogue-in-bahrain>

¹⁸⁵⁸ United Kingdom calls for global community to continue fight against corruption, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/united-kingdom-calls-for-global-community-to-continue-fight-against-corruption>

¹⁸⁵⁹ G7 Leaders' Statement: 12 December 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-leaders-statement-12-december-2022>

¹⁸⁶⁰ Our commitment to the South Sudanese people's quest for peace, prosperity and democracy: UK Statement at the Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (New York) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/our-commitment-to-the-south-sudanese-peoples-quest-for-peace-prosperity-and-democracy-uk-statement-at-the-security-council>

¹⁸⁶¹ North Korea missile launches, 18 December 2022: FCDO statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 18 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/north-korea-missile-launches-18-december-fcdo-statement>

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense assistance. They welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.¹⁸⁶²

On 22 December 2022, Minister of State for the Middle East and United Nations Lord Tariq Ahmad condemned the Taliban's ban against women in Afghanistan attending university. Lord Ahmad declared the Taliban's actions as "violations of rights and freedoms of Afghan women and girls."¹⁸⁶³

On 22 December 2022, Prime Minister Sunak and European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen agreed to coordinate in their support of Ukraine's effort to maintain its sovereignty in face of Russian aggression. The United Kingdom and the European Union will provide such support through economic and diplomatic efforts.¹⁸⁶⁴

On 22 December 2022, the United Kingdom condemned North Korea for supplying Russia with arms to invade Ukraine, breaching United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁸⁶⁵

On 30 December 2022, the United Kingdom announced a new military aid package for Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion. The military aid package includes 1,000 VALLON metal detectors and 100 bomb de-arming kits. The United Kingdom committed to continuing the same level of funding it sustained in 2022 (GBP2.3 billion) into 2023.¹⁸⁶⁶

On 5 January 2023, Secretary Cleverly met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany Annalena Baerbock. In the dialogue, the two parties agreed to building stronger partnerships, especially in their cooperation towards helping Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion.¹⁸⁶⁷

On 11 January 2023, Prime Minister Sunak announced a new bilateral defence agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan. The agreement joins the two countries together to facilitate military defence efforts at maintaining peace and security, especially in the Indo-Pacific region. The United Kingdom and Japan also reaffirmed their collective support for Ukrainian sovereignty against Russian invasion.¹⁸⁶⁸

¹⁸⁶² Statement by the Chair of virtual G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (22 December 2022), Government of the United Kingdom (London) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-by-the-chair-of-virtual-g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-22-december-2022>

¹⁸⁶³ UK statement in response to the Taliban's closure of universities for women in Afghanistan, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-statement-in-response-to-the-talibans-closure-of-universities-for-women-in-afghanistan>

¹⁸⁶⁴ PM call with European Commission President Von der Leyen: 22 December 2022, 10 Downing Street (London) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-european-commission-president-von-der-leyen-22-december-2022>

¹⁸⁶⁵ UK condemns North Korea for supplying arms to Russian mercenary group fighting in Russia's illegal war in Ukraine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-condemns-north-korea-for-supplying-arms-to-russian-mercenary-group-fighting-in-russias-illegal-war-in-ukraine>

¹⁸⁶⁶ UK military support for Ukraine continues with delivery of counter explosive ordnance equipment, Ministry of Defence (London) 30 December 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-military-support-for-ukraine-continues-with-delivery-of-counter-explosive-ordnance-equipment>

¹⁸⁶⁷ UK and Germany agree closer cooperation in first ever UK-Germany annual Dialogue, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-germany-agree-closer-cooperation-in-first-ever-uk-germany-annual-dialogue>

¹⁸⁶⁸ Prime Minister hosts Japanese PM and agrees historic defence agreement, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-hosts-japanese-pm-and-agrees-historic-defence-agreement>

On 14 January 2023, Prime Minister Sunak spoke with Ukraine's President Zelenskyy to discuss the current state of Ukraine during the Russian invasion. During the meeting, Prime Minister Sunak expressed the United Kingdom's willingness to intensify its support for Ukraine.¹⁸⁶⁹

On 14 January 2023, the United Kingdom announced additional military support for Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion. The military package includes tanks, self-propelled guns and training for Ukrainian soldiers.¹⁸⁷⁰

On 14 January 2023, the United Kingdom sanctioned Iran's Prosecutor General of the Iranian Regime, following the execution of Alireza Akbari. The United Kingdom stated that the use of the death penalty against Alireza Akbari was a human rights violation.¹⁸⁷¹

On 16 January 2023, Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace announced a new military aid package for Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion. The package includes tanks, ammunition, armoured protected vehicles, a GBP28 million support package and GBP20 million to support Ukrainian artillery, missiles and military equipment. Secretary Wallace also emphasized this package as a part of a larger international effort to equip Ukraine to defend itself against Russia, to uphold international law and to support Ukrainian sovereignty.¹⁸⁷²

On 17 January 2023, Ambassador Kariuki condemned Russia's "campaign of persecution against communities in Ukraine and Russia based on their religion or belief" in a statement delivered at the United Nations Security Council briefing on human rights and religious freedom in Ukraine. Representative Kariuki also called upon Russia to end its war and stop its invasion into Ukraine.¹⁸⁷³

On 19 January 2023, Prime Minister Sunak met with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu. Prime Minister Sunak discussed the United Kingdom's current efforts to combat the war in Ukraine. Prime Minister Sunak also thanked Prime Minister Netanyahu for Israel's support for Ukraine during the Russian invasion.¹⁸⁷⁴

On 20 January 2023, Secretary Cleverly announced that the United Kingdom would join a group of international partners to take action to hold Russia accountable for its invasion of Ukraine. The objective of the group is to determine the criminality of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with a particular focus on investigating Crimes of Aggression against Ukraine and to provide a means of serving justice.¹⁸⁷⁵

On 23 January 2023, the United Kingdom announced additional sanctions against the Iranian regime. The sanctions were against individuals who were responsible for inflicting violence on people for political purposes.

¹⁸⁶⁹ PM call with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine: 14 January 2023, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 14 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-president-zelenskyy-of-ukraine-14-january-2023>

¹⁸⁷⁰ PM accelerates Ukraine support ahead of anniversary of Putin's war, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 14 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-accelerates-ukraine-support-ahead-of-anniversary-of-putins-war>

¹⁸⁷¹ UK sanctions Iranian Prosecutor General following execution of Alireza Akbari, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 14 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-iranian-prosecutor-general-following-execution-of-alireza-akbari>

¹⁸⁷² Defence Secretary oral statement on war in Ukraine, Ministry of Defence (London) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/defence-secretary-oral-statement-on-war-in-ukraine--2>

¹⁸⁷³ Russia is committing heinous crimes against Ukraine and trying to pull the wool over our eyes: UK Statement at the UN Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/russia-is-committing-heinous-crimes-against-ukraine-and-trying-to-pull-the-wool-over-our-eyes-uk-statement-at-the-un-security-council>

¹⁸⁷⁴ PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 19 January 2023, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-prime-minister-netanyahu-of-israel-19-january-2023>

¹⁸⁷⁵ UK joins core group dedicated to achieving accountability for Russia's aggression against Ukraine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukraine-uk-joins-core-group-dedicated-to-achieving-accountability-for-russias-aggression-against-ukraine>

The sanctions are a part of the United Kingdom's condemnation of the Iranian regime's use of violence against its people.¹⁸⁷⁶

On 25 January 2023, Prime Minister Sunak spoke to US President Joe Biden, Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz, France's President Macron and Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni. During the meeting, Prime Minister Sunak welcomed the allies' recent contributions of battle tanks and noted the United Kingdom's continued support for Ukraine, including through the recent provision of Challenger 2 tanks. Prime Minister Sunak called on partners to intensify their support for Ukraine. All parties welcomed the coordination of military supplies and the continued humanitarian and economic support for Ukraine.¹⁸⁷⁷

On 28 January 2023, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, France and Germany condemned the Syrian regime's horrific use of deadly chemical weapons. The signatories called on the Syrian regime to end its chemical weapons program and to comply with the regulations set out under the Chemical Weapons Convention and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁸⁷⁸

On 31 January 2023, the United Kingdom imposed sanctions on two companies and one individual associated with Asia Sun group, a main supplier of aviation fuel to the Myanmar regime. The Myanmar regime's air force has carried out several bombing campaigns against innocent civilians.¹⁸⁷⁹

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.¹⁸⁸⁰

On 4 February 2023, Prime Minister Sunak spoke with Ukraine's President Zelenskyy to discuss the current state of Ukraine during the Russian invasion.¹⁸⁸¹

On 8 February 2023, the United Kingdom announced additional sanctions against the Russian military and Kremlin elites.¹⁸⁸² The United Kingdom also announced that it would provide Ukraine with additional military equipment, including fighter jet pilots and marines.¹⁸⁸³

¹⁸⁷⁶ UK imposes further coordinated sanctions on Iranian regime officials, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-imposes-further-coordinated-sanctions-on-iranian-regime-officials>

¹⁸⁷⁷ PM call with leaders of US, Germany, France & Italy: 25 January 2023, Prime Minister's Office (London) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-leaders-of-us-germany-france-italy-25-january-2023>

¹⁸⁷⁸ Use of Chemical Weapons in Douma, Syria: foreign ministers' joint statement, January 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-fms-statement-on-use-of-chemical-weapons-in-douma-syria>

¹⁸⁷⁹ UK sanctions Myanmar aviation fuel businesses marking 2 years since coup, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sanctions-myanmar-aviation-fuel-businesses-marking-two-years-since-coup>

¹⁸⁸⁰ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

¹⁸⁸¹ PM call with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine: 4 February 2023, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 4 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-president-zelenskyy-of-ukraine-4-february-2023>

¹⁸⁸² New sanctions target Putin's war machine and financial networks as UK accelerates economic pressure on Russia, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sanctions-target-putins-war-machine-and-financial-networks-as-uk-accelerates-economic-pressure-on-russia>

¹⁸⁸³ PM extends Ukraine military training to pilots and marines as President Zelenskyy makes first visit to the UK since Russian invasion, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-extends-ukraine-military-training-to-pilots-and-marines-as-president-zelenskyy-makes-first-visit-to-the-uk-since-russian-invasion>

On 18 February 2023, at the 59th Munich Security Conference, Prime Minister Sunak stressed the United Kingdom's defence of freedom, democracy and the rule of law. Prime Minister Sunak recalled the United Kingdom's past GBP2.3 billion provision to Ukraine, noting that the United Kingdom would match or exceed the total in 2023. Prime Minister Sunak also called on other countries to increase military support to Ukraine. Lastly, Prime Minister Sunak reaffirmed the importance of security and sovereignty.¹⁸⁸⁴

On 21 February 2023, the United Kingdom, in a bilateral declaration with Slovakia, committed to providing military and humanitarian support for Ukraine in its fight against Russian invasion. In the declaration, the United Kingdom and Slovakia both agreed to work towards strengthening European security.¹⁸⁸⁵

On 21 February 2023, at the Munich Security Conference G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. They reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. The ministers also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. The parties urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.¹⁸⁸⁶

On 22 February 2023, Prime Minister Sunak spoke with Ukraine's President Zelenskyy to discuss the current state of Ukraine during the Russian invasion. Prime Minister Sunak affirmed the United Kingdom's continued support for Ukraine to help it fight Russian invasion.¹⁸⁸⁷

On 23 February 2023, Chargé d'Affaires at the British High Commission Islamabad, Andrew Dalgleish and Defence Adviser, Brigadier Simon Waddington met with the Ukrainian Ambassador in demonstration of the United Kingdom's solidarity for Ukraine in Russia's war. The United Kingdom condemned Russia's war on Ukraine and Russia's aggression and human rights violations and reaffirmed its continued support for Ukraine.¹⁸⁸⁸

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal acts of aggression and its disregard for the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also called on Russia to end its aggression and withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory. The parties also expressed their determination to support the UN Charter and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and human rights. All signatories also expressed a commitment to continued coordination in the provision of military and economic support, including through equipment, training, aid packages and economic sanctions.¹⁸⁸⁹

On 1 March 2023, at the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting, most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral

¹⁸⁸⁴ PM speech at Munich Security Conference - 18 February 2023, Prime Minister's Office (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-speech-at-munich-security-conference-18-february-2023>

¹⁸⁸⁵ UK and Slovakia step up cooperation in security and trade, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-slovakia-step-up-cooperation-in-security-and-trade>

¹⁸⁸⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

¹⁸⁸⁷ PM call with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine: 22 February 2023, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-call-with-president-zelenskyy-of-ukraine-22-february-2023>

¹⁸⁸⁸ British Chargé d'Affaires meets the Ukrainian Ambassador to show support for Ukraine, British High Commission Islamabad (London) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-charge-daffaires-meets-the-ukrainian-ambassador-to-show-support-for-ukraine>

¹⁸⁸⁹ G7 Leaders' Statement: 24 February 2023, Prime Minister's Office (London) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-leaders-statement-24-february-2023>

system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.¹⁸⁹⁰

On 4 March 2023, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Germany, France, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom and Spain issued a statement on the situation in the West Bank. Signatories expressed their desire for a just and lasting peace and noted their opposition to all unilateral measures that undermine a two-state solution.¹⁸⁹¹

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of France, Germany, Australia, Canada, United States, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.¹⁸⁹²

On 6 March 2023, Secretary Cleverly spoke with the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Catherine Colonna. During the meeting, the parties discussed their common support for Ukraine and the defence of the rules-based international order.¹⁸⁹³

On 8 March 2023, foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.¹⁸⁹⁴

On 9 March 2023, the UK Ambassador to Lebanon, in a joint statement with Ambassadors of the United States of America, Canada, Germany and the Netherlands and Prime Minister of Lebanon Najib Mikati, affirmed their support for transparency and accountability in Lebanon's government institutions. The Ambassadors and Prime Minister Mikati outlined the importance of Central Inspection and confirmed their support for a Central Inspection.¹⁸⁹⁵

On 10 March 2023, Prime Minister Sunak met with the President of France Emmanuel Macron as part of the 36th Franco-British Summit. Prime Minister Sunak and President Macron expressed their shared priority of

¹⁸⁹⁰ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

¹⁸⁹¹ European countries condemn Palestinian attacks, urge Israel to stop expanding settlements, Reuters (Bengaluru) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/european-countries-condemn-palestinian-attacks-urge-israel-stop-expanding-2023-03-04/>

¹⁸⁹² Situation in Afghanistan: joint statement, 6 March 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-on-afghanistan-6-march-2023>

¹⁸⁹³ Joint press release - United Kingdom – Telephone interview between Ms Catherine Colonna and her British counterpart (06 March 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/communiqu%C3%A9-conjoint-royaume-uni-entretien-telephonique-de-mme-catherine-colonna>

¹⁸⁹⁴ Situation for women and girls in Afghanistan: joint statement from foreign ministers for International Women's Day, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on-international-womens-day>

¹⁸⁹⁵ Joint statement from Ambassadors and Prime Minister Mikati, British Embassy Beirut (London) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-ambassadors-and-prime-minister-mikati>

continuing support of Ukraine in the war against Russia through military, diplomatic and economic means. Militarily, both leaders affirmed their continued provision of materials, including the supply of equipment and military training. The leaders expressed their support for the principles of the peace plan presented by Ukraine. Both parties expressed a desire to contribute to international security, to strengthen the international order based on the rule of law. France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed the importance of cooperation in defence and committed to developing future solutions to strengthen defence capabilities as to contribute to the stability of the multilateral order.¹⁸⁹⁶

On 10 March 2023, Secretary Cleverly met with the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Catherine Colonna as part of the 36th Franco-British Summit. During the meeting, the ministers reaffirmed their shared desire to intensify their coordination on major international issues, including shared support for Ukraine in light of continued Russian aggression, Iran, Africa and the Indo-Pacific.¹⁸⁹⁷

On 12 March 2023, Prime Minister Sunak met with Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese, before a trilateral meeting between the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. Prime Minister Sunak and Prime Minister Albanese discussed their shared commitment to supporting security and peace in Ukraine and to securing peace in the Indo-Pacific region.¹⁸⁹⁸

On 13 March 2023, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom announced a new security partnership known as AUKUS. The partnership includes military personnel cooperation and the United States and the United Kingdom's delivery of submarines to Australia. AUKUS aims to increase the security involvement and to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific.¹⁸⁹⁹

On 14 March 2023, the United Kingdom denounced North Korea for its ballistic missile launch in violation of several United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁹⁰⁰

On 16 March 2023, the United Kingdom reaffirmed its commitment to support Syria and the Syrian people who have been subject to the Assad regime's human rights violations. The United Kingdom calls on the international community to come together and progress on supporting the Syrian people. This announcement marks the 12-year anniversary of the Syrian uprising.¹⁹⁰¹

¹⁸⁹⁶ Sunak and Macron hail 'new chapter' in UK-France ties, Politico (Paris) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/rishi-sunak-emmanuel-macron-hail-new-chapter-uk-france-ties-channel-migration/>

¹⁸⁹⁷ Interview of Catherine Colonna with her British counterpart - Press release from the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (March 10, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/royaume-uni/evenements/article/entretien-de-catherine-colonna-avec-son-homologue-britannique-communique-du>

¹⁸⁹⁸ PM meeting with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese: 12 March 2023, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-meeting-with-australian-prime-minister-anthony-albanese-12-march-2023>

¹⁸⁹⁹ The AUKUS nuclear powered submarine pathway: a partnership for the future, Ministry of Defence (London) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-aukus-nuclear-powered-submarine-pathway-a-partnership-for-the-future>

¹⁹⁰⁰ North Korea ballistic missile test, 14 March 2023: FCDO response, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/north-korea-ballistic-missile-test-14-march-2023-fcdo-response>

¹⁹⁰¹ Twelfth anniversary of the Syrian uprising: joint statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-on-the-occasion-of-the-12th-anniversary-of-the-syrian-uprising>

On 16 March 2023, Secretary Cleverly, in a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova Nicu Popescu announced an additional GBP10 million in support for governance reforms in Moldova and additional support for Georgia's upcoming elections.¹⁹⁰²

On 17 March 2023, Representative Kariuki, in a statement at the United Nations Security Council briefing on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to holding Russia accountable for its illegal war on Ukraine.¹⁹⁰³

On 19 March 2023, the G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.¹⁹⁰⁴

On 27 March 2023, the United Kingdom announced additional sanctions against Myanmar's military regime. The sanctions target aviation fuel and military equipment suppliers to decrease overall fuel and military equipment supply.¹⁹⁰⁵

On 28 March 2023, the United Kingdom, in partnership with the United States, imposed sanctions on individuals associated with Bashar Al-Assad regime's illicit captagon trading. The individual's sanctioned are leaders in the Assad regime's illicit trading practices.¹⁹⁰⁶

On 30 March 2023, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, United States, France, Norway, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland issued a joint statement of combating the proliferation and misuse of commercial spyware. The parties expressed concern about the use of technologies by authoritarian regimes and in democracies, noting that the tools' usage in targeting and intimidating opponents and countering dissenting voices, limiting the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly or association and encouraging violations of human rights. The signatories noted that the misuse of such tools pose significant risks to international security and the rules-based order.¹⁹⁰⁷

On 30 March 2023, Deputy Ambassador Deirdre Brown, in response to the report presentation by Ambassador Brian Aggeler, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, reaffirmed the United Kingdom's

¹⁹⁰² New support for Moldova and Georgia against "threat on their doorstep" as Foreign Secretary visits region, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-support-for-moldova-and-georgia-against-threat-on-their-doorstep-as-foreign-secretary-visits-region>

¹⁹⁰³ UK calls for unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access to the people of Ukraine: UK Statement at the Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-calls-for-unimpeded-and-sustained-humanitarian-access-to-the-people-of-ukraine-uk-statement-at-the-security-council>

¹⁹⁰⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

¹⁹⁰⁵ Myanmar Armed Forces Day: UK announces fresh sanctions on aviation fuel and military equipment suppliers, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/myanmar-armed-forces-day-uk-announces-fresh-sanctions-on-aviation-fuel-and-military-equipment-suppliers>

¹⁹⁰⁶ Tackling the illicit drug trade fuelling Assad's war machine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tackling-the-illicit-drug-trade-fuelling-assads-war-machine>

¹⁹⁰⁷ Efforts to counter the proliferation and misuse of commercial spyware: joint statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/efforts-to-counter-the-proliferation-and-misuse-of-commercial-spyware-joint-statement>

commitment to tackle threats to democracy and security. The United Kingdom also reaffirmed its continued support for Bosnia-Herzegovina as it secures its peace and security.¹⁹⁰⁸

On 4 April 2023, the Ambassador to the World Trade Organization and United Nations in Geneva Simon Manley reiterated the United Kingdom's support for the people of Myanmar in their struggle under the Myanmar regime. He also reiterated its support for a democratic and secure Myanmar in the future.¹⁹⁰⁹

On 6 April 2023, France and the United Kingdom released a joint statement on the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed their support for the universalisation and the entry into force of the treaty, with the aim of making the voluntary moratorium legally binding.¹⁹¹⁰

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. The United Kingdom has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through economic, political and military action.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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United States: +1

The United States of America has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 28 June 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on over 70 entities and 500 individuals related to Russia's military, technological or defense base, along with increased tariffs on over USD2.3 billion worth of Russian products. The sanctions are in response to Russian aggression in the Russo-Ukrainian war.¹⁹¹¹

On 29 June 2022, President Joe Biden attended the Madrid Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). President Biden announced the devotion of American resources to strengthen NATO's military capabilities. Such includes the establishment of a permanent headquarters for the United States Army in Poland, stationing of additional military equipment and resources across Europe and accelerated and increased participation in military training and fighting. The intent of the resources is to rebuild the American-NATO alliance and protect the collective security of democratic countries currently threatened by the Russian war against Ukraine.^{1912,1913} Participants unanimously moved to strengthen their economic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine. They expressed a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Participants also pledged adherence to international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as

¹⁹⁰⁸ Report of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, March 2023: UK response, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/report-of-the-head-of-the-osce-mission-to-bosnia-and-herzegovina-march-2023-uk-response>

¹⁹⁰⁹ UN HRC52: UK General Comment on the situation in Myanmar, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/un-hrc52-uk-general-comment-on-the-situation-in-myanmar>

¹⁹¹⁰ UK & France Statement on 25th Anniversary of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-france-statement-on-25th-anniversary-of-the-comprehensive-nuclear-test-ban-treaty>

¹⁹¹¹ Targeting Russia's War Machine, Sanctions Evaders, Military Units Implicated in Human Rights Abuses, and Officials Involved in Suppression of Dissent, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/targeting-russias-war-machine-sanctions-evaders-military-units-implicated-in-human-rights-abuses-and-officials-involved-in-suppression-of-dissent/>

¹⁹¹² FACT SHEET: The 2022 NATO Summit in Madrid, White House (Washington D.C.) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/29/fact-sheet-the-2022-nato-summit-in-madrid/>

¹⁹¹³ Remarks by President Biden and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg | Madrid, Spain, White House (Washington D.C.) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/06/29/remarks-by-president-biden-and-nato-secretary-general-jens-stoltenberg-madrid-spain/>

committed to upholding the rules-based multilateral order. Participants demanded that all countries respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold the belief in democracy and international law.¹⁹¹⁴

On 30 June 2022, the United States provided USD1.3 billion to Ukraine. The funding will ease budgetary strains of Ukraine resulting from prolonged Russian aggression and is a demonstration of US solidarity with Ukraine and its defense of sovereignty.¹⁹¹⁵

On 1 July 2022, Spokesperson of the National Security Council Adrienne Watson expressed her concern over Hong Kong's increasingly endangered autonomy promised by the Sino-British Joint Declaration. Spokesperson Watson affirmed that the National Security Law, implemented in the orders of China in 2021, stifles democratic representation in Hong Kong. Spokesperson Watson urged China to return democratic rights to Hong Kong citizens, in accordance with the internationally promoted value of rule of law.¹⁹¹⁶

On 2 July 2022, the United States provided USD11.7 million to Malawi's national parliament and USD15 million for the governments of eight districts to consolidate democratic development. This includes increasing accessibility of political opportunities, addressing corruption and strengthening media participation.¹⁹¹⁷

On 5 July 2022, President Biden appointed Richard Nephew as the Coordinator of Global Anti-Corruption, a newly created position focused on ensuring transparency in decision-making of domestic and foreign affairs and countering democratic erosion consequent to corruption.¹⁹¹⁸

On 6 July 2022, the United States provided USD3 million to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to strengthen its democratic operations. The United States specified that the funding will be mainly used on structural development, such as the training of non-partisan observers and electoral staff, for the presidential and legislative elections in 2023 to ensure transparency and inclusiveness of the elections, along with the empowerment of media.¹⁹¹⁹

On 7 July 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken participated in a meeting of G20 Foreign Ministers. Secretary Blinken reinforced the US commitment to multilateralism in addressing democratic backsliding and rising authoritarianism. Secretary Blinken also reiterated US support in maintaining effective and accountable multilateral forums and institutions.¹⁹²⁰

¹⁹¹⁴ Madrid Summit Declaration, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Madrid) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_196951.htm

¹⁹¹⁵ The United States Contributes \$1.3 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-30-2022-usaid-announces-3-million-investment-locally-led-development-zambia>

¹⁹¹⁶ Statement from NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on Hong Kong 25 Years After Handover, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/30/statement-from-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-hong-kong-25-years-after-handover/>

¹⁹¹⁷ United States Announces Additional Support to Strengthen Democratic Institutions in Malawi, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 2 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-2-2022-united-states-announces-additional-support-strengthen-democratic>

¹⁹¹⁸ Richard Nephew Named as Coordinator on Global Anti-Corruption, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/richard-nephew-named-as-coordinator-on-global-anti-corruption/>

¹⁹¹⁹ The United States Provides Additional Assistance for Election Observation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-06-2022-united-states-provides-additional-assistance-election-observation-democratic-republic-congo>

¹⁹²⁰ The United States and G20: Building a More Peaceful, Stable, and Prosperous World Together, U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Russia (Washington D.C.) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://ru.usembassy.gov/the-united-states-and-g20-building-a-more-peaceful-stable-and-prosperous-world-together/>

On 8 July 2022, President Biden announced the delegation of up to USD400 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹²¹

On 12 July 2022, the United States provided USD1.7 billion to Ukraine. The funding will ease budgetary strains of Ukraine resulting from prolonged Russian aggression and is a demonstration of US solidarity with Ukraine and its defense of sovereignty.¹⁹²²

On 14 July 2022, the United States attended the first meeting of the "I2U2" Group, also comprising Israel, the United Arab Emirates and India. Through the Group, the United States intends to improve multilateral, intra-regional integration of the countries, including the normalization of Arab-Israeli relations and the establishment of peace in the region.¹⁹²³

On 14 July 2022, President Biden and Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid adopted a Joint Declaration to reaffirm the Strategic Partnership of the two countries. The Joint Declaration reaffirms the United States' support in expanding Israeli military capability, particularly through cooperation in technological advancement, to confront hostility that is against Israel and undermines regional stability. This includes Iranian aggression and the possible acquisition of nuclear weapons. President Biden also continued his call for a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.¹⁹²⁴

On 15 July 2022, President Biden and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia met to discuss topics concerning the stability of the Middle East region. Parties discussed the removal of peacekeepers from Tiran Island, the opening of prohibited Saudi airspace for civilian aircrafts flying to and from Israel, extending the UN-mediated truce in Yemen and cooperation in maritime and airspace defense in defending regional security.¹⁹²⁵

On 22 July 2022, President Biden designated up to USD175 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹²⁶

On 25 July 2022, the United States denounced the execution of pro-democracy activists in Myanmar and reiterated its alliance with the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of democracy.¹⁹²⁷

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. The foreign ministers expressed concern at the political, economic, social,

¹⁹²¹ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/08/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-9/>

¹⁹²² The United States Contributes \$1.7 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-12-2022-united-states-contributes-17-billion-support-government-ukraine>

¹⁹²³ Joint Statement of the Leaders of India, Israel, United Arab Emirates, and the United States (I2U2), White House (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/07/14/joint-statement-of-the-leaders-of-india-israel-united-arab-emirates-and-the-united-states-i2u2/>

¹⁹²⁴ The Jerusalem U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Joint Declaration, White House (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/07/14/the-jerusalem-u-s-israel-strategic-partnership-joint-declaration/>

¹⁹²⁵ FACT SHEET: Results of Bilateral Meeting Between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, White House (Washington D.C.) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/07/15/fact-sheet-results-of-bilateral-meeting-between-the-united-states-and-the-kingdom-of-saudi-arabia/>

¹⁹²⁶ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/22/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-10/>

¹⁹²⁷ Execution of Burma's Pro-Democracy Leaders, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/execution-of-burmas-pro-democracy-leaders/>

humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.¹⁹²⁸

On 29 July 2022, the United States sanctioned four entities and two individuals in Russia for undermining the democratic integrity in elections, in condemnation of interference to free, fair and equal democratic representation around the world.¹⁹²⁹

On 2 August 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on over 30 entities and 900 individuals related to Russia's military, technological or defense base, as well as oligarchs. The sanctions are in response to Russian aggression in the Russo-Ukrainian War, which has endangered the rule-based order.¹⁹³⁰

On 3 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁹³¹

On 8 August 2022, President Biden designated up to USD1 billion in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹³²

On 8 August 2022, the United States provided USD4.5 billion to Ukraine. The funding will ease budgetary strains of Ukraine resulting from prolonged Russian aggression and demonstrates US solidarity with Ukraine and its defense of sovereignty.¹⁹³³

On 19 August 2022, President Biden designated up to USD775 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹³⁴

¹⁹²⁸ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Myanmar Military Junta's Executions, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-myanmar-military-juntas-executions>

¹⁹²⁹ Targeting Russia's Global Malign Influence Operations and Election Interference Activities, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/targeting-russias-global-malign-influence-operations-and-election-interference-activities/>

¹⁹³⁰ Imposing Additional Costs on Russia for Its Continued War Against Ukraine, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/imposing-additional-costs-on-russia-for-its-continued-war-against-ukraine-3/>

¹⁹³¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Preserving Peace and Stability Across the Taiwan Strait, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-preserving-peace-and-stability-across-the-taiwan-strait/>

¹⁹³² Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/19/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-13/>

¹⁹³³ The United States Contributes \$1.7 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-12-2022-united-states-contributes-17-billion-support-government-ukraine>

¹⁹³⁴ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/19/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-13/>

On 21 August 2022, President Biden spoke with Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, France's President Emmanuel Macron and the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson. They reaffirmed their support of Ukraine through long-term measures.¹⁹³⁵

On 30 August 2022, the United States met with Ecuador and amended the Development Objective Agreement. The amendment includes an increase of USD16.9 million in investment in development projects focused on the advancement in democracy, especially for marginalized communities.¹⁹³⁶

On 8 September 2022, President Biden designated up to USD675 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹³⁷

On 15 September 2022, President Biden designated up to USD600 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹³⁸

On 15 September 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on over 30 entities and 40 individuals related to Russia's military, technological or defense base, proxy officials and financial infrastructure that support the war. The sanctions are set to hold Russia accountable for its aggression in the Russo-Ukrainian War, which endangered the rule-based order in international relations.¹⁹³⁹

On 15 September 2022, President Biden celebrated the International Day of Democracy and reaffirmed the United States' commitment to defending the rule of law, both domestically in elections and internationally against authoritarian, corrupt or abusive regimes.¹⁹⁴⁰

On 16 September 2022, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) signed a memorandum of understanding with Korea's Development Cooperation Bureau for bilateral development cooperation and strengthening democratic security in the geopolitical area.¹⁹⁴¹

¹⁹³⁵ Readout of President Joe Biden's Call with President Emmanuel Macron of France, Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, and Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, White House (Washington D.C.) 21 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/21/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-call-with-president-emmanuel-macron-of-france-chancellor-olaf-scholz-of-germany-and-prime-minister-boris-johnson-of-the-united-kingdom/>

¹⁹³⁶ USAID Commits Nearly \$20 Million in Additional Funding to Support Democracy and Prosperity in Ecuador, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-30-2022-usaid-commits-nearly-20-million-additional-funding-support-democracy-prosperity-ecuador>

¹⁹³⁷ Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/08/delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

¹⁹³⁸ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/15/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-14/>

¹⁹³⁹ Targeting Russia's Senior Officials, Defense Industrial Base, Financial Infrastructure Leaders, and Human Rights Abusers, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://www.state.gov/targeting-senior-russian-officials-defense-industrial-base-financial-infrastructure-leaders-and-human-rights-abusers/>

¹⁹⁴⁰ Statement by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on the International Day of Democracy, White House (Washington D.C.) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/15/statement-by-president-joseph-r-biden-jr-on-the-international-day-of-democracy-2/>

¹⁹⁴¹ Assistant to the Administrator Michele Sumilas' Travel to Japan and the Republic of Korea Highlights Powerful Partnerships Advancing Development, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-16-2022-assistant-administrator-michele-sumilas-travel-japan-and-republic-korea>

On 21 September 2022, Secretary Blinken published a statement along with France’s Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir. The ministers expressed their support for the sovereignty, security and stability of Lebanon and demanded the need of democratic elections in accordance with its constitution. The three leaders noted their willingness to work alongside Lebanon to support the implementation of measures to achieve fundamental democratic reforms.¹⁹⁴²

On 22 September 2022, Senior Official for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Liz Allen announced the US entry to the International Partnership for Information and Democracy. The Partnership includes 45 countries that share the commitment to safeguard democracy in the access and transmission of information, including in the field of journalism.¹⁹⁴³

On 22 September 2022, the United States imposed sanctions on Iran’s Morality Police and government officials resulting from the death of Mahsa Amini and the violent suppression of subsequent protests.¹⁹⁴⁴

On 23 September 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. They noted Russia’s violation of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. Furthermore, the signatories pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. The G7 also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia’s illegal war. G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.¹⁹⁴⁵

On 30 September 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on over 50 entities and a thousand individuals related to Russia’s military, technological or defense base, as well as high-level government officials. The sanctions are set in opposition to the false “referenda” in Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhya regions, which violate Ukrainian sovereignty and international law.¹⁹⁴⁶

On 30 September 2022, President Biden signed Bill H.R. 6833, the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 to continue the United States’ material support to Ukraine to defend countries that share the same commitment to democracy.¹⁹⁴⁷

¹⁹⁴² Joint statement by the Foreign Ministers of the three countries (France, United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) – (September 21, 2022), Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/liban/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-des-ministres-des-affaires-etrangeres-des-trois-pays?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁹⁴³ Senior Official for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Liz Allen Announces the United States Joins International Partnership for Information and Democracy, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/senior-official-for-public-diplomacy-and-public-affairs-liz-allen-announces-the-united-states-joins-international-partnership-for-information-and-democracy/>

¹⁹⁴⁴ Designating Iran’s Morality Police and Seven Officials for Human Rights Abuses in Iran, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/designating-irans-morality-police-and-seven-officials-for-human-rights-abuses-in-iran/>

¹⁹⁴⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the Illegal Annexation of Sovereign Ukrainian Territory, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-illegal-annexation-of-sovereign-ukrainian-territory>

¹⁹⁴⁶ Imposing Swift and Severe Costs in Response to Russia’s Violations of Ukraine’s Sovereignty, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/imposing-swift-and-severe-costs-in-response-to-russias-violations-of-ukraines-sovereignty/>

¹⁹⁴⁷ Bills Signed: H.R. 6833, S. 3895, S. 3969, S. 4900, White House (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/09/30/bills-signed-h-r-6833-s-3895-s-3969-s-4900/>

On 4 October 2022, USAID Administrator Samantha Power expressed concern over the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan with the Foreign Minister of Armenia Ararat Mirzoyan. She restated US support for a peaceful solution, as well as its determination in assisting Armenia to advance democratic development.¹⁹⁴⁸

On 4 October 2022, President Biden designated up to USD625 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹⁴⁹

On 11 October 2022, G7 leaders met with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. The G7 condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.¹⁹⁵⁰

On 14 October 2022, the United States announced the provision of up to USD12 million in the next three years to encourage independent media in South Sudan and the disputed Abyei Area on the South Sudan-Sudan border, as to increase the level of transparency of the South Sudanese government.¹⁹⁵¹

On 14 October 2022, President Biden designated up to USD725 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹⁵²

On 23 October 2022, Secretary Blinken met with France's Foreign Minister Colonna and the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly. The three ministers reiterated their support for the defense of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. All three parties also reaffirmed their determination in continuing support for Ukraine with security, economic and humanitarian assistance.¹⁹⁵³

On 24 October 2022, USAID Administrator Power released a statement to condemn the murder of protestors over the ruling of extended transition period by the Transitional Military Council in Chad, calling it a violation

¹⁹⁴⁸ Administrator Samantha Power's Meeting with Foreign Minister of Armenia Ararat Mirzoyan, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-04-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meeting-with-foreign-minister-of-armenia-ararat-mirzoyan>

¹⁹⁴⁹ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/04/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-15/>

¹⁹⁵⁰ G7 Statement on Ukraine, 11 October 2022, White House (Washington D.C.) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine-11-october-2022/>

¹⁹⁵¹ The United States Announced a \$12 Million, Three-Year Initiative to Support Independent Media in South Sudan, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-14-2022-united-states-announces-12-million-three-year-initiative-support-south-sudan>

¹⁹⁵² Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/04/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-15/>

¹⁹⁵³ Joint Statement on Ukraine, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 October 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-ukraine-2/>

to democratic expression. She also called for a peaceful transition of power to a transparent civilian-led government.¹⁹⁵⁴

On 28 October 2022, President Biden designated up to USD275 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹⁵⁵

On 1 November 2022, President Biden announced the termination of Burkina Faso's status as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act for its failure to defend rule of law.¹⁹⁵⁶

On 2 November 2022, Spokesperson Watson denounced the test of an intercontinental ballistic missile by the North Korea for violating UN Security Council resolutions. She explained that the test signals North Korea's intention to destabilize the region with continued development of unlawful weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programs.¹⁹⁵⁷

On 4 November 2022, Secretary Blinken cited President of the Haitian Senate Joseph Lambert and his spouse Jesula Lambert Domond for violations that corrupt democracy in Haiti.¹⁹⁵⁸

On 4 November 2022, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan announced an additional USD400 million in security assistance packages to Ukraine. The packages include military vehicles and equipment. Mr Sullivan again underscored the US commitment to protecting the countries and rule-based order that are under attack.¹⁹⁵⁹

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect

¹⁹⁵⁴ Statement by Administrator Samantha Power on Escalating Violence Against Protestors in Chad, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-24-2022-statement-administrator-samantha-power-escalating-violence-chad>

¹⁹⁵⁵ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/28/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-3/>

¹⁹⁵⁶ Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on the President's intent to terminate the designation of Burkina Faso as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/11/02/letter-to-the-speaker-of-the-house-of-representatives-and-the-president-of-the-senate-on-the-presidents-intent-to-terminate-the-designation-of-burkina-faso-as-a-beneficiary-sub-saharan-africa/>

¹⁹⁵⁷ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's ICBM Test, White House (Washington D.C.) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/02/statement-by-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-koreas-icbm-test/>

¹⁹⁵⁸ Designation of Haitian Senate President, Joseph Lambert, for Involvement in Significant Corruption and a Gross Violation of Human Rights, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/designation-of-haitian-senate-president-joseph-lambert-for-involvement-in-significant-corruption-and-a-gross-violation-of-human-rights/>

¹⁹⁵⁹ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's Visit to Kyiv, Ukraine, White House (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/04/statement-by-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivans-visit-to-kyiv-ukraine/>

of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.¹⁹⁶⁰

On 10 November 2022, President Biden designated up to USD400 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹⁶¹

On 14 November 2022, National Security Advisor Sullivan expressed US opposition against the Iranian government's violation of human rights in its oppression of protestors, including the abuse and death sentence of political prisoners.¹⁹⁶²

On 15 November 2022, National Security Advisor Sullivan condemned Russia's missile strikes on Ukrainian residential areas and expressed US support to Ukrainian defense against Russian aggression "as long as it takes."¹⁹⁶³

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.¹⁹⁶⁴

On 16 November 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on six individuals of the Iranian state-run media corporation, the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, for publicizing propagandic disinformation of the protests.¹⁹⁶⁵

On 17 November 2022, Spokesperson Watson condemned the North Korea's test of long-range ballistic missiles which violates UN Security Council resolutions and endangers regional stability.¹⁹⁶⁶

On 18 November 2022, the United States issued a joint statement with France, the United Kingdom and Belgium on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The signatories reaffirmed their support for regional diplomatic efforts, including the Nairobi and Luanda processes, to promote de-escalation and

¹⁹⁶⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement>

¹⁹⁶¹ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/11/10/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-4/>

¹⁹⁶² Statement by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on the Continued Crackdown on Protestors in Iran, White House (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/14/statement-by-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivan-on-the-continued-crackdown-on-protestors-in-iran/>

¹⁹⁶³ Statement by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on Russia's Missile Strikes, White House (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/15/statement-by-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivan-on-russias-missile-strikes/>

¹⁹⁶⁴ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, White House (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/16/g20-bali-leaders-declaration/>

¹⁹⁶⁵ Sanctioning Senior Officials of Iranian Broadcaster, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/sanctioning-senior-officials-of-iranian-broadcaster/>

¹⁹⁶⁶ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Ballistic Missile Launch, White House (Washington D.C.) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/17/statement-by-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-koreas-ballistic-missile-launch-2/>

create the conditions for lasting peace in the DRC and affirmed their appreciation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries of the Great Lakes region.¹⁹⁶⁷

On 21 November 2022, Vice President Kamala Harris launched new initiatives for the U.S.-Philippines Alliance, including an investment of USD7.5 million to Philippine maritime law enforcement agencies to safeguard maritime order in the South China Sea.¹⁹⁶⁸

On 23 November 2022, Spokesperson Watson spoke against Russia's missile strikes on Ukrainian energy infrastructure. She reiterated the United States' steadfast commitment in assisting Ukraine.¹⁹⁶⁹

On 23 November 2022, President Biden designated up to USD400 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine. The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁹⁷⁰

On 30 November 2022, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III met with France's Minister of the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu. France and the United States of America renewed the 2016 Statement of Intent between the Department of Defense and France's Minister of the Armed Forces. The statement more largely seeks to deepen ongoing defense cooperation between the two countries in working towards a world that is "more secure, just and free."¹⁹⁷¹

On 1 December 2022, France's President Macron visited the United States. In a joint statement, President Biden and President Macron committed to strengthening security worldwide and advancing democratic values. Both parties committed to continuing working for a Europe that is whole, free and at peace, including through the maintenance of collective defense and security measures. They committed to pursuing a more robust, integrated and coherent approach to building national and collective resilience against military and non-military threats to security and promoting international stability. Both Presidents condemned the illegal Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. They also condemned and rejected Russia's illegal attempted annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory, stressing Russian actions as a violation of international law. They reaffirmed their countries' continued support for Ukraine's defense of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of political, security, humanitarian and economic assistance to Ukraine. The United States and France also reiterated their duty in upholding international obligations and the principles and purposes of the UN Charter. Concerning the Indo-Pacific, the United States and France committed to strengthening their partnership within the region, as to advance prosperity, security and shared values based on a rules-based international order, transparent governance, fair economic practices and respect for international law. Presidents Macron and Biden noted their continued commitment to coordinating responses regarding China's

¹⁹⁶⁷ Great Lakes Region – joint statement by France, the United States, the United Kingdom and Belgium on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (November 18, 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Münster) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/republique-democratique-du-congo/evenements/article/region-des-grands-lacs-communique-conjoint-de-la-france-des-etats-unis-du?xtor=RSS-1>

¹⁹⁶⁸ Vice President Harris Launches Initiatives to Support U.S.-Philippines Maritime Cooperation, White House (Washington D.C.) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 21 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/21/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-launches-initiatives-to-support-u-s-philippines-maritime-cooperation/>

¹⁹⁶⁹ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on Ukraine Power Outages from Russia's Missile Strikes, White House (Washington D.C.) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/23/statement-by-ns-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-ukraine-power-outages-from-russias-missile-strikes/>

¹⁹⁷⁰ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, White House (Washington D.C.) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/11/23/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-5/>

¹⁹⁷¹ Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III Remarks Welcoming French Minister of the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu to the Pentagon, U.S. Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript/Article/3234170/secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-remarks-welcoming-french-minister-of-th/>

challenge to the rules-based international order, including respect for human rights and reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. They also noted their continued support of democratic institutions and civil societies in Africa. They also expressed their respect for the Iranian people protesting to gain the freedom to exercise human rights and fundamental freedoms that the Iranian government has violated. They also stressed the importance of strengthening democratic values and respect for universal human rights and reiterated their support for free and independent media.¹⁹⁷²

On 6 December 2022, the United States took part in the 20th International Conference Against Corruption, intended to mobilize public and non-state actors against corruption and defending democratic values.¹⁹⁷³

On 9 December 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on 65 entities and individuals across 17 countries related to corruption and violation of human rights, including involvement in the Russo-Ukrainian War, systematic violence against women and oppression of protestors in Iran, oppression of religious minorities in Tibetan Autonomous Region and illicit fishing of China, restriction of freedom of movement in North Korea and the sexual abuse of children and women in the Philippines, Indonesia and Peru.¹⁹⁷⁴

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. G7 members also stressed their commitment to holding Russia's President Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defense to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defense equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.¹⁹⁷⁵

On 15 December 2022, the United States and African countries participated in the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington DC. The countries agreed to establish a partnership to strengthen peace, democratic governance and human rights in the region, working along with initiatives including the African Democratic and Political Transitions (ADAPT) and 21st Century Partnership for African Security (21PAS). With an investment of USD75 million, the goal of ADAPT is to smoothen the process of democratization in African countries. 21PAS, supported by USD100 million, aims to encourage reform in the field of security to foster regional peace. The United States is also providing over USD115 million to Sahel to support local democratic development.¹⁹⁷⁶

¹⁹⁷² Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron/>

¹⁹⁷³ The U.S. Government and Transparency International Announce 20th Edition of the International Anti-Corruption Conference, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 April 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-u-s-government-and-transparency-international-announce-20th-edition-of-the-international-anti-corruption-conference/>

¹⁹⁷⁴ Combating Global Corruption and Human Rights Abuses, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/combating-global-corruption-and-human-rights-abuses/>

¹⁹⁷⁵ G7 Leaders' Statement, White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4>

¹⁹⁷⁶ U.S.-Africa Partnership in Promoting Peace, Security, and Democratic Governance, White House (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/15/fact-sheet-u-s-africa-partnership-in-promoting-peace-security-and-democratic-governance/>

On 15 December 2022, the United States imposed sanctions, including designation or visa restriction, on over 50 entities and individuals of Russia's oligarchs, government officials and Russia-appointed proxy authorities in Ukraine.¹⁹⁷⁷ The sanctions are in response to Russian aggression in the Russo-Ukrainian war.¹⁹⁷⁸

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defense assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.¹⁹⁷⁹

On 27 December 2022, President Biden and German Chancellor Scholz released a joint press statement reaffirming their solidarity with Ukraine against Russian aggression. In the statement, the leaders promised continuous financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support. Specifically, the United States promised a donation of Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, while Germany promised a donation of Marder Infantry Fighting Vehicles, as well as a Patriot air defense battery.^{1980,1981}

On 6 January 2023, the Department of the Treasury imposed additional sanctions on seven individuals related to Iranian manufacturers of unmanned aerial vehicles and ballistic missile programs. The manufacturers are also the main backers of the Russian military in the Russo-Ukraine War.^{1982,1983}

On 6 January 2023, President Biden designated up to USD2.85 billion in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine.¹⁹⁸⁴ The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 9 January 2023, President Biden, the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau and the President of Mexico Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador released a joint statement in condemnation of the attacks on Brazil's federal government buildings on 8 January 2023. The leaders expressed support for a peaceful transition of power and the democratically elected President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva.¹⁹⁸⁵

¹⁹⁷⁷ Furthering the United States' Effort to Hold Russia to Account for its War Against Ukraine, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.state.gov/furthering-the-united-states-effort-to-hold-russia-to-account-for-its-war-against-ukraine/>

¹⁹⁷⁸ Targeting Russia's War Machine, Sanctions Evaders, Military Units Implicated in Human Rights Abuses, and Officials Involved in Suppression of Dissent, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/targeting-russias-war-machine-sanctions-evaders-military-units-implicated-in-human-rights-abuses-and-officials-involved-in-suppression-of-dissent/>

¹⁹⁷⁹ Participation of Catherine Colonna in the meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers – Statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/participation-de-catherine-colonna-a-la-reunion-des-ministres-des-affaires>

¹⁹⁸⁰ Joint Press Statement Following a Call between the President Joe Biden and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/05/joint-press-statement-following-a-call-between-the-president-joe-biden-and-the-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-olaf-scholz/>

¹⁹⁸¹ Ukraine Troops to Get Bradley Fighting Vehicles, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3260464/ukraine-troops-to-get-bradley-fighting-vehicles/>

¹⁹⁸² Treasury Sanctions Suppliers of Iranian UAVs Used to Target Ukraine's Civilian Infrastructure, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1182>

¹⁹⁸³ New Sanctions Targeting Iran's UAV and Ballistic Missile Industries, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/new-sanctions-targeting-irans-uav-and-ballistic-missile-industries/>

¹⁹⁸⁴ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/01/06/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-8/>

¹⁹⁸⁵ Joint Statement by President Joe Biden, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Brazil, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/09/joint-statement-by-president-joe-biden-president-andres-manuel-lopez-obrador-and-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-on-brazil/>

On 10 January 2023, the United States, Canada and Mexico released the Declaration of North America following the 2023 North American Leader Summit. During the summit, the three countries announced security cooperation initiatives to safeguard peace in North America against domestic, regional and global challenges.¹⁹⁸⁶

On 17 January 2023, the Department of State imposed addition sanctions on 25 individuals of the Lukashenka Regime in Belarus for endangering stifling democratic expression of journalists, unionists and activists, including the trial of opposition leader Svyatlana Tsikhanouskaya and the imprisonment of Ales Bialiatski.¹⁹⁸⁷

On 19 January 2023, President Biden designated up to USD2.5 billion in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine.¹⁹⁸⁸ The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 19 January 2023, National Security Advisor Sullivan, National Security Advisor of Israel Tzachi Hanegbi, National Security Advisors of United Arab Emirates H.E. Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa of Bahrain and H.E. Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan released a joint statement. In the statement, the parties reiterated their shared commitment to securing regional stability through multilateral partnership including the I2U2 and the Negev Forum Working Groups and regular contacts that facilitate communication.¹⁹⁸⁹

On 20 January 2023, Secretary Austin and Army General Mark A. Milley, in the eighth meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, praised the progress that Western countries had made through the contact group in assistance of Ukraine's defense capabilities. The parties also pledged their continuous and strategically modified support for Ukraine.¹⁹⁹⁰

On 13 January 2023, the United States and Japan released a joint statement in their promotion of the modernization of bilateral alliance through the alignment of military capabilities. Within the statement, the countries expressed their determination in protecting prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, including denuclearization in the Korean Peninsula and de-escalation in the Taiwan Strait.¹⁹⁹¹ The parties also requested support from third parties, such as from countries including South Korea, Australia, India and countries of ASEAN to ensure a multilateral rules-based order in the region.¹⁹⁹²

¹⁹⁸⁶ Declaration of North America (DNA), The White House (Mexico City) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/10/declaration-of-north-america-dna/>

¹⁹⁸⁷ Responding to Continued Repression by the Lukashenka Regime in Belarus, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/responding-to-continued-repression-by-the-lukashenka-regime-in-belarus/>

¹⁹⁸⁸ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/01/19/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-9/>

¹⁹⁸⁹ Joint Statement by the National Security Advisors of the United States of America, Israel, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/19/joint-statement-by-the-national-security-advisors-of-the-united-states-of-america-israel-bahrain-and-the-united-arab-emirates/>

¹⁹⁹⁰ Defense Leaders Pledge New Ukraine Support, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3273940/defense-leaders-pledge-new-ukraine-support/>

¹⁹⁹¹ Joint Statement of the United States and Japan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/13/joint-statement-of-the-united-states-and-japan/>

¹⁹⁹² Joint Statement of the United States and Japan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/01/13/joint-statement-of-the-united-states-and-japan/>

On 23 January 2023, the Department of Treasury imposed additional sanctions on 10 Iranian individuals and one entity related to intelligence services and security forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps for human right abuses.¹⁹⁹³

On 25 January 2023, President Biden announced plans to provide Ukraine with 31 M1 Abrams tanks to strengthen Ukrainian defense against Russian aggression.¹⁹⁹⁴

On 25 January 2023, President Biden spoke with the Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni, France's President Macron, Germany's Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak. During the meeting, the leaders shared their support for a European-Atlantic framework to foster coordination in support of Ukraine.¹⁹⁹⁵

On 26 January 2023, the Department of Treasury imposed sanctions on more than six individuals and entities related to the Wagner Group for violence against civilians, journalists, aid workers and UN peacekeepers in the Central African Republic and Mali in the United States' defence of international rule of law. Additionally, the Treasury imposed sanctions on over 500 individuals and entities associated with Russian oligarchs or service the Russian military in the Russo-Ukrainian War.^{1996,1997}

On 28 January 2023, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France and Germany condemned the Syrian regime's horrific use of deadly chemical weapons. The signatories called on the Syrian regime to end its chemical weapons program and to comply with the regulations set out under the Chemical Weapons Convention and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.¹⁹⁹⁸

On 31 January 2023, Secretary Austin met with the Minister of Defence of Korea Lee Jung-Sup. Following the meeting, Secretary Austin expressed his optimism for strengthened bilateral relations to protect peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly with deterrence commitment.¹⁹⁹⁹

On 1 February 2023, the Department of Treasury imposed additional sanctions on 22 individuals related to a sanction evasion network that supported the Russian military-industrial sector.^{2000,2001}

¹⁹⁹³ Designations in Connection with Human Rights Abuses in Iran, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/designations-in-connection-with-human-rights-abuses-in-iran/>

¹⁹⁹⁴ Biden Announces Abrams Tanks to be Delivered to Ukraine, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3277910/biden-announces-abrams-tanks-to-be-delivered-to-ukraine/>

¹⁹⁹⁵ President Meloni's telephone conversation with Biden, Macron, Scholz, and Sunak, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/ucraina-conversazione-telefonica-del-presidente-meloni-con-biden-macron-scholz-e-sunak>

¹⁹⁹⁶ Treasury Sanctions Russian Proxy Wagner Group as a Transnational Criminal Organization, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1220>

¹⁹⁹⁷ Countering the Wagner Group and Degrading Russia's War Efforts in Ukraine, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/countering-the-wagner-group-and-degrading-russias-war-efforts-in-ukraine/>

¹⁹⁹⁸ Use of Chemical Weapons in Douma, Syria: foreign ministers' joint statement, January 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-fms-statement-on-use-of-chemical-weapons-in-douma-syria>

¹⁹⁹⁹ U.S., South Korea Want Peace in Indo-Pacific, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3282870/us-south-korea-want-peace-in-indo-pacific/>

²⁰⁰⁰ Treasury Targets Global Sanctions Evasion Network Supporting Russia's Military-Industrial Complex, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1241>

²⁰⁰¹ Sanctioning Evasion Network Supporting Russia's Military-Industrial Complex, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/sanctioning-evasion-network-supporting-russias-military-industrial-complex/>

On 3 February 2023, President Biden designated up to USD425 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, military education and training for Ukraine and USD1.75 billion to Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative Funds.^{2002,2003} The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.²⁰⁰⁴

On 7 February 2023, USAID, along with the Government of Nepal, civil society and private firms, announced an investment of up to USD58.8 million to empower democratic institutions, civil society and the media in Nepal.²⁰⁰⁵

On 9 February 2023, the Department of Defense announced its intentions to enhance capabilities in the Indo-Pacific to counter China's intended disruption of rules-based stability in the region, especially in the Taiwan Strait.²⁰⁰⁶

On 9 February 2023, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour (DRL) of the United States Department of State announced a funding opportunity for projects that aim to enhance justice and human rights through the legal system in underprivileged communities of Morocco.²⁰⁰⁷

On 9 February 2023, the DRL announced a funding opportunity for a project that empowers civil society to counter the economic crisis and turbulent political transitions in Sri Lanka with the goal to eliminate corruption and erosion freedom in the political space.²⁰⁰⁸

On 13 February 2023, the DRL announced a funding opportunity for a project which seeks to transitionally promote human right justice through investigations in Ethiopia²⁰⁰⁹

²⁰⁰² Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/03/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-10/>

²⁰⁰³ Air Defense Systems, Long-Range Fires Capability to be Sent to Ukraine, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3288155/air-defense-systems-long-range-fires-capability-to-be-sent-to-ukraine/>

²⁰⁰⁴ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

²⁰⁰⁵ USAID Deepens Democratic Partnership with the Government and People of Nepal, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-07-2023-usaid-deepens-democratic-partnership-government-and-people-nepal>

²⁰⁰⁶ DOD Is Focused on China, Defense Official Says, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3294255/dod-is-focused-on-china-defense-official-says/>

²⁰⁰⁷ DRL Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Advancing Access to Justice for Morocco's Underserved Populations, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/drl-notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-advancing-access-to-justice-for-moroccos-underserved-populations/>

²⁰⁰⁸ DRL Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): DRL Support Civic Engagement in Sri Lanka, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/drl-notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-drl-support-civic-engagement-in-sri-lanka/>

²⁰⁰⁹ Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): DRL: Advancing Survivor Centered Transitional Justice in Ethiopia, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-drl-advancing-survivor-centered-transitional-justice-in-ethiopia/>

On 14 February 2023, the DRL announced a funding opportunity for projects that response to climate-related crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes in up to two countries, at least one in Sub-Saharan Africa.²⁰¹⁰

On 15 February 2023, USAID concluded a three-day visit to Israel and the West Bank to observe activities implemented through the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act. The Peace Act intends to address challenges of Israeli-Palestinian relations through facilitating peaceful, rules-based exchanges.²⁰¹¹

On 16 February 2023, Secretary Austin participated in the NATO defense ministers' meeting. During the meeting, Secretary Austin assured the United States' commitment to defending Baltic countries against sovereignty encroachment of Russia by enhancing defense capacities of NATO's eastern parts.²⁰¹²

On 17 February 2023, Vice President Harris participated in the 59th Munich Security Conference. During the conference, Vice President Harris reaffirmed the United States continued support of Ukraine and called on all international participants to defend and uphold territorial integrity, sovereignty, the rule of law and the international rules-based order.²⁰¹³

On 18 February 2023, Spokesperson of the National Security Council Adrienne Watson condemned North Korea's launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles. Spokesperson Watson stressed that the actions violated international regulations on weapons of mass destruction and destabilized the region.²⁰¹⁴

On 20 February 2023, President Biden designated up to USD450 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, military education and training for Ukraine and an additional amount of up to \$10 million in commodities and services from any agency of the United States government.²⁰¹⁵ The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 21 February 2023, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. The G7 members reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. The leaders also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. The parties urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule

²⁰¹⁰Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): DRL Climate Change and Atrocity Prevention, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/notice-of-funding-opportunity-nof-climate-change-and-atrocity-prevention/>

²⁰¹¹ USAID's Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board Visits Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act Programs, USAID (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-16-2023-usaid-partnership-peace-fund-advisory-board-visits-nita-m-lowey-middle-east-partnership-peace-act-programs>

²⁰¹² Austin Assures Baltic States of U.S. Commitment, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3300628/austin-assures-baltic-states-of-us-commitment/>

²⁰¹³ Remarks by Vice President Harris at the Munich Security Conference, The White House (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/02/18/remarks-by-vice-president-harris-at-the-munich-security-conference-2/>

²⁰¹⁴ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's ICBM Test, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-16-2023-usaid-partnership-peace-fund-advisory-board-visits-nita-m-lowey-middle-east-partnership-peace-act-programs>

²⁰¹⁵ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/20/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-sections-506a1-and-552c2-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.²⁰¹⁶

On 22 February 2023, President Biden met with the Bucharest Nine group of NATO and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. During the meeting, President Biden reaffirmed the United States' support to Ukraine through planned enhancement on the defense of NATO's eastern flank.²⁰¹⁷

On 23 February 2023, the United States reiterated its support to Ukraine by voting in favour for the resolution A/ES-11/L.7 titled "Principles of the Charter of the United Nations Underlying a Comprehensive, Just and Lasting Peace in Ukraine" at the Emergency Special Session of the UN General Assembly. The resolution demanded the withdrawal of Russian forces and reversal of the People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk.²⁰¹⁸

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and condemned Russia's illegal acts of aggression and its disregard for the Charter of the United Nations. The leaders also called on Russia to end its aggression and withdraw its troops from all Ukrainian territory. The parties also expressed their determination to support the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and human rights. All signatories also expressed a commitment to continued coordination in the provision of military and economic support, including through equipment, training, aid packages and economic sanctions.²⁰¹⁹ On the part of the United States, this included additional sanction of 22 individuals and 83 entities.^{2020,2021,2022} The United States also imposed additional tariffs on imports worth USD2.8 billion and export restrictions of low-technology consumer goods to Russia, as well as supporting third countries, including Belarus, China and Iran.^{2023,2024}

On 27 February 2023, the United States expressed support for independent electoral institutions of democratic representation in reaction to the protests against electoral overhaul in Mexico.²⁰²⁵

²⁰¹⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

²⁰¹⁷ Readout of President Biden's Meeting with the Leaders of the Bucharest Nine Eastern Flank NATO Allies, The White House (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/22/readout-of-president-bidens-meeting-with-the-leaders-of-the-bucharest-nine-eastern-flank-nato-allies/>

²⁰¹⁸ Statement from National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on UN Vote To Support Peace in Ukraine, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/23/statement-from-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivan-on-un-vote-to-support-peace-in-ukraine/>

²⁰¹⁹ Statement by G7 Heads of State and Government, Elysée (Paris) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/02/24/declaration-des-chefs-detat-et-de-gouvernement-du-g7-2>

²⁰²⁰ Targeting Key Sectors, Evasion Efforts, and Military Supplies, Treasury Expands and Intensifies Sanctions Against Russia, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1296>

²⁰²¹ The United States Takes Sweeping Actions on the One Year Anniversary of Russia's War Against Ukraine, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-takes-sweeping-actions-on-the-one-year-anniversary-of-russias-war-against-ukraine/>

²⁰²² The United States Imposes Additional Sweeping Costs on Russia, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-imposes-additional-sweeping-costs-on-russia/>

²⁰²³ Commerce Imposes Additional Export Restrictions in Response to Russia's Brutal War on Ukraine, the United States Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/about-bis/newsroom/press-releases/3227-2023-02-24-bis-press-release-additional-russia-invasion-response-actions/file>

²⁰²⁴ Statement by Ambassador Katherine Tai on the Imposition of Higher Tariffs on Additional Imports from Russia, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/statement-ambassador-katherine-tai-imposition-higher-tariffs-additional-imports-russia>

²⁰²⁵ Protests Against Electoral Overhaul in Mexico, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/protests-against-electoral-overhaul-in-mexico/>

On 27 February 2023, the United States participated in the 52nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke, remarking on the human rights issues in Ukraine, the Taliban oppression of women and girls, China's ongoing genocide against Uyghur Muslims and the repression against peaceful protests in Iran.²⁰²⁶

On 1 March 2023, at the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.²⁰²⁷

On 2 March 2023, President Biden signed National Security Memorandum 19 to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Terrorism and Advance Nuclear and Radioactive Material Security. The Memorandum seeks to mitigate WMD terrorism, nuclear technology and radioactive materials that threatens international stability in respect of the rule of law.²⁰²⁸

On 3 March 2023, President Biden spoke with the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. During the meeting, the leaders discussed ongoing bilateral efforts to provide security, humanitarian, economic and political assistance to Ukraine and their solidarity with the people of Ukraine. The parties also reaffirmed their commitment to impose costs on Russia for its aggression for as long as necessary.²⁰²⁹

On 3 March 2023, President Biden designated up to USD400 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, along with military education and training for Ukraine.^{2030,2031} The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 5 March 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration, in commemoration of the 58th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday, reflected on its efforts to promote education and information on voting and ensure all American citizens have equal access to their right to vote.²⁰³²

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of the United States, France, Germany, Australia, Canada, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by

²⁰²⁶ 52nd Session of the UN Human Rights Council. U.S. Department of State (New York) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/52nd-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council/>

²⁰²⁷ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gttwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

²⁰²⁸ FACT SHEET: President Biden Signs National Security Memorandum to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism and Advance Nuclear and Radioactive Material Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/02/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-national-security-memorandum-to-counter-weapons-of-mass-destruction-terrorism-and-advance-nuclear-and-radioactive-material-security/>

²⁰²⁹ Readout of President Joe Biden's Meeting with Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/03/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-meeting-with-chancellor-olaf-scholz-of-germany/>

²⁰³⁰ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/03/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-11/>

²⁰³¹ U.S. Sends Ukraine \$400 Million in Military Equipment, Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3318508/us-sends-ukraine-400-million-in-military-equipment/>

²⁰³² FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration Continues to Promote Access to Voting, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/05/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administration-continues-to-promote-access-to-voting/>

terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.²⁰³³

On 7 March 2023, President Biden and France's President Macron discussed their support for Ukraine and their commitment to continue providing Ukraine with security assistance and financial sanctions on Russia. Presidents Biden and Macron also discussed the cooperation between the United States and France in the Indo-Pacific region and their shared efforts to address challenges posed by China to the rules-based international order.²⁰³⁴

On 8 March 2023, the Department of Treasury imposed additional sanctions on eight Iranian individuals and three entities for abuse of prison inmates, supply of goods and services to national police forces or censorship which limit freedom of expression and assembly to condemn human right violations in Iran.²⁰³⁵

On 8 March 2023, foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.²⁰³⁶

On 10 March 2023, President Biden and President Ursula von der Leyen of the European Commission released a joint statement renewing their partnership, including dedication to collective security, economic and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and holding Russia accountable for its invasion that threatens the rule-based international order.²⁰³⁷

On 11 March 2023, Spokesperson Watson released a statement on the United States and Canada's first Indo-Pacific Dialogue on 10 March 2023. Spokesperson Watson stated that the dialogue demonstrates the United States' commitment to promote security and stability globally.²⁰³⁸

On 13 March 2023, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom announced a new security partnership known as AUKUS. The partnership includes military personnel cooperation and the United States and the

²⁰³³ Joint Statement on Afghanistan, U.S. Department of State (Paris) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-afghanistan-2/>

²⁰³⁴ Readout of President Joe Biden's Call with President Emmanuel Macron of France, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/07/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-call-with-president-emmanuel-macron-of-france/>

²⁰³⁵ Sanctioning Those Connected to Human Rights Abuses in Iran, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/sanctioning-those-connected-to-human-rights-abuses-in-iran/>

²⁰³⁶ Joint Statement from Foreign Ministers on the Situation for Women and Girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on-international-womens-day/>

²⁰³⁷ Joint Statement by President Biden and President von der Leyen, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/10/joint-statement-by-president-biden-and-president-von-der-leyen-2/>

²⁰³⁸ Statement by NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on First U.S.-Canada Indo-Pacific Dialogue, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/11/statement-by-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-first-u-s-canada-indo-pacific-dialogue/>

United Kingdom's delivery of submarines to Australia. AUKUS aims to increase the security involvement and to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific.^{2039,2040}

On 16 March 2023, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States released a joint statement marking the 12-year anniversary of the Syrian uprising. They recalled their joint goals to advance a Syrian-led and United Nations-facilitated peace process in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2254. They remain committed to supporting Syrian civil society and ending human rights abuses in Syria and welcomed ongoing efforts by national courts to hold perpetrators accountable.²⁰⁴¹

On 19 March 2023, the G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.²⁰⁴²

On 20 March 2023, Secretary Blinken recognized members of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces, Eritrean Defense Forces, Tigray People's Liberation Front forces and Amhara forces for committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing in northern Ethiopia. The United States urged Ethiopia to hold people who committed atrocities accountable.²⁰⁴³

On 20 March 2023, President Biden designated up to USD350 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, military education and training for Ukraine from any agency of the United States government.^{2044,2045} The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 21 March 2023, the Department of the Treasury imposed additional sanctions on three individuals and four entities related to the Iranian military procurement network. The procurement networks support the Russian military in the Russo-Ukraine War.²⁰⁴⁶

On 24 March 2023, President Biden and the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau released a joint statement which included the countries' commitment to strengthen global alliances with like-minded countries of liberal democracy. The statement particularly pointed out to the threats to rule-based order presented by Russia's invasion on Ukraine, China's expansion of economic influence, non-market politics and human right abuses,

²⁰³⁹ AUKUS Plan Looks to Shore up Deterrence, Promote Stability, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3328430/aucus-plan-looks-to-shore-up-deterrence-promote-stability/>

²⁰⁴⁰ Joint Leaders Statement on AUKUS, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/13/joint-leaders-statement-on-aucus-2/>

²⁰⁴¹ Joint Statement on the Occasion of the 12th Anniversary of the Syrian Uprising, U.S. Department of States (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-occasion-of-the-12th-anniversary-of-the-syrian-uprising/>

²⁰⁴² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

²⁰⁴³ War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Ethnic Cleansing in Ethiopia, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/war-crimes-crimes-against-humanity-and-ethnic-cleansing-in-ethiopia/>

²⁰⁴⁴ Additional U.S. Military Assistance for Ukraine, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/additional-u-s-military-assistance-for-ukraine-2/>

²⁰⁴⁵ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/20/memorandum-on-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-12/>

²⁰⁴⁶ Treasury Targets Iran's International UAV Procurement Network, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1331>

as well as Haiti's destabilization. Consequently, the statement confirmed the two countries' increased investment on collective defense and security to safeguard stability especially in the Indo-Pacific region.²⁰⁴⁷

On 24 March 2023, President Biden submitted the "U.S. Strategy to Prevent Conflict and Promote Stability" initiative to Congress. The initiative includes a 10-year investment to and partnership with Haiti, Libya, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Togo to bolster development which align with the principle of rule of law and enhance regional stability.²⁰⁴⁸

On 24 March 2023, the Department of the Treasury imposed additional sanctions on two individuals and six entities related to Burmese military regime. The United States condemned the Burmese military regime's continue oppression on democratic protestors.²⁰⁴⁹

On 24 March 2023, the United States and the European Union conducted their first-ever joint naval exercise. The joint naval exercise took place in the framework of the EU and U.S. patrolling and exercising high seas freedom of navigation and is part of the shared commitment of the EU and US to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific, in line with documents such as the EU Strategic Compass, the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, and the US Indo-Pacific Strategy. The EU and the US reaffirmed their commitment to further coordinate on regional maritime security in order to support freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of the sea in the Indo-Pacific.²⁰⁵⁰

On 27 March 2023, Vice President Harris announced the U.S.-Ghana partnership. The United States set to provide an aid of USD139 million in 2024 to facilitate efforts in countering threats to local security and so more broadly, to promote peace in coastal West Africa.²⁰⁵¹

On 28 March 2023, USAID launched the Rule of Law Policy to renew the U.S. Government's commitment to democratic principles domestically. The policy sets a new approach for the justice system to prioritize knowledge from empirical data and to put local actors into the forefront.²⁰⁵²

On 28 March 2023, a high-level interagency delegation met with Prime Ministers of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji to discuss strengthened relations for promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific.²⁰⁵³

²⁰⁴⁷ Joint Statement by President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau, The White House (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/24/joint-statement-by-president-biden-and-prime-minister-trudeau/>

²⁰⁴⁸ FACT SHEET: President Biden Submits to Congress 10-Year Plans to Implement the U.S. Strategy to Prevent Conflict and Promote Stability, The White House (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/24/fact-sheet-president-biden-submits-to-congress-10-year-plans-to-implement-the-u-s-strategy-to-prevent-conflict-and-promote-stability/>

²⁰⁴⁹ Treasury Sanctions Jet Fuel Suppliers and Military Cronies in Burma Prior to Armed Forces Day, the United States Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1364>

²⁰⁵⁰ EU-U.S. Joint Naval Exercise, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/us-first-ever-joint-naval-exercise-conducted-between-eu-and-us_en

²⁰⁵¹ FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces Initiatives to Strengthen U.S. Partnership with Ghana and Promote Regional Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/27/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-initiatives-to-strengthen-u-s-partnership-with-ghana-and-promote-regional-security/>

²⁰⁵² USAID Announces the Rule of Law Policy, the First-Ever U.S. Government Policy Dedicated to Rule of Law Assistance, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-28-2023-usaid-announces-rule-law-policy-first-ever-us-government-policy-dedicated-rule-law-assistance>

²⁰⁵³ Readout of Senior Administration Official Travel to the Indo-Pacific Region, The White House (Washington D.C.) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/28/readout-of-senior-administration-official-travel-to-the-indo-pacific-region/>

On 28 March 2023, the United States, in partnership with the United Kingdom, imposed sanctions on individuals associated with Bashar Al-Assad regime's illicit captagon trading. The individual's sanctioned are leaders in the Assad regime's illicit trading practices.²⁰⁵⁴

On 29 March 2023, the United States announced the "Presidential Initiative for Democratic Renewal" with a new funding of up to USD690 million to strengthen democracy domestically and internationally. The United States, through USAID, aims to foster free and independent media with "Media Viability Accelerator" and "Promoting Information Integrity and Resilience Initiative" of USD16 million. USAID's "Partnerships for Democratic Development" and the "Democracy Delivers Initiative" will also support countries' democratization. The United States also hopes to enhance democratic institutions while bolstering public engagement through education. The Department of State and Department of Defense are collaborating on facilitating women's participation in the defense and security forces of partner countries. In addition, the United States restated its determination to combat corruption which corrodes democratic representation and strengthened free and fair elections.^{2055,2056,2057}

On 30 March 2023, the United States and Romania renewed their bilateral strategic partnership. The United States reaffirmed dedication to reinforce NATO's eastern flank against Russia's expanding aggression that threatens international security.²⁰⁵⁸

On 30 March 2023, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, United States, France, Norway, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland issued a joint statement of combating the proliferation and misuse of commercial spyware. The parties expressed concern about the use of technologies by authoritarian regimes and in democracies, noting that the tools' usage in targeting and intimidating opponents and countering dissenting voices, limiting the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly or association and encouraging violations of human rights. The signatories noted that the misuse of such tools pose significant risks to international security and the rules-based order.²⁰⁵⁹

On 4 April 2023, President Biden designated up to USD500 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, military education and training for Ukraine from any agency of the United States

²⁰⁵⁴ Tackling the illicit drug trade fuelling Assad's war machine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tackling-the-illicit-drug-trade-fuelling-assads-war-machine>

²⁰⁵⁵ New 10-Year Plans to Foster Peaceful and Resilient Nations, the United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 25 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-25-2023-new-10-year-plans-foster-peaceful-and-resilient-nations>

²⁰⁵⁶ FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration's Abiding Commitment to Democratic Renewal at Home and Abroad, The White House (Washington D.C.) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/29/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administrations-abiding-commitment-to-democratic-renewal-at-home-and-abroad/>

²⁰⁵⁷ Pursuing Peace Through Partnerships, Local Engagement, and Learning, the United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/pursuing-peace-through-partnerships-local-engagement-and-learning/>

²⁰⁵⁸ U.S.-Romanian Defense Leaders Discuss Strategic Partnership, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3346744/us-romanian-defense-leaders-discuss-strategic-partnership/>

²⁰⁵⁹ Joint Statement on Efforts to Combat the Proliferation and Misuse of Commercial Spyware, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/30/joint-statement-on-efforts-to-counter-the-proliferation-and-misuse-of-commercial-spyware/>

government.^{2060,2061} The resources will assist in Ukraine's defense of its democratic and territorial integrity in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

On 7 April 2023, Administrator Power condemned the Taliban's ban on Afghan women working for the United Nations and non-governmental organizations for violation of human rights. Administrator Power also stated that the United States will continue to provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan with allies.²⁰⁶²

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. The United States has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through political, economic and military action.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order.

On 6 July 2022, the European Parliament adopted the text "The EU and the defence of multilateralism," which strongly reinforced the Parliament's support for upholding the global multilateral order.²⁰⁶³

On 7 July 2022, the European Parliament approved an aid package of EUR1 billion to Ukraine. The package will provide Ukraine with macro-financial assistance in reconstruction and assist in upholding critical functions of the Ukrainian state. Importantly, the text also places a condition on the funding that Ukraine maintains effective democratic mechanisms during a time when the executive branch is making most urgent wartime decisions.²⁰⁶⁴

On 7 July 2022, at the G20 foreign ministers meeting High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell reiterated the importance of multilateralism.²⁰⁶⁵

On 13 July 2022, the Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament approved the draft report on the state of European Union fundamental rights. Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) expressed their concerns regarding rule of law violations, including Poland and Hungary's non-compliance with the European Court of Justice and several European Union member states' declining media freedom.²⁰⁶⁶

²⁰⁶⁰ Large Quantity of Defensive Munitions Earmarked for Ukraine, the United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3351964/large-quantity-of-defensive-munitions-earmarked-for-ukraine/>

²⁰⁶¹ Memorandum on Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/04/statement-from-president-joe-biden-welcoming-finland-to-nato/>

²⁰⁶² The United States Condemns Extension of Taliban's Ban on Female Afghan UN Workers in Afghanistan, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-07-2023-united-states-condemns-extension-talibans-ban-female-afghan-un-workers-afghanistan>

²⁰⁶³ The EU and the defence of multilateralism, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2022-0286_EN.html

²⁰⁶⁴ MEPS approve €1 billion loan to Ukraine, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220705IPR34501/meps-approve-EU1-billion-loan-to-ukraine>

²⁰⁶⁵ EU High Representative Josep Borrell attends G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting, European External Action Service (Bali) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/indonesia/eu-high-representative-josep-borrell-attends-g20-foreign-ministers-meeting_en?s=168

²⁰⁶⁶ Fundamental rights report 2020-2021: MEPs deeply concerned, European Parliament (Brussels) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220711IPR35032/fundamental-rights-report-2020-2021-meps-deeply-concerned>

On 28 July 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement concerning the four executions conducted by the military junta in Myanmar. The foreign ministers expressed concern at the political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights situations in the country. The ministers noted their continued support of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the Myanmar regime to concretely implement all aspects of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to ensure a return of democracy.²⁰⁶⁷

On 29 July 2022, the European Union Chargé d'affaires to the United Nations Thibault Camellie gave a statement on Ukraine at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Chargé d'affaires Camellie reiterated that Russia is undermining the international rules-based order and reiterated that the European Union demands Russia to withdraw from Ukraine and called on Russia to respect international humanitarian law.²⁰⁶⁸

On 1 August 2022, the European Commission disbursed EUR40 million in macro-financial assistance to Moldova. The Commission expressed its commitment to support Moldova in its European Union accession process as Moldova continues to satisfy the human rights, democratic institutions and rule of law criteria.²⁰⁶⁹

On 3 August 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their determination to preserve the international order based on the rule of law, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.²⁰⁷⁰

On 4 August 2022, High Representative Borrell released a statement on behalf of the European Union regarding the constitutional referendum in Tunisia and the importance of fostering national dialogue in ensuring democratic stability. High Representative Borrell stated that the European Union will closely follow the upcoming election in December and would provide political support for a smooth democratic transition.²⁰⁷¹

On 5 August 2022, the European Union released its Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership, which commits to deepening political and security cooperation between the two blocs. In particular, the European Union supports the “open, transparent, inclusive and rules-based ASEAN-led regional architecture” and committed to sharing support and best practices for strengthening democracy, good governance and the rule of law.²⁰⁷²

On 9 August 2022, the European Union released a statement on Russia’s ongoing invasion of Ukraine at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Special Permanent Council. The European Union called on Russia to halt its military aggression and condemned Russia’s violation of international law, along with calling upon Belarus to cease its support for Russia and follow international law. Furthermore, the

²⁰⁶⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Executions by the Military Junta in Myanmar, European Union External Action (Brussels) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-executions-military-junta-myanmar_en

²⁰⁶⁸ EU Statement – UN Security Council: Briefing on Ukraine, European External Action Service (New York) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/eu-statement-%E2%80%93-un-security-council-briefing-ukraine_en

²⁰⁶⁹ EU disburses €50 million of Macro-Financial Assistance to the Republic of Moldova, European Commission (Brussels) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4744

²⁰⁷⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on Safeguarding Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait, European External Action Service (Brussels) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-preserving-peace-and-stability-across-taiwan-strait_en

²⁰⁷¹ Tunisia: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the constitutional referendum, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/27/tunisia-declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-constitutional-referendum>

²⁰⁷² Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027), European External Action Service (Brussels) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/plan-action-implement-asean-eu-strategic-partnership-2023-2027-0_en

European Union affirmed that it would support all measures to hold Russia accountable for its violations of international humanitarian law.²⁰⁷³

On 1 September 2022, the European Union released a statement at the OSCE Permanent Council meeting in Vienna. The European Union stressed Russia's destabilizing actions in South Ossetia, Georgia, Moldova and Belarus are the OSCE's top priority, along with affirming its commitment to resolve existing conflicts, including the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.²⁰⁷⁴

On 6 September 2022, the Czech European Council presidency outlined its priorities to the European Parliament committees. The Presidency stated it will continue working on the ongoing legal procedures regarding Poland, Hungary. Notably, it also committed to focusing on Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Sweden.²⁰⁷⁵

On 14 September 2022, the European Parliament approved a EUR5 billion conditional loan to Ukraine to provide financial relief amid Russia's aggression. The loan depends upon the precondition that Ukraine respects democratic mechanisms and procedures.²⁰⁷⁶

On 14 September 2022, the European Investment Bank, as supported by the European Union Commission, approved EUR1.59 billion in financial assistance to Ukraine. The funding will assist Ukraine in repairing essential damaged infrastructure and resume critically important projects. EUR1.5 billion of the funding was immediately available to Ukraine.²⁰⁷⁷

On 14 September 2022, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen gave the annual State of the European Union address. She emphasized that Russia's war on Ukraine is a war on European values and that Russia is waging war on democracy as a whole. President von der Leyen stressed that the European Union should continue to work with like-minded democratic partners around the world.²⁰⁷⁸

On 15 September 2022, the European Parliament assessed the state of fundamental values in the European Union over the past two years. The European Union approved a text that highlighted the impact of COVID-19 measures on democracy, fundamental rights and rule of law. MEPs condemned Poland and Hungary for not complying with European Court rulings and called on the Commission to apply the conditionality mechanism to suspend the two members' funding.²⁰⁷⁹ They stated Hungary in particular is no longer a democracy, but rather, an "electoral autocracy."²⁰⁸⁰ MEPs denounced gender-based violence and demanded Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia. They also spoke up against anti-gender and anti-

²⁰⁷³ OSCE Special Permanent Council No. 1385 Vienna, European External Action Service (Vienna) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/osce-special-permanent-council-no-1385-vienna-9_en

²⁰⁷⁴ OSCE Permanent Council 1387 Vienna, European External Action Service (Vienna) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/osce-permanent-council-1387-vienna-1-september-2022_en

²⁰⁷⁵ Czech Presidency outlines priorities to EP committees, European Parliament (Brussels) 6 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220711IPR35010/czech-presidency-outlines-priorities-to-ep-committees>

²⁰⁷⁶ Parliament approves €5 billion loan to Ukraine, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220909IPR40142/parliament-approves-EU5-billion-loan-to-ukraine>

²⁰⁷⁷ EIB Board, supported by the EU Commission, approves €1.59 billion of EU financial assistance for Ukraine, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-336-eib-board-supported-by-the-eu-commission-approves-eur1-59-billion-of-eu-financial-assistance-for-ukraine>

²⁰⁷⁸ 2022 State of the Union Address by President von der Leyen, European Commission (Strasbourg) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/ov/speech_22_5493

²⁰⁷⁹ Fundamental rights in the EU: long-standing problems exacerbated by COVID-19, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220909IPR40147/fundamental-rights-in-the-eu-long-standing-problems-exacerbated-by-covid-19>

²⁰⁸⁰ MEPs: Hungary can no longer be considered a full democracy, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220909IPR40137/meps-hungary-can-no-longer-be-considered-a-full-democracy>

feminist movements that systematically attack women's and LGBTIQ+ rights and condemn a backlash against women's rights (including sexual and reproductive health), highlighting in particular developments in Poland, Slovakia, Croatia and Lithuania.²⁰⁸¹

On 15 September 2022, High Representative Borrell and Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography Dubravka Šuica made a joint statement to mark the International Day of Democracy. Within the statement, High Representative Borrell and Vice-President Šuica condemned Russia's violation of Ukrainian democratic sovereignty and its undermining of the international rules-based order and stressed the work of the European Union's collaboration with international partners in the defence of democracy and human rights.²⁰⁸²

On 15 September 2022, the European Commission launched the Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort. The global alliance will promote youth democratic engagement both locally and internationally.²⁰⁸³

On 15 September 2022, the European Parliament adopted three resolutions regarding the state of human rights in Ukraine, Uganda, Tanzania and Nicaragua. The resolutions called for Russia's immediate cessation of forced population transfers in Ukraine, for citizens of Uganda and Tanzania to be properly compensated for property loss due to an oil pipeline project and expressed concern for Nicaragua's crackdown on the Catholic Church, political opposition figures and activists. The latter resolution also called for the EU and UNSC to investigate Nicaragua for crimes against humanity.²⁰⁸⁴

On 20 September 2022, the European Union participated in the 77th UN General Assembly. During the proceedings, President of the European Council Charles Michel stressed the importance of multilateralism and called for the inclusion of the African Union in the G20.²⁰⁸⁵

On 16 September 2022, the European Union released its agenda for renewed multilateralism. The agenda outlined that the European Union will uphold and reform the current multilateral institutional order to be more inclusive, defend universal values and will deepen partnerships with third countries and multilateral political and economic organizations, such as the UN, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.²⁰⁸⁶

On 18 September 2022, the European Commission proposed measures to the Council of the EU to enforce the EU budget conditionality regulation on Hungary, thus enforcing Article 7 of the Treaty of the European Union. It proposed to cut funding to Hungary in response to its continual breaches of the principles of law.²⁰⁸⁷

²⁰⁸¹ Fundamental rights in the EU: long-standing problems exacerbated by COVID-19, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220909IPR40147/fundamental-rights-in-the-eu-long-standing-problems-exacerbated-by-covid-19>

²⁰⁸² International Day of Democracy: Joint Statement by the High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Vice-President Dubravka Šuica, European Commission (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_22_5454

²⁰⁸³ International Democracy Day: Commission launches Youth Participation Cohort to promote democracy worldwide, European Commission (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5455

²⁰⁸⁴ Human rights breaches in Ukraine, Uganda, Tanzania and Nicaragua, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220909IPR40149/human-rights-breaches-in-ukraine-uganda-tanzania-and-nicaragua>

²⁰⁸⁵ UN General Assembly, New York, 20-23 September 2022, Council of the European Union (New York) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/09/20-23/>

²⁰⁸⁶ EU agenda for a renewed multilateralism, European Commission (Brussels) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs_21_649

²⁰⁸⁷ EU budget: Commission proposes measures to the Council under the conditionality regulation, European Commission (Brussels) 18 September 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5623

On 19 September 2022, High Representative Borrell stated that by defending Ukraine, the European Union and the UN are defending the principles of international law and vowed to continue to counter Russian propaganda.²⁰⁸⁸

On 23 September 2022, G7 leaders issued a statement of condemnation against recent Russian-sponsored referendums in Ukraine. G7 leaders noted Russia's violation of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. Furthermore, they pledged non-recognition to the referendums, noting that the results of the outcomes have no legal effect or legitimacy and called on all countries to do the same. G7 leaders also condemned increased Russian mobilization and noted their willingness to impose new economic sanctions on Russia and those supporting Russia's illegal war. G7 leaders reaffirmed their support to Ukraine, in order to uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity, through financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal means.²⁰⁸⁹

On 3 October 2022, the European Union and Israel hosted the 12th meeting of the EU-Israel Association Council. The Council discussed global and regional issues like the Middle East Peace Process. The discussion also focused on issues such as the respect for human rights and democratic principles, freedom of religion and countering antisemitism.²⁰⁹⁰

On 6 October 2022, the European Union attended the first-ever meeting of the European Political Community (EPC). Proposed following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the objective of the EPC is to enhance political cooperation between the European Union and neighbouring states (both candidate and non-candidate countries), including discussions on energy, security, climate and the economic situation in Europe.²⁰⁹¹

On 6 October 2022, the European Union and the Philippines held their second Sub-Committee meeting on good governance, rule of law and human rights. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to the protection of human rights and acknowledged the need for further action on human rights.²⁰⁹²

On 6 October 2022, the European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for increased military assistance to Ukraine. The resolution also called for an ad hoc international tribunal for war crimes and called on countries and international organizations to condemn the referendums in Ukraine. In order to maintain stability in the South Caucasus and Central Asia, MEPs also called for increased support for countries in the region who experienced an influx of Russian citizens, in particular Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.²⁰⁹³

On 6 October 2022, High Representative Borrell published a declaration on behalf of the European Union regarding North Korea's intermediate-range ballistic missile launches into Japanese territory. The declaration

²⁰⁸⁸ Informal EU Foreign Affairs meeting: Press remarks by High Representative Josep Borrell, European External Action Service (New York) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/informal-eu-foreign-affairs-meeting-press-remarks-high-representative-josep-borrell_en

²⁰⁸⁹ G7 leaders' statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/23/g7-leaders-statement/>

²⁰⁹⁰ EU-Israel Association Council, 3 October 2022, European Council, 3 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2022/10/03/>

²⁰⁹¹ The European Political Community meets for the first time in Prague to discuss energy and security, Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://czech-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/the-european-political-community-meets-for-the-first-time-in-prague-to-discuss-energy-and-security/>

²⁰⁹² EU and the Philippines hold 2nd Sub-Committee Meeting on Good Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights, European External Action Service (Manila) 6 October 2022. Accessed 31 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-and-philippines-hold-2nd-sub-committee-meeting-good-governance-rule-law-and-human-rights_en

²⁰⁹³ MEPs call for massive increase of military assistance to Ukraine, European Parliament (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220930IPR41935/meps-call-for-massive-increase-of-military-assistance-to-ukraine>

affirmed the European Union's full solidarity with Japan and South Korea and urged North Korea to cease its aggressive and destabilizing actions, respect international law and resume dialogue with relevant partners.²⁰⁹⁴

On 6 October 2022, President Michel participated in the first EPC Summit in Prague. The EPC condemned Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine and reaffirmed its support for Ukraine. The EPC also expressed its willingness to deepen collaboration towards addressing propaganda and disinformation.²⁰⁹⁵

On 6 October 2022, President Michel and France's President Emmanuel Macron met with Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev. President Pashinyan and President Aliyev confirmed their country's commitments to the UN Charter and the Alma Ata 1991 Declaration through which both recognize each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty.²⁰⁹⁶

On 10 October 2022, President Michel addressed the European Union Ambassadors' conference. The address stressed the role of the COVID-19 pandemic in demonstrating weaknesses in the European Union and the global multilateral system. President Michel also affirmed the illegality of the Russian war on Ukraine.²⁰⁹⁷

On 11 October 2022, President Michel, along with the other G7 leaders, met with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. G7 members condemned ongoing acts of Russian aggression. The G7 also condemned and rejected Russia's attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia and Kherson. G7 members also stressed the actions of Russia in violating the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and called on all countries to unequivocally oppose the violations of international law. Participants also stressed their continued commitment to imposing new economic sanctions on Russia. G7 members also reaffirmed their full support for the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. They also stressed that Ukraine has the legitimate right to defend itself against Russian aggression and to regain full control over its territory within its internationally recognized borders under international law and UN Charter. G7 members also reaffirmed their commitment to providing Ukraine with the support necessary to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, including through the provision of financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support.²⁰⁹⁸

On 12 October 2022, the European Commission adopted its 2022 Enlargement Package, providing detailed assessments of progress in the Western Balkans and Turkey towards their fundamental reforms for European Union accession. Within the package, the European Union noted the necessity of Kosovo in intensifying efforts to strengthen democracy, public administration, the rule of law and to fight corruption. The Commission recommended candidate status to Bosnia and Herzegovina on the condition that certain requirements are met for democracy, state institutions, rule of law and media freedoms. The Commission stated that Montenegro and Serbia must make improvements in the areas of media freedom, judicial independence and corruption, with Serbia also needing to align with European Union foreign and security policy and effectively prosecute war crimes. The European Commission affirmed the necessity of Albania and North Macedonia in intensifying

²⁰⁹⁴ DPRK/North Korea: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/06/dprk-north-korea-declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu/>

²⁰⁹⁵ Meeting of the European Political Community, 6 October 2022, Council of the European Union (Prague) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/10/06/>

²⁰⁹⁶ Statement following quadrilateral meeting between President Aliyev, Prime Minister Pashinyan, President Macron and President Michel, European Council (Brussels) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/07/statement-following-quadrilateral-meeting-between-president-aliyev-prime-minister-pashinyan-president-macron-and-president-michel-6-october-2022/>

²⁰⁹⁷ Address by President Charles Michel to the annual EU Ambassadors' conference, European Council (Brussels) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/10/discours-du-president-charles-michel-lors-de-la-conference-annuelle-des-ambassadeurs-de-l-ue/>

²⁰⁹⁸ G7 statement on Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/11/g7-statement-on-ukraine/>

efforts in the areas of the rule of law, the fight against corruption and the fight against organized crime, with Albania also needing to address property rights, minority issues and freedom of expression.²⁰⁹⁹

On 13 October 2022, the European Commission adopted a communication on the enforcement of European Union law. The communication emphasized the importance of national courts in member states for enforcing European Union law, monitoring European Union law breaches and rapid reactions to crises such as COVID-19 and the Russian war in Ukraine. According to the Commission, the enforcement of European Union law is critical to the overall democratic functioning of European Union member states.²¹⁰⁰

On 13 October 2022, the Council of the European Union extended its sanctions against individuals in Nicaragua for a further year in response to the current political crisis in the country, noting the European Union's continued commitment to defending democracy, rule of law and human rights.²¹⁰¹

On 17 October 2022, the Council of the European Union agreed to further support for Ukraine under the European Peace Facility (EPF), providing an additional EUR500 million to the existing EUR3.1 billion contributed under the EPF. The assistance will provide military support to Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression, particularly its recent attacks on civilians in Ukraine, which violate international law and human rights.²¹⁰² The Council also agreed to set up a Military Assistance Mission to Ukraine to provide individual, collective, and specialized training to Ukraine's Armed Forces.²¹⁰³

On 17 October 2022, High Representative Borrell released a statement concerning an escalation in fighting in the northern part of Ethiopia between the state government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front. In the statement, the European Union called for an end to the fighting and called on parties involved to respect international humanitarian law and human rights. The European Union also reaffirmed its commitment to engaging with the African Union, regional and international partners to support peace talks in the region.²¹⁰⁴

On 17 October 2022, the Council of the European Union extended its existing sanctions in Iran in light of the government's response to the recent demonstrations in Iran following the death of Mahsa Amini in government custody. The European Union condemned the Iranian government's use of force against peaceful protesters, its detention of protestors and opposition and the internet blackout that violated the free flow of information.²¹⁰⁵

On 20 October 2022, the European Parliament called for a return to constitutional order in Burkina Faso in light of the military coup on 30 September 2022 and concerns about possible human rights violations thereafter.

²⁰⁹⁹ 2022 Enlargement package: European Commission assesses reforms in the Western Balkans and Türkiye and recommends candidate status for Bosnia and Herzegovina, European Commission (Brussels) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6082

²¹⁰⁰ Enforcing EU laws: delivering the benefits to citizens, European Commission (Brussels) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6110

²¹⁰¹ Nicaragua: EU sanctions regime prolonged for a further year, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/13/nicaragua-eu-sanctions-regime-prolonged-for-a-further-year/>

²¹⁰² Ukraine: Council agrees on further support under the European Peace Facility, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/ukraine-council-agrees-on-further-support-under-the-european-peace-facility/>

²¹⁰³ Ukraine: EU sets up a military assistance mission to further support the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/ukraine-eu-sets-up-a-military-assistance-mission-to-further-support-the-ukrainian-armed-forces/>

²¹⁰⁴ Ethiopia: Declaration of the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the intense fighting in the northern part of the country, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/ethiopia-declaration-of-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu-on-the-intense-fighting-in-the-northern-part-of-the-country/>

²¹⁰⁵ Iran: EU sanctions perpetrators of serious human rights violations, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/iran-eu-sanctions-perpetrators-of-serious-human-rights-violations/>

The European Parliament called on the next government in Burkina Faso to allow all citizens, including minorities, to exercise their political and human rights and for inclusive and transparent elections by 1 July 2024. The European Union also affirmed its willingness to further engagement in Burkina Faso.²¹⁰⁶

On 20 October 2022, the Council of the European Union announced further sanctions on individuals and entities in relation to the use of Iranian drones in the Russian war in Ukraine. The Council affirmed that Iran's role in the delivery of unmanned aerial vehicles to Russia violated the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.²¹⁰⁷

On 24 October 2022, High Representative Borrell released a statement in celebration of UN Day. High Representative Borrell emphasized the role of Russia's illegal war on Ukraine in undermining multilateralism and international cooperation needed to address global challenges and affirmed peace as a European Union priority.²¹⁰⁸

On 24 October 2022, the European Union participated in the 2022 OSCE Mediterranean Conference. The EU called for deeper engagement of young people between the EU and the countries of the Mediterranean to promote democratic governance, human rights, and the rule of law.²¹⁰⁹

On 25 October 2022, the European Union and the United Arab Emirates held a Human Rights Dialogue. The European Union noted progress in women empowerment and human rights and discussed further work required by the United Arab Emirates in international human rights law and its overall cooperation in multilateral forums.²¹¹⁰

On 25 October 2022, Vice President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency Věra Jourová spoke at the European Union DisinfoLab Conference on the topic of fighting disinformation amid Russia's war in Ukraine. Vice President Jourová reiterated that fighting disinformation is key to protecting democracy, though noted that it is difficult to find a "democratic response" to an "authoritarian weapon."²¹¹¹

On 25 October 2022, High Representative Borrell released a statement regarding the situation in Burundi and the Council's decision to renew its sanctions for one year. The European Union recognized Burundi's progress on human rights, good governance and rule of law as agreed upon in the EU-Burundi political dialogue framework. However, High Representative Borrell noted the European Union's concerns regarding human

²¹⁰⁶ Burkina Faso: MEPs demand immediate return to constitutional order, European Parliament (Brussels) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221014IPR43218/burkina-faso-meps-demand-immediate-return-to-constitutional-order>

²¹⁰⁷ Ukraine: EU sanctions three individuals and one entity in relation to the use of Iranian drones in Russian aggression, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/20/ukraine-eu-sanctions-three-individuals-and-one-entity-in-relation-to-the-use-of-iranian-drones-in-russian-aggression/>

²¹⁰⁸ United Nations Day: Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell, European External Action Service (Brussels) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/united-nations-day-statement-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-0_en

²¹⁰⁹ 2022 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, Jordan, European External Action Service (Jordan) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/2022-osce-mediterranean-conference-jordan-24-25_en

²¹¹⁰ UAE: Human Rights Dialogue held in Abu Dhabi, European External Action Service (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/uae-human-rights-dialogue-held-abu-dhabi_en

²¹¹¹ Speech by Vice-President Jourová at EU DisinfoLab Conference: Fighting disinformation amid Russia's aggression against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_22_6442

rights violations in Burundi and the EU called on Burundi to implement its commitments to improve human rights and rule of law.²¹¹²

On 24 October 2022, the European Union and ASEAN held the Policy Dialogue on Human Rights. The European Union and ASEAN both stressed that multilateral and regional cooperation – underpinned by the principles of the UN Charter, ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Human Rights Declaration and Phnom Penh Statement on the Adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, EU treaties and international human rights law – are essential in overcoming current global challenges, such as human rights situations in Afghanistan, Ukraine and Myanmar. Both parties also planned to formalize their cooperation on human rights in 2023.²¹¹³

On 27 October 2022, High Representative Borrell and Argentina’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago Cafiero co-chaired an EU-Central and Latin America ministerial meeting in Buenos Aires. The Ministers confirmed the importance of the promotion and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and rule of law. Ministers underlined their commitment to jointly address global challenges and to continue strengthening multilateralism. They reaffirmed their support to all the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to uphold the sovereign equality of all States and to respect territorial integrity and political independence. The Ministers also discussed multilateral action on security, governance, migration and the promotion and protection of human rights.²¹¹⁴

On 27 October 2022, President Michel met with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. They highlighted past bilateral cooperation and agreed for future deepening in relations. President Michel welcomed Kazakhstan’s political reform agenda and President Tokayev’s commitment to investigate the events of the January protests in Kazakhstan. Both leaders agreed to deepen the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Kazakhstan and the European Union and the European Union Strategy on Central Asia.²¹¹⁵

On 27 October, the European Union met with Bahrain for the Human Rights Dialogue. The European Union commended Bahrain’s efforts to improve its human rights situation in areas such as rule of law, fair trial, women’s rights and freedom of religion. The European Union also welcomed the adoption of Bahrain’s National Human Rights Action Plan.²¹¹⁶

On 27 October 2022, President von der Leyen visited Kosovo. During the visit, President von der Leyen recognized Kosovo’s progress in strengthening democracy and rule of law.²¹¹⁷

On 27 October 2022, Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders spoke on the rule of law in the European Union at Humboldt University. Reynders acknowledged that national courts of member states are the courts

²¹¹² Burundi: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/25/burundi-declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union/>

²¹¹³ The EU and ASEAN hold their 4th Policy Dialogue on Human Rights, European External Action Service (Jakarta) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-and-asean-hold-their-4th-policy-dialogue-human-rights_en

²¹¹⁴ Co-Chairs’ Communiqué (press release) CELAC-EU 3rd Foreign Ministers Meeting, European External Action Service (Buenos Aires) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/argentina/co-chairs-communicu%C3%A9-press-release-celac%E2%80%933eu-3rd-foreign-ministers-meeting_en

²¹¹⁵ Joint press statement of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, European Council (Brussels) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/27/joint-press-statement-of-the-president-of-the-republic-of-kazakhstan-kassym-jomart-tokayev-and-the-president-of-the-european-council-charles-michel/>

²¹¹⁶ Bahrain: Human Rights Dialogue held in Manama, European External Action Service (Brussels) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/bahrain-human-rights-dialogue-held-manama_en

²¹¹⁷ Statement by President von der Leyen on the occasion of her official visit to Kosovo, European Commission (Pristina) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6422

that must uphold European Union law. Reynders also noted several individualized recommendations made by the Commission to strengthen rule of law in Member States.²¹¹⁸

On 27 October 2022, President Michel participated in the first-ever regional high-level meeting between the European Union and Central Asian leaders. Participants agreed on the importance of human rights, territorial sovereignty, and civil society in developing interregional multilateral cooperation and committed to deepening their partnership based on shared values.²¹¹⁹

On 27 October 2022, President von der Leyen visited Albania. She commended Albania's progress in its reforms in rule of law and on its alignment with the European Union's common foreign and security policy regarding Russia's war in Ukraine.²¹²⁰

On 27 October 2022, Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen reaffirmed the partnership between the European and Malawi through a support package. Commissioner Urpilainen acknowledged Malawi's and the European Union's converging positions on the pivotal importance of the multilateral rules-based system. Commissioner Urpilainen also presented the European Union's 2022 Annual Action Plan, which includes EUR110 million for Malawi, including towards the Democratic Governance Programme.²¹²¹

On 28 October 2022, during a visit to Serbia President von der Leyen called for improvements in Serbian judiciary independence and dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo.²¹²²

On 28 October 2022, the European Union released a joint statement with the UNSC on the situations in the Middle East and Palestine. The statement reaffirmed their support for a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine and called for Israeli security forces to respect international law, along with demands for deeper political engagement to improve the situation. The European Union also called on the Palestinian Authority to hold free and transparent elections. They also addressed the situation in Syria, reiterating calls to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court. and stressed that sanctions would remain until Syria engages in an open and transparent political transition.²¹²³

On 31 October 2022, during the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission meeting on the Great Lakes region, the European Union affirmed its belief in a renewed Great Lakes engagement process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to provide support, in addition to the East African Community peace process. The European Union stressed that the only solution to the conflict would be to reinforce the Congolese state to international standards, particularly concerning human rights.²¹²⁴

²¹¹⁸ Speech by Commissioner Reynders on "Protecting and strengthening the Rule of Law in the European Union" at Humboldt University, Berlin, European Commission (Berlin) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_22_6477

²¹¹⁹ Joint press communiqué by Heads of State of Central Asia and the President of the European Council, European Council (Brussels) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/27/joint-press-communiqué-heads-of-state-of-central-asia-and-the-president-of-the-european-council/>

²¹²⁰ Statement by President von der Leyen on the occasion of her official visit to Albania, European Commission (Tirana) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6435

²¹²¹ European Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen reaffirms strong EU-Malawi partnership through a support package in green agriculture, food security and human development, European External Action Service (Lilongwe) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/european-commissioner-jutta-urpilainen-reaffirms-strong-eu-malawi-partnership_en

²¹²² Statement by President von der Leyen on the occasion of her official visit to Serbia, European Commission (Jelašnica) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6470

²¹²³ EU Statement – UN Security Council: The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, European External Action Service (New York) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/eu-statement-%E2%80%93-un-security-council-situation-middle-east-including_en

²¹²⁴ EU Intervention – UN Peacebuilding Commission: Meeting on the Great Lakes region, European External Action Service (New York) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/eu-intervention-%E2%80%93-un-peacebuilding-commission-meeting-great-lakes-region_en

On 1 November 2022, High Representative Borrell and Vice President Jourová released a joint statement for the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. The European Union reiterated its support for the freedom of journalists around the world and that the European Union is currently establishing the Global Europe programme for Human Rights and Democracy and the Media Freedom Act to improve journalists' safety and independence.²¹²⁵

On 3 November 2022, Home and Justice Affairs Ministers from the Council of the European Union and the European Commission met with their Western Balkan counterparts in Tirana, Albania. The ministers discussed security issues in the Western Balkans stemming from Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as the important shared responsibility between the European Union and Western Balkans in managing migration at borders.²¹²⁶

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers affirmed their commitment to the international order, based on the rules of law and to holding accountable the perpetrators of gross violations of the fundamental principles of international law. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the continued provision of financial, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence support required by Ukraine. Participants also condemned the death of Iranian Mahsa Amini and the acts of brutality committed by the Iranian morality police, along with Iran's greater destabilizing activities in the Middle East region. Participants also affirmed the importance of preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region, based on the rule of law, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, transparency, territorial integrity and the peaceful and open settlement of disputes. Concerning China, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their demands for Chinese respect of the principles of the UN Charter on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, called for peaceful settlement of Taiwan Strait issues and continued to raise concerns about alleged human rights and freedom violations.²¹²⁷

On 6 November 2022, the European Union met with Saudi Arabia at the second Human Rights Dialogue in Riyadh. The European Union called on Saudi Arabia to ratify core international human and labour rights treaties and to fully cooperate with United Nations Special Procedures. The European Union also expressed its readiness to support Saudi Arabia with its planned judicial and reforms aimed at enhancing legal transparency.²¹²⁸

On 7 November 2022, the European Union met with Armenia at the 12th Human Rights Dialogue. They emphasized the importance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in functioning democracies. The European Union and Armenia also discussed cooperating deeper on human rights and fundamental freedoms in multilateral organizations such as the UN, the OSCE and the Council of Europe.²¹²⁹

²¹²⁵ International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists: Joint statement by the High Representative Josep Borrell and Vice-President Věra Jourová, European Commission (Brussels) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6430

²¹²⁶ Joint press statement EU – Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Tirana, 3-4 November 2022), Council of the European Union (Tirana) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/03/joint-press-statement-eu-western-balkans-ministerial-forum-on-justice-and-home-affairs-tirana-3-4-november-2022/>

²¹²⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, G7 Research Group (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/221104-foreign.html>

²¹²⁸ Saudi Arabia: Second Human Rights Dialogue with the EU held in Riyadh, European External Action Service (Brussels) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/saudi-arabia-second-human-rights-dialogue-eu-held-riyadh_en

²¹²⁹ Armenia: EU and Armenia Hold annual Dialogue on Human Rights, European External Action Service (Brussels) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/armenia-eu-and-armenia-hold-annual-dialogue-human-rights_en

On 8 November 2022, the Council of the European Union imposed further sanctions on Myanmar. The additional sanctions are a response to the continued violence, human rights violations and deteriorating democracy in the country.²¹³⁰

On 14 November 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted further sanctions against Iranians responsible for human rights violations in the country. The European Union condemned the violent crackdown on peaceful anti-government demonstrations and called for the Iranian government to free detained protestors.²¹³¹

On 16 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, G20 members strongly condemned the aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine. The declaration also stressed the importance in upholding international law and the multilateral system which guarantees peace and stability, including by upholding all the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and by respecting international humanitarian law.²¹³²

On 19 November 2022, Director for the Americas of the European External Action Service Javier Niño visited Colombia for the Eighth High Level Political Dialogue between Colombia and the European Union. The parties confirmed their shared views on common challenges such as gender equality, peace, security and the strengthening of democracy and multilateralism. Colombia and the EU reiterated their condemnation of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and their firm commitment to international peace and security and a rules-based multilateral order. The parties also agreed to begin negotiations of a deeper Association and Cooperation agreement in 2023.²¹³³

On 23 November 2022, the European Parliament adopted a resolution that called for the consideration of Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism. The Parliament asked the European Union to establish the proper legal mechanisms to add Russia to such a list in order to further enact restrictive measures against Russia.²¹³⁴

On 23 November 2022, the European Union met with the Maldives at the sixth annual Policy Dialogue in the Maldives. The European Union highlighted the significant progress the Maldives has achieved in consolidating democracy and ensuring good governance. The European Union and Member States reiterated their commitment to continue supporting the Maldives in its efforts to advance accountability and strengthen the justice sector of the Maldives.²¹³⁵

On 24 November 2022, the European Union met with Bangladesh at the parties' first Political Dialogue in Dhaka. Both sides highlighted their shared values of democracy, fundamental freedoms, rule of law, inclusiveness and respect for human rights. The two sides emphasised their commitment to a free, open,

²¹³⁰ Myanmar/Burma: EU imposes further restrictive measures on 19 individuals and one entity, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/08/myanmar-burma-eu-imposes-further-restrictive-measures-on-19-individuals-and-one-entity/>

²¹³¹ Iran: EU adopts additional sanctions against perpetrators of serious human rights violations, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/14/iran-eu-adopts-additional-sanctions-against-perpetrators-of-serious-human-rights-violations/>

²¹³² G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Bali) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

²¹³³ JOINT STATEMENT Colombia – European Union VIII High-Level Political Dialogue, European External Action Service (Bogotá) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/colombia/joint-statement-colombia-european-union-viii-high-level-political-dialogue_en

²¹³⁴ European Parliament declares Russia to be a state sponsor of terrorism, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221118IPR55707/european-parliament-declares-russia-to-be-a-state-sponsor-of-terrorism>

²¹³⁵ SIXTH MALDIVES – EU POLICY DIALOGUE, European External Action Service (Maldives) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/maldives/sixth-maldives-%E2%80%93-eu-policy-dialogue_en

inclusive, peaceful, secure and rules-based Indo-Pacific through maritime security. Both underlined the importance of rules-based multilateralism for tackling current and future global challenges.²¹³⁶

On 25 November 2022, the European Union met with Kuwait at the parties' third Human Rights Dialogue. They addressed various topics, notably freedom of expression, digital rights and rule of law. The two sides also exchanged views on cooperation in the multilateral human rights fora. The European Union commended some recent positive developments in Kuwait, mainly in the field of women empowerment, while encouraging further progress in addressing the issue of stateless residents' and migrant workers' rights.²¹³⁷

On 25 November 2022, the European Union met with Turkmenistan at the 14th annual Human Rights Dialogue in Ashgabat. The European Union further recalled the need to demonstrate willingness to address issues identified by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights with regard to free, transparent and inclusive elections. The European Union emphasized that progress in the field of human rights and democratisation is a prerequisite for the ratification of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement by the European Parliament. The European Union addressed Turkmenistan's human rights issues, issues including the legal framework for the protection of human rights, the situation of civil society, restrictions on the freedom of assembly and association and freedom of expression, as well as torture and enforced disappearance.²¹³⁸

On 28 November 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted the Youth Action Plan aimed at engaging youth in global policy-making in international fora. The Council recognized the importance of supporting youth in conflict-affected regions, especially in the context of wars, conflicts and crises such as the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, the violent repression of the peaceful protests in Iran, the suppression of civil society in Belarus and the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan.²¹³⁹

On 1 December 2022, President Michel met with China's President Xi Jinping in China. President Michel raised issues regarding human rights, fundamental freedoms and minority rights in China, with particular focus on Xinjiang and Hong Kong. President Michel reiterated that both the European Union and China have an interest in maintaining a global rules-based order. President Xi and President Michel also discussed freedom of navigation in the Southeast China Sea and the broader Indo-Pacific region.²¹⁴⁰

On 2 December 2022, European External Action Service Secretary General Stefano Sannino met with the United States Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman to further reinforce the EU-U.S. strategic partnership, the fourth high-level meeting of the U.S.-EU Dialogue on China and the third meeting of the U.S.-EU High-Level Consultations on the Indo-Pacific. They affirmed that the United States and the European Union have demonstrated a strong joint transatlantic resolve in defending freedom, democracy and human rights worldwide.²¹⁴¹

²¹³⁶ Bangladesh: First Political Dialogue with EU takes place, European External Action Service (Dhaka) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/bangladesh-first-political-dialogue-eu-takes-place_en

²¹³⁷ Kuwait: Human Rights Dialogue with the European Union held in Kuwait City, European External Action Service (Brussels) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/kuwait-human-rights-dialogue-european-union-held-kuwait-city_en

²¹³⁸ Turkmenistan: 14th Human Rights Dialogue with EU takes place, European External Action Service (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/turkmenistan-14th-human-rights-dialogue-eu-takes-place_en

²¹³⁹ Youth Action Plan: Council involves young people in policy-making, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/youth-action-plan-council-involves-young-people-in-policy-making/>

²¹⁴⁰ Remarks by President Charles Michel following the meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, European Council (Brussels) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/01/remarks-by-president-charles-michel-following-his-visit-to-china/>

²¹⁴¹ EU-U.S.: Consultations between the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and European External Action Service Secretary General Stefano Sannino, European External Action Service (Brussels) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-us-consultations-between-us-deputy-secretary-state-wendy-sherman-and-european-external_en

On 5 December 2022, the Council of the European Union announced it will prolong all sanctions under its European Union Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime for a further year.²¹⁴²

On 6 December 2022, the European Union met with Western Balkan states at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Tirana, Albania. The leaders discussed intensifying political and policy engagement, the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and foreign security and migration issues.²¹⁴³

On 7 December 2022, the European Union met with Panama at the Mechanism for Bilateral Consultations, a high-level political dialogue based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and Panama. Both parties reaffirmed their commitments to peace, international security and international order. Both countries also discussed issues such as democracy in the region.²¹⁴⁴

On 7 December 2022, the European Union met with Mexico at the second High Level Dialogue on Multilateral Issues. Mexico and the European Union re-confirmed their strong commitment to the international rules-based order and the United Nations Charter. The parties highlighted the opportunities that the Dialogue provides for strengthening multilateral cooperation between Mexico and the European Union. The two parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening democracy and multilateralism.²¹⁴⁵

On 7 December 2022, the European Union signed two contracts with Independent Media Support and Norwegian People's Aid to support projects in Cambodia promoting pluralism, freedom of expression and democratic participation. The intent of the projects "Sustaining Independent Media and Fundamental Freedoms in Cambodia" and "Promoting political participation of youth and women for democratic and free and fair elections" are to enhance media freedom, access to information, political participation and electoral transparency.²¹⁴⁶

On 7 December 2022, the European Commission adopted a EUR25 million assistance plan to support democracy in Belarus, following the Belarusian government's continued repression and human rights violations.²¹⁴⁷

On 7 December 2022, the European Union met with Tajikistan for the 14th Human Rights Dialogue. The parties discussed human rights issues such as women's rights and judicial reform, as well as freedom of expression and access to information. The European Union expressed concern about the working environment for journalists, human rights defenders, as well as civil society more broadly. The European Union also expressed concerns with the human rights situation in the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region.²¹⁴⁸

²¹⁴² Human rights violations: EU restrictive measures prolonged for a further year, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/05/human-rights-violations-eu-restrictive-measures-prolonged-for-a-further-year/>

²¹⁴³ EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana, European Council (Brussels) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/12/06/>

²¹⁴⁴ Panama: First Meeting of the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism, European External Action Service (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/panama-first-meeting-bilateral-consultation-mechanism_en

²¹⁴⁵ Mexico: European Union holds second High-Level Dialogue on Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/mexico-european-union-holds-second-high-level-dialogue-multilateral-issues_en

²¹⁴⁶ The European Union (EU) has signed two new grants to promote political participation and access to information, European External Action Service (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/cambodia/european-union-eu-has-signed-two-new-grants-promote-political-participation_en

²¹⁴⁷ Commission will provide €25 million to support the democratic aspirations in Belarus, European Commission (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7376

²¹⁴⁸ Tajikistan: 13th Human Rights Dialogue with EU takes place in Dushanbe, European External Action Service (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/tajikistan-13th-human-rights-dialogue-eu-takes-place-dushanbe_en

On 8 December 2022, the European Union met with Costa Rica. The parties discussed regional and global cooperation within the framework of the Alliance for Development in Democracy to promote development activities in Costa Rica.²¹⁴⁹

On 9 December 2022, the European Union hosted the Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union. Participants reiterated their determination in continuing to provide support for Ukraine, through economic, military, social, financial and humanitarian means. Members noted that solutions to international conflicts must be in full respect of international law. Moreover, participants demanded the preservation and respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all European Union Member States. Participants also reaffirmed their common commitment to the unity, stability, sovereignty and prosperity of Libya and their support of the UN in its efforts to facilitate a Libyan-led political solution.²¹⁵⁰

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reaffirmed their solidarity and support for Ukraine in face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression. The G7 members also stressed their commitment to holding Russia's President Putin and others responsible for their attacks to account, in accordance with international law. G7 members also urged the international community to help Ukraine meet its immediate short-term financing needs. G7 members noted their support of efforts to secure Ukraine's immediate financial stability and its recovery and reconstruction for a democratic, prosperous and sustainable future. G7 members noted their commitment to assisting Ukraine in defence to ensure its free and democratic future and to deter Russia from any future aggression, in accordance with its rights under the UN Charter. The leaders also stressed the importance of continued coordination in addressing Ukrainian military and defence equipment needs. G7 leaders also noted their welcoming and support of President Zelensky's initiative for a just peace. G7 leaders also stressed their commitment to the coordinated sanction measures taken in response to Russia's war of aggression, by maintaining and intensifying economic pressures on Russia.²¹⁵¹

On 12 December 2022, the Council of the European Union prolonged the mandates of its Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. In order to strengthen the European Union's core values, all activities of the missions and operation will contain aspects of international humanitarian law, human rights, prevent gender-based violence, protect children in armed conflicts and promote the agenda of women, peace and security.²¹⁵²

On 12 December 2022, the Council of the European Union approved conclusions calling for further consolidation of the civilian CSDP. It calls for enhancing the effectiveness of civilian CSDP missions, enabling them to tackle current, emerging and future security challenges more efficiently in the framework of the EU Integrated Approach to external Conflicts and Crises. The Council called for the European Union to take more responsibility for its own security by acting in its neighbourhood and abroad.²¹⁵³

²¹⁴⁹ Costa Rica: European Union concludes sixth round of bilateral consultations, European External Action Service (Brussels) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/costa-rica-european-union-concludes-sixth-round-bilateral-consultations_en

²¹⁵⁰ Declaration of the 9th Summit of the Southern Countries of the European Union, EU-MED (Alicante) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/presidente/actividades/Documents/2022/091222_declaracionConjuntaMED9.pdf

²¹⁵¹ G7 Leaders' Statement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement/>

²¹⁵² Operation ATALANTA, EUTM Somalia and EUCAP Somalia: mandates extended for two years, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/operation-atalanta-eutm-somalia-and-eucap-somalia-mandates-extended-for-two-years/>

²¹⁵³ Council approves conclusions calling for a renewed impetus towards the civilian Common Security and Defence Policy, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/council-approves-conclusions-calling-for-a-renewed-impetus-towards-the-civilian-common-security-and-defence-policy/>

On 12 December 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted additional sanctions against the Iranian government. The sanctions are in response to Iran's military cooperation with Russia in Ukraine as well as the repression of ongoing protests in Iran.²¹⁵⁴

On 14 December 2022, the European Union and Thailand signed the EU-Thailand Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. The agreement seeks to enhance political dialogue on global issues such as human rights, non-proliferation, anti-corruption, trade, migration, and culture, among others.²¹⁵⁵

On 14 December 2022, the European Union and Malaysia signed the EU-Malaysia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement consolidates existing areas of cooperation and engagement and deepens and diversifies relations further in areas of mutual interest.²¹⁵⁶

On 14 December 2022, the European Union and the ASEAN held an inaugural summit. EU and ASEAN leaders reaffirmed their partnership based on shared values and principles such as the rules-based international order, the respect of territorial integrity and effective and sustainable multilateralism. They discussed areas such as peace and security, economic cooperation and trade, connectivity, development, and other regional and international issues.²¹⁵⁷

On 15 December 2022, the European Parliament passed three resolutions on human rights and fundamental freedoms concerning China, Chad and Bahrain. The European Parliament condemned the Chinese government's violations of fundamental freedoms in China amid the peaceful anti-COVID-restrictions protests. They also condemned Chad's Military Junta for a harsh crackdown on peaceful demonstrators and the detainment of political activists in Bahrain.²¹⁵⁸

On 15 December 2022, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, and the European Commission signed a joint declaration on European Union legislative priorities for 2023 and 2024.²¹⁵⁹ Priorities include strengthening the European Union's role in global security and protecting democratic values within the Union such as rule of law, equality, electoral rights, anti-discrimination, media freedom and political pluralism.²¹⁶⁰

²¹⁵⁴ Iran: EU adopts Council conclusions and additional restrictive measures, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/iran-eu-adopts-council-conclusions-and-additional-restrictive-measures/>

²¹⁵⁵ Indo-Pacific: The European Union and Thailand sign Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/indo-pacific-the-european-union-and-thailand-sign-partnership-and-cooperation-agreement/>

²¹⁵⁶ Indo-Pacific: The European Union and Malaysia sign Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/indo-pacific-the-european-union-and-malaysia-sign-partnership-and-cooperation-agreement/>

²¹⁵⁷ EU-ASEAN commemorative summit, European Council (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/12/14/>

²¹⁵⁸ Human rights breaches in China, Chad and Bahrain, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221209IPR64425/human-rights-breaches-in-china-chad-and-bahrain>

²¹⁵⁹ EU institutions agree on joint priorities for 2023 and 2024, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221214IPR64711/eu-institutions-agree-on-joint-priorities-for-2023-and-2024>

²¹⁶⁰ EU Legislative Priorities for 2023 and 2024: Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission, European Parliament (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/resources/library/media/20221215RES64806/20221215RES64806.pdf>

On 16 December 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted its ninth sanctions package against Russia in response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The agreed package includes a series of measures intended to harshly impact the Russian economy and hinder Russia's abilities to continue its aggression.²¹⁶¹

On 16 December 2022, the European Commission announced a EUR100 million support package for the reconstruction of schools damaged in Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Support will reach Ukraine through the EU's humanitarian partners and partly as budget support to the Government of Ukraine.²¹⁶²

On 20 December 2022, the European Union committed to deploying an EU Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Nigeria at the request of the Nigerian National Electoral Commission. The EU EOM will provide a comprehensive, independent, and impartial assessment of Nigeria's electoral process based on international and regional standards for democratic elections.²¹⁶³

On 20 December 2022, the European Union met with Guyana for the parties' eighth Political Dialogue. The European Union acknowledged the ongoing electoral reform in Guyana and reiterated its commitment to support the electoral reform process as a follow-up to the Election Observation Mission in 2020 and its recommendations.²¹⁶⁴

On 20 December 2022, High Representative Borrell attended the second Baghdad Summit for Cooperation and Partnership. Within the summit's statement, participants reaffirmed their commitment to increasing cooperation with Iraq in order to strengthen its security, stability and sovereignty and to support democratic processes and ongoing constitutional negotiations, in addition to promoting dialogue as a means of resolving regional disputes. Participants also reiterated their support for Iraq in promoting the rule of law and good governance by building institutions capable of facilitating greater progress, enabling reconstruction, consolidating achievements and meeting the aspirations of the Iraqi population.^{2165,2166}

On 22 December 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their continued commitment to providing support to Ukraine, through financial, material, humanitarian, political, technical, legal and defence assistance. G7 ministers welcomed President Zelensky's 10-point peace plan, which provides a path to a just and lasting peace.²¹⁶⁷

On 10 January 2023, the European Union released a Joint Declaration on Cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Declaration outlines the shared values of peace, freedom and prosperity across the Euro-Atlantic area and the threat of authoritarian actors challenging democratic principles. The Declaration

²¹⁶¹ Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: EU adopts 9th package of economic and individual sanctions, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/16/russia-s-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-9th-package-of-economic-and-individual-sanctions/>

²¹⁶² EU and Ukraine sign €100 million for the rehabilitation of war-damaged schools, European External Action Service (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/eu-and-ukraine-sign-%E2%82%AC100-million-rehabilitation-war-damaged-schools_en

²¹⁶³ Nigeria: The European Union deploys an Election Observation Mission, European External Action Service (Brussels) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/nigeria-european-union-deploys-election-observation-mission_en

²¹⁶⁴ Guyana-European Union Political Dialogue 2022, European External Action Service (Guyana) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/guyana/guyana-european-union-political-dialogue-2022_en

²¹⁶⁵ Joint Communiqué – Second Baghdad Conference for Cooperation and Partnership, Elysée (Baghdad) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2022/12/21/communique-conjoint-deuxieme-conference-de-bagdad-pour-la-cooperation-et-le-partenariat>

²¹⁶⁶ Iraq: Speech by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell at the Second Baghdad Conference in Jordan, European Union External Action (Baghdad) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 30 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/iraq-speech-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-second-baghdad-conference-jordan_en

²¹⁶⁷ Statement by the Chair of the Virtual Meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers (22 December 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/enjeux-globaux/actualites/article/declaration-de-la-presidente-de-la-reunion-virtuelle-des-ministres-des-affaires>

takes NATO-EU cooperation deeper into security issues not only relating to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but also technology, space, climate change and foreign interference.²¹⁶⁸

On 10 January 2023, the Council of the European Union adopted a decision to extend the EU's Capacity Building Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali), which will receive over EUR73 million in funding for a further two years. The mission provides assistance and advice to the Malian security forces for the implementation of a security reform.²¹⁶⁹

On 11 January 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement concerning the attack on Brazilian democratic institutions in Brasilia on 8 January. High Representative Borrell stated that the European Union would support measures to restore order and rule of law in Brazil and reiterated the European Union's trust in Brazil's democracy and institutions.²¹⁷⁰

On 17 January 2023, the European Commission released EUR3 billion in macrofinancial assistance to Ukraine. The assistance will help Ukraine restore stability and critical infrastructure and is conditional on structural reforms, good governance and transparent reporting.²¹⁷¹

On 13 January 2023, the European Union attended the OSCE Permanent Council special meeting in Vienna. They discussed Russia's violation of international law such as the United Nation Charter and the Helsinki Final Act. The European Union noted its commitment to standing with Ukraine and condemned Russia's missile attacks on civilian targets as well as its propaganda and disinformation regarding the war. The European Union also expressed concern about the deteriorating human rights situations in the occupied Ukrainian territories. Lastly, they called on Russia to immediately withdraw and adhere to OSCE principles and commitments.²¹⁷²

On 18 January 2023, the European Parliament adopted a resolution that called for a stronger response to security threats facing the European Union. The resolution also called for more military assistance to Ukraine and for a permanent European Union seat on the United Nations Security Council. MEPs also called for more flexibility on unanimity voting to allow for more efficient decisions on sanctions and human rights.²¹⁷³

On 19 January 2023, representatives of the European Union met with the institutions of the Palestinian Authority. The representatives discussed the 2021-2024 European Joint Strategy, which focuses on state-building and maintaining the viability of a two-state solution with Israel, as well as ensuring human rights in Gaza and the West Bank. The parties also reviewed progress and challenges related to implementation of programmes designed to improve the well-being of Palestinians.²¹⁷⁴

²¹⁶⁸ Joint Declaration on EU-NATO Cooperation, European Council (Brussels) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/10/eu-nato-joint-declaration-10-january-2023/>

²¹⁶⁹ EUCAP Sahel Mali: mandate extended until 31 January 2025, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/10/eucap-sahel-mali-mandate-extended-until-31-january-2025/>

²¹⁷⁰ Brazil: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the attack on democratic institutions, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 8 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/11/brazil-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu-on-the-attack-on-democratic-institutions/>

²¹⁷¹ Commission disburses first €3 billion to Ukraine of the up to €18 billion Macro-financial Assistance+ package, European Commission (Brussels) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_228

²¹⁷² OSCE Special Permanent Council 1405 Vienna, 13 January 2023, European External Action Service (Vienna) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/osce-special-permanent-council-1405-vienna-13_en

²¹⁷³ MEPs call for a firmer response to Russian threats to European security, European Parliament (Brussels) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 15 February 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230113IPR66639/meps-call-for-a-firmer-response-to-russian-threats-to-european-security>

²¹⁷⁴ Working together: Team Europe and Palestine discuss European development cooperation, European External Action Service (Jerusalem) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/working-together-team_en

On 29 January 2023, the European Union signed two financing agreements with the Jordanian Government worth EUR64 million. The first agreement of EUR39 million will support the joint European Union-Jordan rule of law programme to improve transparency, accountability, accessibility and effectiveness of Jordan's law and justice institutions.²¹⁷⁵

On 31 January 2023, High Representative Borrell co-chaired the fifteenth session of the Ministerial Political Dialogue with South Africa and held bilateral and multilateral meetings with South Africa and Botswana. High Representative Borrell underlined the fact that despite the unprecedented level of global instability, the strategic partnership between South Africa and the European Union has been moving along through a positive trajectory. Political consultations between Minister Pandor and High Representative Borrell focused on the situations in the Sahel, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Lesotho.²¹⁷⁶

On 2 February 2023, the Council of the European Union agreed to adopt additional measures under the European Peace Facility (EPF) to provide more military assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. It consists of a seventh package worth EUR500 million and includes an additional EUR45 million to support training for the European Union Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Ukraine).²¹⁷⁷

On 2 February 2023, President von der Leyen and 15 Commissioners travelled to Kyiv, Ukraine to meet with the Ukrainian government. The European Commission announced a new support package worth EUR450 million to increase Ukraine's resilience and support its reform process. Discussions also focused on reform priorities and the steps necessary to help Ukraine further align its legislation to the European Union acquis.²¹⁷⁸

On 2 February 2023, the European Union announced a further EUR119 million to support the Palestinian Authority. EUR5 million of the amount will go towards access to justice, fair trial, legal aid, civil society and strengthening the overall rule of law in Palestine.²¹⁷⁹

On 3 February 2023, the G7, the European Union and Australia, announced the installation of price caps on Russian oil products as of 5 February 2023. The price caps are in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.²¹⁸⁰

On 3 February 2023, President Michel, President von der Leyen and Ukraine's President Zelenskyy met in Kyiv for the 24th EU-Ukraine Summit. The parties recognized Ukraine's progress in its European Union candidacy, especially in its judicial reform efforts and Ukraine committed to meeting necessary requirements to begin the accession negotiations. The European Union also welcomed Ukraine's increased alignment with the European

²¹⁷⁵ The European Union signs two Financing Agreements with the Government of Jordan worth €64 million, European External Action Service (Amman) 29 January 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/jordan/european-union-signs-two-financing-agreements-government-jordan-worth-%E2%82%AC64_en

²¹⁷⁶ Southern Africa: HR/VP Borrell co-chairs South Africa-EU Ministerial Dialogue and holds bilateral and regional meetings to strengthen relations with South Africa and Botswana, European External Action Service (Brussels) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 16 February 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/southern-africa-hrvp-borrell-co-chairs-south-africa-eu-ministerial-dialogue-and-holds_en

²¹⁷⁷ Council agrees on further military support under the European Peace Facility, European External Action Service (Brussels) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 16 February 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/council-agrees-further-military-support-under-european-peace-facility_en

²¹⁷⁸ Ukraine: College of Commissioners travels to Kyiv to boost EU support and sectorial cooperation with Ukraine, European Commission (Kyiv) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 18 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_461

²¹⁷⁹ EU announces €296 million of support to the Palestinian people, European External Action Service (Ramallah) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/eu-announces-%E2%82%AC296_en

²¹⁸⁰ Factbox: G7-led coalition sets price cap on Russian oil products, Reuters (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/g7-led-coalition-sets-price-cap-russian-oil-products-2023-02-04/>

Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). The parties also discussed developing an international court for the prosecution of the crime of aggression in Ukraine (ICPA).²¹⁸¹

On 7 February 2023, the Council of the European Union approved a draft agreement between the European Defence Agency (EDA) and the United States Department of Defence (DoD). The agreement provides a framework to further explore cooperation between EDA and DoD.²¹⁸²

On 9 February 2023, the European Union hosted Ukraine's President Zelenskyy. At a meeting of the European Council, President of the European Union Ursula von der Leyen commended President Zelenskyy's fight against Russia and reiterated the European Union's financial, military and humanitarian support for the Ukrainian people in the face of Russian invasion.²¹⁸³ President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola stressed that the European Union should give Ukraine a fast accession process and provide further weapons support.²¹⁸⁴

On 16 February 2023, the European Parliament adopted three resolutions on human rights breaches in Russia, Equatorial Guinea and Eswatini. MEPs called for the release of Russian political prisoners and for the European Union to support democracy and human rights in Ukraine and Russia. The signatories also condemned political persecution and human rights violations in Equatorial Guinea and Eswatini as well.²¹⁸⁵

On 19 February 2023, High Representative Borrell spoke at the 59th Munich Security Conference. In the speech, High Representative Borrell requested additional support to Ukraine, including through increasing and accelerating military support. High Representative Borrell also reaffirmed the importance in defending together the shared objectives of the United Nations Charter.²¹⁸⁶

On 20 February 2023, the Council of the European Union imposed further restrictive measures on Iranian individuals and entities responsible for human rights violations in Iran. The EU urged Iranian authorities to stop violence against peaceful protestors, to end the practice of executing death sentences and provide due court processes.²¹⁸⁷ The Council also called on Iran to stop detaining European Union and dual EU-Iranian

²¹⁸¹ Joint statement following the 24th EU-Ukraine Summit, European Council (Brussels) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/03/joint-statement-following-the-24th-eu-ukraine-summit/>

²¹⁸² EU-US defence cooperation: Council approves administrative arrangement between the European Defence Agency and the Department of Defence, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 16 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/06/eu-us-defence-cooperation-council-approves-administrative-arrangement-between-the-european-defence-agency-and-the-department-of-defence/>

²¹⁸³ Statement by President von der Leyen at the joint press conference with President Michel and Ukrainian President Zelenskyy on the occasion of the special meeting of the European Council of 9 February 2023, European Commission (Brussels) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 15 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_722

²¹⁸⁴ President Zelenskyy says Russia is a grave threat to the European way of life, European Parliament (Brussels) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 15 February 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230208IPR72901/president-zelenskyy-says-russia-is-a-grave-threat-to-the-european-way-of-life>

²¹⁸⁵ Human rights breaches in Russia, Equatorial Guinea and Eswatini, European Parliament (Brussels) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230210IPR74811/human-rights-breaches-in-russia-equatorial-guinea-and-eswatini>

²¹⁸⁶ Munich Security Conference: Speech by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell on the European Security Architecture, European Union External Action (Munich) 19 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/munich-security-conference-speech-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-european_en

²¹⁸⁷ Iran: EU imposes further restrictive measures against 32 individuals and two entities responsible for human rights violations, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/iran-eu-imposes-further-restrictive-measures-against-32-individuals-and-two-entities-responsible-for-human-rights-violations/>

nationals as well as foreign civilians in general, as it is in violation of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular relations and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.²¹⁸⁸

On 20 February 2023, the Council of the European Union adopted an assistance measure to provide EUR7 million in support to Jordan's Armed Forces. Under the European Peace Facility, the assistance will help national security and stability in Jordan by securing its borders and improving its military medical services.²¹⁸⁹

On 20 February 2023, the European Union established a civilian European Union Mission in Armenia (EUMA) under its common Security and Defence Policy. The Mission aims to ensure lasting peace and stability in the South Caucasus and the normalization of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations.²¹⁹⁰

On 20 February 2023, High Representative Borrell participated in the Foreign Affairs Council. During the meeting, participants exchanged views on Russia's invasion of Ukraine and discussed military support for Ukraine. Participants also discussed developments in Afghanistan and the imposition of sanctions on additional individuals and entities responsible for human rights violations in Iran.²¹⁹¹

On 21 February 2023, G7 Foreign Ministers expressed their commitment to upholding the international order based on the rule of law. The G7 members reaffirmed their solidarity with Ukraine and welcomed Ukraine's commitment to a just and lasting peace. The ministers also condemned Russia's continued war of aggression against Ukraine. The parties urged Russia to withdraw all forces and equipment from Ukraine and respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. The G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and intensifying sanctions on Russia and their continued resolve to support Ukraine through military and defence assistance. The G7 members also reaffirmed their shared commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive and based on the rule of law, shared principles, territorial integrity, transparency, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the peaceful resolution of disputes.²¹⁹²

On 24 February 2023, the European Union marked the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen spoke at the European Parliament. Commissioner von der Leyen reiterated that Ukraine's future is in the EU and that the EU has thus far provided Ukraine with EUR67 billion in economic, humanitarian and military aid and has passed nine packages of sanctions against Russia.²¹⁹³

On 24 February 2023, the European Union participated in a meeting with the other G7 Heads of State and Government. Within a joint statement, the leaders condemned Russia for violating the Charter of the United Nations and called on Russia to end the war. The signatories also reaffirmed their commitment to aiding Ukraine's recovery and to supporting Ukraine's reform agenda. As the G7, they will also establish an

²¹⁸⁸ Iran: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/iran-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union/>

²¹⁸⁹ European Peace Facility: Council adopts assistance measure in support of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/european-peace-facility-council-adopts-assistance-measure-in-support-of-the-jordanian-armed-forces/>

²¹⁹⁰ Armenia: EU launches a civilian mission to contribute to stability in border areas, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/armenia-eu-launches-a-civilian-mission-to-contribute-to-stability-in-border-areas/>

²¹⁹¹ Mme Catherine Colonna's participation in the Foreign Affairs Council, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/europe/news/article/european-union-mme-catherine-colonna-s-participation-in-the-foreign-affairs-271564>

²¹⁹² G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement at the Munich Security Conference, U.S. Department of State (Munich) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-at-the-munich-security-conference/>

²¹⁹³ Speech by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament Plenary on one year of Russia's invasion and war of aggression against Ukraine, European Commission (Strasbourg) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_23_844

Enforcement Coordination Mechanism to exclude Russia from doing business with G7 economies and they vowed to put in place further sanctions to prevent Russia from accessing critical materials, energy and finances it uses to fuel its war.²¹⁹⁴

On 25 February 2023, the European Union adopted its tenth Russian sanctions package. It imposed further export bans on critical goods that contribute to Russia's defence sector. It also includes Iranian entities manufacturing equipment used by Russia to target civilian infrastructure.²¹⁹⁵

On 27 February 2023, the European Union presented its preliminary findings on the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) in Nigeria, which was present for Nigeria's general elections on 25 February. The European Union member election observers commended the positive role of youth and media in the democratic process in Nigeria, but noted that there were transparency, operational and integrity concerns.²¹⁹⁶

On 28 February 2023, the European Commission launched two calls for proposals under the ReadyforEU project to help Ukrainian businesses benefit from the European Union's single market. The project has a budget of EUR7.5 million under the Single Market Programme, which Ukraine signed to join on 2 February. The project will help rebuild Ukraine by offering it better access to the European market.²¹⁹⁷

On 2 March 2023, at the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in India High Representative Borrell focused his interventions on Russia's violation of international law and the UN Charter. He also highlighted the importance of a stronger multilateralism system. High Representative Borrell also had bilateral discussions with the Foreign Ministers of Singapore, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria, Armenia and Bangladesh during his visit to India. Most parties strongly condemned the war in Ukraine. Members also stressed the essentiality in upholding international law and the importance of the multilateral system in safeguarding peace and security. Participants also stressed the importance of revitalizing multilateral fora to adequately address contemporary global challenges and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent and accountable.^{2198,2199}

On 3 March 2023, the Council of the European Union approved further support to the Somali National Army and to the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) through the European Peace Facility. EPF funding for ATMIS is one element of a broader, coordinated and coherent engagement of the EU to support security and peace in Somalia and in the Horn of Africa region.²²⁰⁰

²¹⁹⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement, European Commission (Brussels) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_1229

²¹⁹⁵ One year of Russia's full-scale invasion and war of aggression against Ukraine, EU adopts its 10th package of economic and individual sanctions, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/25/one-year-of-russia-s-full-scale-invasion-and-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-its-10th-package-of-economic-and-individual-sanctions/>

²¹⁹⁶ Elections held on schedule, but lack of transparency and operational failures reduced trust in the process and challenged the right to vote, European External Action Service (Abuja) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eom-nigeria-2023/elections-held-schedule-lack-transparency-and-operational-failures-reduced-trust_en

²¹⁹⁷ European Commission launches €7.5 million calls to support the integration of Ukrainian SMEs in the Single Market, European External Action Service (Brussels) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/european-commission-launches-%E2%82%AC75-million-calls-support-integration-ukrainian_en

²¹⁹⁸ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New Delhi, 1-2 March 2023), G20 2023 India (New Delhi) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FMM_OUTCOME_DOC.pdf

²¹⁹⁹ India: High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell ends visit to India, European External Action Service (Brussels) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/india-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-ends-visit-india_en

²²⁰⁰ EU support to Somalia: Council approves further support under the European Peace Facility to the Somali National Army and to the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), Council of the European Union (Brussels) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/02/eu-support-to-somalia-council-approves-further-support-under-the-european-peace-facility-to-the-somali-national-army-and-to-the-african-union-transition-mission-in-somalia-atmis/>

On 4 March 2023, President von der Leyen released a statement regarding the establishment of an International Centre for the Prosecution of Crimes of Aggression (ICPA) against Ukraine. The European Union noted that while they are supportive of the International Criminal Court, it believes that there must be a dedicated tribunal to handle and prosecute Russia's crimes outside of the International Criminal Court, as Russia does not accept ICC jurisdiction. The Joint Investigation Team consists of the International Criminal Court, Ukraine and Lithuania, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Romania.²²⁰¹

On 4 April 2023, at a working lunch High Representative Borrell and Japan's Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi expressed their optimism towards Japan-EU partnership in advancing a rule-based international order.²²⁰²

On 6 March 2023, President von der Leyen visited Canada for a meeting with Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau. They discussed their unwavering military, energy and recovery support for the Ukrainian resistance against Russian aggression and reiterated their support for investigations by the International Criminal Court and the UN Commission of Enquiry into war crimes committed. Commissioner von der Leyen and Prime Minister Trudeau also discussed how disinformation poses a threat to security and to democracy and vowed to continue cooperating to safeguard democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms.²²⁰³

On 6 March 2023, the Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of France, Germany, Australia, Canada, United States, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom, Switzerland and the European Union met to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. In a statement, the representatives expressed their concern over the growing deterioration of human rights, especially against women and girls, members of ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized groups. Signatories also expressed concern over the growing threat posed by terrorist groups in Afghanistan, which pose the potential to harm the security and stability of the country and the greater region.²²⁰⁴

On 8 March 2023, foreign ministers of Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the High Representative of the European Union released a statement on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan on the occasion of International Women's Day. Drawing attention to the decline in human rights of women and girls in the country, the signatories expressed a need to reverse such legislation that harmed Afghan women and girls. Moreover, the foreign ministers reaffirmed the importance of the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and their equal and meaningful participation in society. The foreign ministers also expressed their support for the resistance efforts of Afghan women and girls.²²⁰⁵

On 8 March 2023, the European Union and South Korea held their 19th Joint Committee to reinforce their Strategic Partnership and address global security and challenges. The parties discussed Russia's aggression against Ukraine as well as North Korea's violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and noted their condemnation. The EU reiterated its intention to strengthen its political and security presence in the Indo-

²²⁰¹ Statement by President von der Leyen on the establishment of the International Centre for the Prosecution of Crimes of Aggression against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_1363

²²⁰² EU HR Borrell meets Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://newsroom.consilium.europa.eu/events/20230404-eu-hr-borrell-meets-minister-for-foreign-affairs-of-japan>

²²⁰³ Joint press release on Canada-EU relations, European Commission (Brussels) 7 March 2023. Access Date 7 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1486

²²⁰⁴ Joint statement on Afghanistan (March 6, 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/afghanistan/evenements/article/declaration-conjointe-sur-l-afghanistan-06-03-23>

²²⁰⁵ Joint Statement from Foreign Ministers on the Situation for Women and Girls in Afghanistan on International Women's Day, Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan (Brussels) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/joint-statement-foreign-ministers-situation-women-and-girls-afghanistan_en?s=234

Pacific and the two sides looked at potential areas of expanded EU-Korea security cooperation, including in maritime security, cyber security, counter-terrorism and disinformation. The two parties looked forward to further cooperation in the G20.²²⁰⁶

On 9 March 2023, the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia Terhi Hakala met with the Acting Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov in Tashkent. They discussed the results of their bilateral and inter-regional high-level talks over the past year and committed to strengthening EU-Uzbekistan cooperation, particularly under the bilateral Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.²²⁰⁷

On 8 March 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement on behalf of the European Union regarding the increasing violence and extremism in Israel and in the Palestinian territory. High Representative Borrell called for an end to Israeli settlement expansion, violent terror attacks and settler violence and emphasized that military responses to violence must be proportional and in line with international law. A political solution involving a two-state settlement is the only secure and peaceful way forward, HR Borrell said.²²⁰⁸

On 9 March 2023, the European Union and Canada held their fourth meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) under the Strategic Partnership Agreement. The JCC concluded with recommendations to the Joint Ministerial Committee, notably to maintain close coordination and enhance cooperation on foreign policy, human rights and democracy, security and defence, justice and home affairs.²²⁰⁹

On 9 March 2023, the Council of the European Union approved conclusions reaffirming climate and energy diplomacy as a key foreign policy priority for the EU. The conclusions committed to accelerate the ongoing global energy transition by working more closely with global partners to implement the Paris Agreement. They also stressed that it is important to increase collective climate finance in order to help more vulnerable countries in both energy transition and adapting to climate change. The triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine has resulted in a global energy and food crisis. The EU aims to guide an intensified diplomatic climate outreach in 2023.²²¹⁰

On 10 March 2023, President von der Leyen released a joint statement with the President of the United States Joe Biden. They stated their commitment to cooperation in countering Russia's war in Ukraine. They stated that they are planning to evolve multilateral development banks, beginning with the World Bank, to better meet global challenges. Commissioner von der Leyen and President Biden committed to strengthening transatlantic cooperation in economic and national security through the rules-based system. In particular, they committed to working closely through the US-EU Trade and Technology Council as well as the G7 to increase economic resilience.²²¹¹

²²⁰⁶ Republic of Korea: 19th Joint Committee with the European Union takes place in Brussels, European External Action Service (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/republic-korea-19th-joint-committee-european-union-takes-place-brussels_en

²²⁰⁷ EU Special Representative for Central Asia Terhi Hakala met with Acting Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov, Delegation of the European Union to Uzbekistan (Brussels) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uzbekistan/eu-special-representative-central-asia-terhi-hakala-met-acting-foreign_en

²²⁰⁸ Israel/Palestine: Statement of the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the latest developments, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/08/israel-palestine-statement-of-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-latest-developments>

²²⁰⁹ EU-Canada: 4th meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee under the Strategic Partnership Agreement, European External Action Service (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-canada-4th-meeting-joint-cooperation-committee-under-strategic-partnership-agreement_en

²²¹⁰ Council approves conclusions bolstering climate and energy diplomacy in a critical decade, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/09/council-approves-conclusions-bolstering-climate-and-energy-diplomacy-in-a-critical-decade/>

²²¹¹ Joint Statement by President Biden and President von der Leyen, European Commission (Washington) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_1613

On 10 March 2023, the European Commission and High Representative Borrell released a Joint Communication on a European Space Strategy for Security and Defence. The EU has, through its Strategic Compass, identified space as a strategic domain in the current geopolitical competition. The Strategy proposed an EU space law, defining security and defence needs in space, reducing supply chain dependencies, and closer coordination with the European Defence Agency and the European Space Agency. The Commission stated that the EU will strengthen its bilateral engagement with the United States in this domain as well as its multilateral cooperation fora such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other like-minded partners.²²¹²

On 10 March 2023, the Council of the European Union approved conclusions on the role of civic space and promoting fundamental democratic rights within the EU. The Council invited member states to provide a safe and independent environment for civil society organizations and human rights activists, as well as to increase civil society participation in drafting and implementing new EU legislations and policies.²²¹³

On 10 March 2023, the European Union and Kazakhstan held the 14th Human Rights Dialogue and 20th Subcommittee on Justice and Home Affairs meetings in Brussels. Both parties agreed to the full implementation of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, including further cooperation on strengthening human rights and rule of law in Kazakhstan. The EU expressed hope that the upcoming parliamentary and local elections will take place in a fair, open and transparent manner. The EU welcomed the extensive package of political, social and economic reforms adopted for a more “Just and Fair Kazakhstan”, including the establishment of a Constitutional Court to ensure more effective protection of human rights and amendments strengthening the status of the Ombudsperson. The EU called for the effective implementation of these reforms while stressing the need for continuing reforms. In addition, they discussed the importance of civil society dialogue, tackling violence against women, judicial cooperation and freedom of association. The EU also called on Kazakhstan to work with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other human rights organizations to investigate the human rights violations that occurred during protests in Kazakhstan in January 2022.²²¹⁴

On 13 March 2023, the European Council announced its decision to prolong the restrictive measures targeting individuals responsible for undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine for another six months, until 15 September 2023. The existing restrictive measures provide for travel restrictions, the freezing of assets and a ban on making funds or other economic resources available to the listed individuals and entities.²²¹⁵

On 14 March 2023, the European Council increased the funding ceiling for the European Peace Facility to almost EUR8 billion until 2027. High Representative Borrell stated that ensuring the financial stability of the EPF is crucial not only to support Ukraine against Russia’s invasion, but also to continue to support the security of partners in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.²²¹⁶

²²¹² An EU Space Strategy for Security and Defence to ensure a stronger and more resilient EU, European Commission (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 31 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1601

²²¹³ Fundamental rights: Council approves conclusions on the role of the civic space, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/10/fundamental-rights-council-approves-conclusions-on-the-role-of-the-civic-space/>

²²¹⁴ EU-Kazakhstan: Annual Human Rights Dialogue and Subcommittee on Justice and Home Affairs meetings, European External Action Service (Brussels) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 3 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eu-kazakhstan-annual-human-rights-dialogue-and-subcommittee-justice-and-home-affairs-meetings_en

²²¹⁵ Ukraine’s territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence: EU renews individual restrictive measures for six months, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/13/ukraine-s-territorial-integrity-sovereignty-and-independence-eu-renews-individual-restrictive-measures-for-six-months/>

²²¹⁶ European Peace Facility: Council increases the financial ceiling to nearly €7.98 billion until 2027, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/14/european-peace-facility-council-increases-the-financial-ceiling-to-nearly-7-98-billion-until-2027/>

On 14 March 2023, the European Union, Latin America and Caribbean partners launched the EU-LAC Digital Alliance, a joint initiative to support a human-focused digital transformation. The EU will contribute EUR145 million. The Alliance aims to ensure the development of digital infrastructure using a values-based framework, which puts strong emphasis on democracy, transparency and privacy rights.²²¹⁷

On 16 March 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement to mark the 12th anniversary of the onset of war in Syria. High Representative Borrell condemned the human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law by all conflict parties. He stated that the international community must keep working towards a durable political solution for Syria and that the EU remains fully committed to reaching this goal, for example through its special envoy to Syria.

On 16 March 2023, the European Union and Albania held their twelfth Stabilisation and Association Council meeting in Tirana. The meeting provided an opportunity to acknowledge Albania's progress in its preparations for European Union membership and within the framework of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, and discuss how to further intensify relations between the EU and Albania. The EU appreciated Albania's alignment with EU Common Foreign and Security Policy and underlined the need to further cooperate on foreign and security issues. The EU commended Albania on the good progress overall made through the continued implementation of the comprehensive justice reform while stressing the need to further progress in pending areas of minorities, freedom of expression and media freedom.²²¹⁸

On 16 March 2023, the Council of the European Union adopted an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility valued EUR9 million towards the army of North Macedonia, intended to bolster security and defence in the Western Balkans. The assistance will strengthen the capacities of the North Macedonian army. The EPF aims to prevent conflict, preserve peace and strengthen international security and stability.²²¹⁹

On 17 March 2023, the European Commission released EUR75 million in humanitarian funding as part of the 'International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants and their Host Countries and Communities' which was co-organized by the European Union and Canada. The Conference brought together representatives from neighbouring countries hosting Venezuelan migrants and refugees, EU Member States and other donor countries, international and local organizations and the private sector to address the humanitarian situation in Venezuela and the region.²²²⁰

On 17 March 2023, the European Union and North Macedonia held its 16th Stabilisation and Association Council meeting in Skopje. The EU strongly underlined the importance of further deepening cooperation with North Macedonia on foreign policy issues but commended North Macedonia for its aligned with the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy. The EU appreciated North Macedonia's reforms and encouraged further judiciary and fundamental rights reforms in North Macedonia to enhance transparency, independence and impartiality of the judicial system.²²²¹

²²¹⁷ Global Gateway: EU, Latin America and Caribbean partners launch in Colombia the EU-LAC Digital Alliance, European Commission (Bogota) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1598

²²¹⁸ Joint press statement following the 12th meeting of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/16/joint-press-statement-following-the-12th-meeting-of-the-eu-albania-stabilisation-and-association-council/>

²²¹⁹ European Peace Facility: Council adopts assistance measure in support of the army of North Macedonia, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023.

²²²⁰ Venezuelan crisis: Commission releases €75 million in humanitarian funding during 2023 International Solidarity Conference, European Commission (Brussels) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 30 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1659

²²²¹ Joint press statement following the 16th meeting of the EU – North Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/17/joint-press-statement-following-the-16th-meeting-of-the-eu-north-macedonia-stabilisation-and-association-council/>

On 17 March 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement condemning North Korea's missile launched days prior. The European Union called on North Korea to abandon nuclear weapons development and to comply with its obligations under the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The EU also expressed solidarity with Japan and South Korea.²²²²

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The ministers noted that the action undermined regional and international peace and security and demanded that North Korea abandon all nuclear programs and fully comply with all obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The ministers also expressed concern towards the humanitarian situation in North Korea and noted their commitment to working with partners towards the goal of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and upholding the rules-based international order.²²²³

On 20 March 2023, the European Union and Iraq released a Joint Declaration on sustainable development, governance, regional connectivity and sustainable finance. The two countries reiterated the importance of enhancing cooperation between them, to consolidate, deepen and diversify their relations in areas of mutual interest on the basis of respect for sovereignty, equality, non-discrimination, rule of law and good governance. Most notably, The EU and Iraq reaffirmed cooperation on reforms in Iraq, which would include regulatory frameworks, improving governance and basic service delivery, as well as improving transparency and fighting corruption.²²²⁴

On 20 March 2023, the Council of the European Union extended the mandate of EU military Operation IRINI in the Mediterranean until March 2025. The EU will contribute a further EUR17 million for the Operation under the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), which is a part of a larger international process to help restore peace and security in Libya through a UN arms embargo.²²²⁵

On 20 March 2023, the Council of the European Union approved conclusions reaffirming the EU's commitment to peace and stability in Afghanistan. The EU condemned the Taliban's systemic violation of the human rights of ethnic and religious minorities, human rights defenders, LGBTIQ persons, journalists, politicians and women and girls. The Council concluded that the EU stands ready to further enhance support to Afghanistan's neighbours and partners and is ready to adopt additional targeted sanctions.²²²⁶

On 20 March 2023, the Council of the European Union imposed additional sanctions on those responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran. The EU urged the Iranian authorities to stop the violent crackdown against peaceful protests, cease their resort to arbitrary detentions as a means of silencing critical voices, and release all those unjustly detained.²²²⁷

²²²² North Korea/DPRK: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile on 15 March, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/17/north-korea-dprk-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu-on-the-launch-of-an-intercontinental-ballistic-missile-on-15-march/>

²²²³ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/230319-north-korea.html>

²²²⁴ EU-Iraq Joint Declaration on sustainable development, green transition, governance, regional connectivity and sustainable finance, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/20/eu-iraq-joint-declaration-on-sustainable-development-green-transition-governance-regional-connectivity-and-sustainable-finance/>

²²²⁵ Council extends mandate of EU military Operation IRINI in the Mediterranean until 2025, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 1 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/20/council-extends-mandate-of-eu-military-operation-irini-in-the-mediterranean-until-2025/>

²²²⁶ Afghanistan: Council approves conclusions, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/20/afghanistan-council-approves-conclusions-on-afghanistan/>

²²²⁷ Human rights violations in Iran: EU sanctions additional eight individuals and one entity, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/20/human-rights-violations-in-iran-eu-sanctions-additional-eight-individuals-and-one-entity/>

On 21 March 2023, the European Commission paid a second instalment of EUR1.5 billion of the up to EUR 18 billion Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) Plus package for Ukraine. The funding intends to maintain jobs and essential public services running, along with economic stability and infrastructure restoration. The payment came after the Commission concluded that Ukraine has made good progress towards implementing the agreed policy conditions such as strengthening rule of law and enhancing transparency.²²²⁸

On 23 March 2023, the European Council met with United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres. They underlined their shared commitment to multilateralism with the United Nations at its core and explored possibilities for closer cooperation. Leaders and the Secretary-General focused especially on development financing and called for the reform of global governance actors like multilateral development banks to strengthen their role in addressing current global challenges like sustainable development, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, food insecurity, climate change and pollution.²²²⁹

On 24 March 2023, the European Union and the United States conducted their first-ever joint naval exercise. The joint naval exercise took place in the framework of the EU and U.S. patrolling and exercising high seas freedom of navigation and is part of the shared commitment of the EU and US to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific, in line with documents such as the EU Strategic Compass, the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, and the US Indo-Pacific Strategy. The EU and the US reaffirmed their commitment to further coordinate on regional maritime security in order to support freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of the sea in the Indo-Pacific.²²³⁰

On 24 March 2023, High Representative Borrell travelled to the Dominican Republic for the 28th Ibero-American Summit. He met with leaders and representatives from the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia and other regional leaders to discuss bilateral relations and the international agenda. High Representative Borrell reaffirmed the EU's enthusiasm to deepen partnerships in the region, particularly in areas of digital and green transitions, economics trade, sustainable development, energy and security.²²³¹

On 27 March 2023, the European Union Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina released a statement condemning recent moves by leadership in the province of Republika Srpska (RS) to ban LGBT persons from education institutions, criminalize defamation and restrict the work of NGOs. The EU stated that these recent developments shrink civic space, reject fundamental European values and harm Bosnia and Herzegovina's accession progress.²²³²

On 28 March 2023, the European Union and Timor-Leste met in Geneva to sign a deal on bilateral market access as part of Timor-Leste's accession to the World Trade Organization. With this agreement, the EU seeks to support both Timor-Leste and rules-based trade more generally.²²³³

²²²⁸ Commission pays a further €1.5 billion in macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/commission-pays-further-%E2%82%AC15-billion-macro-financial-assistance-ukraine_en

²²²⁹ Readout of the working session of the European Council with the UN Secretary General, European Council (Brussels) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/23/readout-of-the-working-session-of-the-european-council-with-the-un-secretary-general/>

²²³⁰ US: first ever joint naval exercise conducted between the EU and U.S., European External Action Service (Brussels) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/us-first-ever-joint-naval-exercise-conducted-between-eu-and-us_en

²²³¹ HR/VP Josep Borrell travels to Dominican Republic, attends XXVIII Ibero-American Summit, Delegation of the European Union to Chile (Brussels) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/chile/hrvp-josep-borrell-travels-dominican-republic-attends-xxviii-ibero-american_en

²²³² EU in BiH on recent developments in the RS, Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Brussels) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/bosnia-and-herzegovina/eu-bih-recent-developments-rs_en

²²³³ EU and Timor-Leste sign deal on WTO accession, Permanent Mission of the European Union to the World Trade Organization (WTO) (Brussels) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/world-trade-organization-wto/eu-and-timor-leste-sign-deal-wto-accession_en

On 28 March 2023, the European Union and Japan met in Tokyo to review their progress on the Strategic Partnership Agreement. The meeting of the Joint Committee focused on the priorities of Japan's G7 presidency and potential membership on the United Nations Security Council. Discussions also addressed maintaining the international rules-based order and protecting human rights, with specific reference to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Recognizing the growing geopolitical instability and pressure on the security environment, the EU and Japan stated the need for continued strong cooperation in multilateral fora. They expressed willingness to increase bilateral cooperation in pursuit of peace and security, including in the cyber, maritime and space realms and disinformation.²²³⁴

On 29 March 2023, President Michel provided a written statement for the 2023 Summit for Democracy. He reaffirmed the European Union's support for developed and developing democracies around the world. He reiterated support for developing democracies by calling for the inclusion of the African Union in the G20 as well as a reformed World Trade Organization. He condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine and reiterated the EU's support for Ukraine's accession path.²²³⁵ President von der Leyen also provided a speech which reiterated support for Ukraine.²²³⁶

On 29 March 2023, President von der Leyen met with the President of Kenya William Ruto in Brussels to discuss strengthening cooperation between the European Union and Kenya under the Global Gateway Initiative with a strong focus on the green transition and sustainability. A main deliverable is a public transit project in Nairobi that will support mobility of youth, women, low-income households and people with disabilities.²²³⁷

On 29 March 2023, the European Investment Bank approved the "EU for Ukraine" Initiative to finance Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction. The "EU for Ukraine" Initiative is as a temporary scheme which will enable continued EIB engagement in the country while expected medium term EU support is put in place. EIB also agreed to EUR1.8 billion financing for sustainable transport, corporate innovation, clean energy, climate action and digitalisation in Europe and around the world.²²³⁸

On 29 March 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement concerning the dissolution of democratic political parties in Myanmar by the military-appointed Union Election Commission. High Representative Borrell stated that this action is another blow to democracy by the military regime and only an inclusive political process involving democratic political parties, civil society, religious and minority leaders, ethnic groups, the National Unity Government, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the National Unity Consultative Council and all other relevant stakeholders in Myanmar can bring stability and democracy to Myanmar. The European Union reiterated its support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) peace efforts in Myanmar.²²³⁹

²²³⁴ Japan: Joint Committee with the European Union takes place in Tokyo, European External Action Service (Brussels) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/japan-joint-committee-european-union-takes-place-tokyo_en

²²³⁵ Written contribution by European Council President Charles Michel to the Summit for Democracy 2023, European Council (Brussels) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/29/written-contribution-by-european-council-president-charles-michel-to-the-summit-for-democracy/>

²²³⁶ Speech by President von der Leyen at the second Summit for Democracy, via videoconference, European Commission (Brussels) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_23_2041

²²³⁷ Global Gateway: Team Europe invests in transformative green mobility in Nairobi, European Commission (Brussels) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1928

²²³⁸ EIB approves "EU for Ukraine" Initiative to finance Ukraine recovery and reconstruction, and backs transport, energy and business investment around the world, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-157-eib-approves-eu-for-ukraine-initiative-to-finance-ukraine-recovery-and-reconstruction-and-backs-transport-energy-and-business-investment-around-the-world.htm>

²²³⁹ Myanmar: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the dissolution of democratic political parties, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/29/myanmar-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-dissolution-of-democratic-political-parties/>

On 30 March 2023, President von der Leyen visited the Mercator Institute for China Studies to discuss European Union-China relations. She stressed that the EU needs to ensure diplomatic stability and open communication with China while also countering China's tightening security and control at home and abroad.²²⁴⁰

On 30 March 2023, MEPs reviewed the European Commission's report on the current state of the rule of law in member European Union states. MEPs noted that judicial independence, surveillance, media freedom and anti-corruption remain an issue to varying degrees in some member states such as Greece, Spain and Malta. During the discussion that preceded the vote, many MEPs welcomed the Commission's monitoring work, but demanded political courage and effective follow-up on findings, including corrective measures, especially in cases where things are not improving or where the backsliding is intentional.²²⁴¹

On 30 March 2023, the European Union and Norway held their third Structured Dialogue on Security and Defence in Oslo. The EU and Norway condemned Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and expressed intention to continue cooperating in order to support Ukraine. In particular, both sides confirmed to work together to secure ammunition for Ukraine. The parties also recognized the very good results from the EU Military Assistance Mission for Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine) and committed to continue their close defence partnership as laid out in the EU's Strategic Compass.²²⁴²

On 2 April 2023, the European Union Delegation to Yemen released a statement marking the first anniversary of the United Nations-mediated truce in Yemen. The EU reiterated its support for UN-led peace efforts in Yemen.²²⁴³

On 5 April 2023, the European Union participated along with the Government of Ukraine, the G7 Members of the Steering Committee and delegates from international financial institutions in the second meeting of the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform. The meeting of the Steering Committee confirmed the Platform's important role as a catalyst for mobilising the international commitments required to respond to Ukraine's needs in 2023 and beyond. The European Commission reiterated the EU's support to Ukraine both during Russia's invasion and during Ukraine's path towards EU accession.²²⁴⁴

On 5 April 2023, the European Commission announced that it would provide EUR50 million in financial support to the Republic of Moldova as part of the Macrofinancial Assistance (MFA) package worth EUR150 million. The financial aid seeks to support overall macroeconomic stability while also supporting Moldova's reform process as part of its European Union candidacy. The Commission concluded that Moldova has fulfilled the necessary policy conditions and has made good progress on strengthening rule of law, anti-corruption efforts and public sector governance.²²⁴⁵

²²⁴⁰ Speech by President von der Leyen on EU-China relations to the Mercator Institute for China Studies and the European Policy Centre, European Commission (Brussels) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_23_2063

²²⁴¹ MEPs assess Commission's rule of law monitoring in the member states, European Parliament (Brussels) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230327IPR78539/meps-assess-commission-s-rule-of-law-monitoring-in-the-member-states>

²²⁴² Norway: third Dialogue on Security and Defence with the EU, European External Action Service (Brussels) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/norway-third-dialogue-security-and-defence-eu_en

²²⁴³ Statement by the EU Delegation to Yemen on the Anniversary of the UN-mediated Truce, Delegation of the European Union to Yemen (Amman) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/yemen/statement-eu-delegation-yemen-anniversary-un-mediated-truce_en

²²⁴⁴ Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform ramps up efforts to help Ukraine address priority recovery needs in 2023, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2102

²²⁴⁵ Commission to pay €50 million in financial support to Moldova, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova (Brussels) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/commission-pay-%E2%82%AC50-million-financial-support-moldova_en

On 5 April 2023, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights Eamon Gilmore wrapped up a three-day visit to the Philippines. Gilmore noted that the Philippines has been slow to make progress on prosecuting extrajudicial killings and called for the release of Senator Leila de Lima from prison. In his meeting with Foreign Affairs Secretary Manalo, the EU Special Representative expressed his gratitude for the Philippines' consistent support for all UNGA resolutions related to Russian aggression against Ukraine.²²⁴⁶

On 5 April 2023, European Investment Bank Vice President Teresa Czerwinska met with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Warsaw for the Polish-Ukrainian Economic Forum. Vice President Czerwinska briefed Zelenskyy on the EIB's support in emergency financing for critical infrastructure and for businesses in Ukraine, and reaffirmed the EIB's commitment to Ukraine's reconstruction now and after the war to ensure that Ukraine recovers as a democratic nation.²²⁴⁷

On 6 April 2023, President von der Leyen marked the end of her visit to China, where she met with President Xi Jinping along with President of France Emmanuel Macron. She noted that the EU counts on China to not supply arms to Russia and to fulfil its obligations on the United Nations Security Council. The EU also expressed to China its concerns about the deterioration of human rights in China, particularly in Xinjiang province. President von der Leyen welcomed China's positive global developments on climate change.²²⁴⁸

On 7 April 2023, High Representative Borrell released a statement on behalf of the European Union regarding the Taliban's banning of Afghan women to work for the United Nations and any of its affiliated agencies. The EU joins the UN call on the Taliban to reverse these bans immediately and to ensure women and girls' equal access to education and to all social, economic and public spheres of life. The EU called upon the Taliban to deliver on their promises and prove their ability to respect and protect human rights and provide basic services for the entire population of Afghanistan.²²⁴⁹

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order. The European Union has taken substantial steps towards fulfilling its commitment to the rules-based multilateral order in all three areas of the rules-based multilateral order, through political, economic and military action.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²²⁴⁶ EU Special Representative for Human Rights Eamon Gilmore concludes three-day visit to the Philippines, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines (Brussels) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/philippines/eu-special-representative-human-rights-eamon-gilmore-concludes-three-day_en

²²⁴⁷ Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanks the EIB for supporting Ukraine, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/news/volodymyr-zelenskyy-thanks-eib-for-supporting-ukraine>

²²⁴⁸ Remarks by President von der Leyen at the press conference at the end of her visit to China, European Commission (Beijing) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_2147

²²⁴⁹ Afghanistan: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on Taliban banning Afghan women from working for the UN, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/04/07/afghanistan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-taliban-banning-afghan-women-from-working-for-the-un/>

8. Health: Pandemic Preparedness

“[In order to avoid devastating consequences of future pandemics, regain lost ground and attain universal health coverage (UHC) per the 2030 Agenda, we reaffirm our commitment to] ... step up our efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average		+0.50 (75%)	

Background

The unremitting presence of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has propelled countries to implement measures to prevent future pandemics and protect the health and safety of all countries. The importance of health and safety has been a pertinent topic in G7 summits, dating back to the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic at the 1987 conference in Venice.²²⁵⁰ The primary objective during this summit was to prevent the spread of AIDS by “strengthening existing organizations by giving them full political support and by providing them with the necessary financial, personnel and administrative resources.”²²⁵¹ The G7 sought the help of the World Health Organization (WHO), expressing that “the World Health Organization is the best forum for drawing together international efforts on a worldwide level to combat AIDS.”²²⁵² Ensuing, the G7 and the WHO have worked in tandem to establish quicker and more effective responses to emerging health threats across the globe.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the consequences of not being fully prepared for a global outbreak. As of 25 September 2022, approximately 6.5 million died worldwide from the coronavirus.²²⁵³ On 27 April 2022, the WHO released a policy brief titled “Strengthening pandemic preparedness planning for respiratory pathogens.” The document outlined core elements that states are encouraged to undertake in order to be fully prepared in the event of another pandemic. These elements are to a) develop an integrated approach to respiratory pathogen pandemic preparedness planning and b) enhance national sub-national functional

²²⁵⁰ Chairman’s statement on AIDS, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 June 1987. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1987venice/aids.html>

²²⁵¹ Chairman’s statement on AIDS, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 June 1987. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1987venice/aids.html>

²²⁵² Chairman’s statement on AIDS, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 June 1987. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1987venice/aids.html>

²²⁵³ Coronavirus death toll, Worldometer (Dover) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

capacities for preparedness.²²⁵⁴ The policy brief also details actions that states should undertake as they initiate or update their national and sub-national pandemic preparedness planning processes.²²⁵⁵

From 1980 to 2009, the G8 concentrated its health-related decision-making on the following core issues: HIV/AIDS, multiple diseases, medicine, polio, diseases in general, malaria, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and research.²²⁵⁶ Of its 206 health commitments made from 1983 to 2006, the G8 has complied with its health governance pledge with an overall level of +53 per cent.²²⁵⁷ Compliance has been led by the above-average performance of the European Union at +80 per cent, Canada at +75 per cent, the United States at +73 per cent, Britain at +67 per cent and France at 53 per cent.²²⁵⁸

At the 2006 St. Petersburg Summit, G8 leaders formed a response to the threat of infectious diseases due to the emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza, with the possibility of human transmission and the eventuality of a pandemic.²²⁵⁹ The summit focused on least developed countries, specifically in Africa, where there is limited access to healthcare resources, information, and a workforce trained to fight against an outbreak. The G8 leaders committed to strengthening the Global Network for Surveillance and Monitoring of Infectious Diseases as well as increasing global preparedness for the possibility of a human pandemic.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, the G7 leaders committed to taking “concrete actions for advancing global health.”²²⁶⁰ In response to the emerging health crises of the Ebola and Zika viruses, G7 leaders agreed to improve the prevention of, detection of and response to public health emergencies. This commitment involved recognition of the WHO playing a key role in leading and coordinating emergency health plans in the event of an outbreak.

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders committed to “strengthening health systems, preparedness for, and a prompt, effective and coordinated response to public health emergencies and long-term challenges.”²²⁶¹

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders committed to “supporting strong, sustainable health systems that promote access to quality and affordable healthcare for all.”²²⁶² Further, G7 leaders recognized the role of the WHO in health emergencies, as well as the need for sustainable financing through the Contingency Fund for Emergencies and the World Bank’s Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility.

At the 2020 USA Virtual Summit, G7 leaders pledged “to protect the health and safety of everyone in our countries,” a promise that came after the coronavirus pandemic.²²⁶³ Their pledge included enhancing efforts to

²²⁵⁴ Strengthening pandemic preparedness planning for respiratory pathogens: policy brief, World Health Organization (Geneva) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Policy_brief-pandemic_preparedness-2022.1

²²⁵⁵ Strengthening pandemic preparedness planning for respiratory pathogens: policy brief, World Health Organization (Geneva) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Policy_brief-pandemic_preparedness-2022.1

²²⁵⁶ Health: Accountability: The G8’s Compliance record from 1975 to 2009, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 December 2009. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/scholar/kirton-guebert-health-091228.pdf>

²²⁵⁷ Compliance with Health Commitments: The G8 Record, 1975-2007, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 December 2009. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/compliance-health-080620.pdf>

²²⁵⁸ Compliance with Health Commitments: The G8 Record, 1975-2007, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 December 2009. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/compliance-health-080620.pdf>

²²⁵⁹ Fight Against Infectious Disease, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 July 2006. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2006stpetersburg/infdis.html>

²²⁶⁰ Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/health.html>

²²⁶¹ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021taormina/communique.html>

²²⁶² The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

²²⁶³ G7 Leaders’ Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 March 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2020usa/covid-200316.html>

strengthen health systems globally as well as supporting the WHO's global mandate to “lead on disease outbreaks and emergencies with health consequences, leaving no geographical vacuum, and encouraging all countries, international organizations, and the private sector to assist global efforts such as the Global Preparedness and Response Plan.”

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders committed to take action on disease prevention by stating, “we pledge to lead the way in building a resilient, integrated and inclusive global health system prepared and equipped to prevent the causes and escalation of disease, and to detect emerging health threats quickly.”²²⁶⁴

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau summit, leaders committed to “step up [their] efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach.”²²⁶⁵

“Reaffirm” is understood to mean “‘affirm again’ whereby affirm is to assert strongly, state as fact, confirm or ratify a judgment.”²²⁶⁶

“Step up” should be interpreted “to mean progression or movement forward. It does not include past or previous performance.”²²⁶⁷ Past measures should not be of central importance but can be included if further or additional attention is applied.

The term “prevent” is understood to mean “to keep from happening or existing; to hold or to keep back.”²²⁶⁸ Specifically, this refers to the causes (origins) and escalation (worsening) of disease. “Disease” is understood to mean “a condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms.”²²⁶⁹ In this commitment, this refers exclusively to communicable diseases. Communicable diseases include infectious diseases of pathogenic origins (i.e. SARS-CoV-2, hepatitis, HIV, tuberculosis, et cetera).²²⁷⁰ More specifically, emerging infectious diseases which fall under the umbrella of communicable diseases are defined as “infections that newly appear in a population, or have existed but are [rapidly] increasing in incidence or geographic range.”²²⁷¹

“Pandemic preparedness” is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as “a continuous process of planning, exercising, revising and translating into action national and sub-national pandemic preparedness and response plans.”²²⁷²

The “One Health approach” is an “integrated, unifying approach to balance and optimize the health of people, animals and the environment.”²²⁷³ COVID-19 is just one example of a disease caused by viruses that have

²²⁶⁴ Health: Disease Prevention, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2021compliance-final/03-2021-G7-final-compliance-disease-prevention.pdf>

²²⁶⁵ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, 2022 Elmau Summit (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

²²⁶⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²²⁶⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²²⁶⁸ Prevent-verb, Merriam-Webster English Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 20 September 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prevent>

²²⁶⁹ Disease, Merriam-Webster English Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 8 October 2022.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/disease>

²²⁷⁰ Communicable diseases, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

<https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/communicable-diseases>

²²⁷¹ Emerging Health Issues, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok) 5 March 2013. Access Date: 25 September 2021. <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/TS4-4.pdf>

²²⁷² Pandemic Preparedness, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<https://www.who.int/europe/news-room/fact-sheets/item/pandemic-preparedness>

²²⁷³ One Health, World Health Organization (Geneva) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/one-health>

jumped from animal hosts into the human population. Hence, the One Health initiative “recognizes [that] the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent,” being necessary to unite experts from multiple disciplines to deliver outcomes that better prepare states as well as international organizations to prevent, predict, detect, and respond to global health threats.²²⁷⁴

This commitment requires G7 members to take action concerning pandemic prevention, preparedness, surveillance and response in all three spheres of the One Health approach: 1) human health, 2) animal health, and 3) environmental health.²²⁷⁵ Strong actions include, but are not restricted to, supporting the Quadripartite One Health Alliance is a collaboration between the WHO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); providing further technical, political or financial support to healthcare and pandemic workforce; monitoring the emergence of zoonotic diseases; reducing Antimicrobial resistance (AMR); developing climate-resilient health systems and incorporating health considerations when developing climate policies; reducing the unsustainable footprint healthcare systems can have; as well as improving food safety and security.²²⁷⁶

Full compliance, or a score of +1, is awarded to G7 members that demonstrate strong national or international action in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under all three spheres of the One Health approach (human health, animal health and environmental health).

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, is awarded to G7 members that demonstrate strong national or international action in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response in at least one of the three spheres of the One Health approach (human health, animal health and environmental health) or who demonstrate weak action in all three spheres. Weak actions are defined as less substantial initiatives, such as verbal reaffirmations of existing commitments, with no efforts to further improve or develop the existing commitments. Examples of weaker compliance would be reaffirming prior commitments without taking new actions, attending meetings about the topic, verbal affirmations of support for improvement within healthcare systems without any concrete plans initiated and supporting international legislation without committing to specific actions.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned to G7 members that fail to meet the aforementioned criteria.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken strong action in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under ANY spheres of the One Health approach (human health, animal health and environmental health).
0	The G7 member has taken strong action in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response in at least ONE sphere of the One Health approach (pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response), OR the G7 member has taken weak action in ALL three spheres.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under ALL spheres of the One Health approach (human health, animal health and environmental health).

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²²⁷⁴ ‘One health’ approach critical to tackle health inequality and emerging disease, United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi) 6 April 2021. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/one-health-approach-critical-tackle-health-inequality-and-emerging-diseases>

²²⁷⁵ ‘One health’ approach critical to tackle health inequality and emerging disease, United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi) 6 April 2021. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/one-health-approach-critical-tackle-health-inequality-and-emerging-diseases>

²²⁷⁶ G7 Health Ministers’ Communiqué, G7 Germany (Berlin) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 9 October 2022.

<https://www.g7germany.de/resource/blob/974430/2042058/5651daa321517b089cdccaffd1e37a1/2022-05-20-g7-health-ministers-communique-data.pdf>

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach.

On 1 August 2022, Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos announced a total of CAD17.9 million for the distribution of HIV self-testing kits and other methods of HIV testing that will improve access for populations most affected by HIV across the country, including people living in northern, remote or isolated communities.²²⁷⁷ The provision of self-testing kits removes the barriers that prevent people from seeking testing and treatment, hence limits the spread of HIV.

On 8 August 2022, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau announced an investment of up to nearly CAD3 million to three national organizations to enhance animal welfare and tracking in the country.²²⁷⁸ This funding allows organizations to improve animal health by drawing on new research to update industry standards for the care and handling of animals and evaluating technology to more efficiently trace farm animals in the production system in the event of a disease outbreak.

On 26 August 2022, Minister Bibeau announced an investment of up to CAD45.3 million to enhance efforts to prevent African swine fever (ASF) from entering Canada and prepare for a potential outbreak.²²⁷⁹ The funding will be critical in reducing the risk of introduction and spread of ASF in Canada. This prevents and controls the spread of foreign animal diseases into and within the country, thus solidifying the One Health Approach.

On 8 September 2022, Canada hosted a six-week international virtual symposium focused on COVID-19 emerging science to connect experts from around the world that have the skills and safety measures in place to work with the most serious and deadly human and animal diseases.²²⁸⁰ With more than 1,000 registrants at the symposium, Canadian and international scientific experts from academia, government and the private sector, shared scientific knowledge about COVID-19, each contributing towards the common goal of understanding this evolving pandemic.

On 21 September 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a CAD1.21 billion contribution to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and Malaria.²²⁸¹ This funding will help to mitigate the devastating impact of COVID-19 on efforts to combat the three diseases; save 20 million lives by 2025; and get health systems back on track to eradicate AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030.

On 29 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Francis Drouin, announced an investment of up to CAD1.4 million to support Redcliff Cypress Regional Waste Management

²²⁷⁷ Government of Canada is making HIV testing more accessible across Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada (Montreal) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-is-making-hiv-testing-more-accessible-across-canada.html>

²²⁷⁸ Government of Canada invests in improving animal welfare, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-in-improving-animal-welfare.html>

²²⁷⁹ Government of Canada announces up to \$45.3 million to enhance African swine fever prevention and preparedness, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Quebec) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-announces-up-to-453-million-to-enhance-african-swine-fever-prevention-and-preparedness.html>

²²⁸⁰ 2022 BSL4ZNet International Conference, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (Ottawa) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://inspection.canada.ca/science-and-research/science-collaborations/biosafety-level-4-zoonotic-laboratory-network/2022-bsl4znet-international-conference/eng/1620997638094/1620997884945>

²²⁸¹ Canada announces a \$1.21-billion contribution to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and additional support to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, Global Affairs Canada (New York City) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/canada-announces-a-121-billion-contribution-to-fight-hiv-aids-tuberculosis-and-malaria-and-additional-support-to-mitigate-the-impact-of-covid-19.html>

Authority and CAD10 million to support PurEnergy Inc.'s waste emissions reduction initiatives.²²⁸² These investments will aid these facilities in reducing carbon dioxide and methane emissions by diverting organic waste from a landfill with the help of a compost treatment facility. Furthermore, the funds will construct a waste diversion facility to divert organic waste from a landfill and process it using anaerobic digestion to produce biogas and fertilizer.²²⁸³

On 7 October 2022, Health Canada authorized a second bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster.²²⁸⁴ This is an updated version of the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine, targeting the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants and is authorized for use as a booster dose in individuals 12 years of age and older. Vaccination is effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

On 14 October 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan announced an investment of over CAD11.1 million through the Regional Innovation Ecosystem program for two projects at the University of British Columbia, which will focus on advancing the delivery and efficacy of mRNA vaccine technology.²²⁸⁵

On 21 October 2022, Minister of Labour Seamus O'Regan Jr announced an investment of up to CAD37,000 from the Low Carbon Economy Fund to support Sea-Force Hyperbaric Inc. with a fuel-switching project to reduce emissions by replacing three oil furnaces with air-to-water heat pumps at the Sea-Force Hyperbaric Inc. Reception Facility.²²⁸⁶

On 16 November 2022, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada launched the African Swine Fever prevention and preparedness program which allows eligible organizations to apply for funding under the Government of Canada's African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program (ASFIPP).²²⁸⁷ The program was put in place to aid Canada's pork industry prepare for the possible transmission of African swine fever within the country.

On 6 December 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault alongside Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for the Province of British Columbia, announced an investment of up to CAD600,000 from the Low Carbon Economy Fund to help the Kwadacha and Heiltsuk Nations create and expand their organic processing capacity.²²⁸⁸ This project will help in reducing emissions by composting

²²⁸² Government of Canada invests \$11.4 million in climate action projects to reduce emissions from wood waste, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-invests-114million-in-climate-action-projects-to-reduce-emissions-from-food-waste.html>

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²²⁸⁴ Health Canada authorizes COVID-19 vaccine booster targeting the Omicron BA.4/BA.5 subvariants, Health Canada (Ottawa) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/10/health-canada-authorizes-covid-19-vaccine-booster-targeting-the-omicron-ba4ba5-subvariants.html>

²²⁸⁵ Backgrounder: Government of Canada announces funding for advancements in mRNA vaccine technology at the University of British Columbia, Pacific Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/news/2022/09/backgrounder-government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-advancements-in-mrna-vaccine-technology-at-the-university-of-british-columbia.html>

²²⁸⁶ Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador invest in heat pumps with Sea-Force Hyperbaric Inc., Environment and Climate Change Canada (St. John's) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/canada-and-the-government-of-newfoundland-and-labrador-invest-in-heat-pumps-with-sea-force-hyperbaric-inc.html>

²²⁸⁷ Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada launches African Swine Fever prevention and preparedness program, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/11/agriculture-and-agri-food-canada-launches-african-swine-fever-prevention-and-preparedness-program.html>

²²⁸⁸ Canada and British Columbia invest in climate action projects in two First Nations communities, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Victoria) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/canada-and-british-columbia-invest-in-climate-action-projects-in-two-first-nations-communities.html>

organic waste within the communities, reducing the amount of waste that needs to be transported from these communities to landfills, as well as lead to fewer greenhouse gas emissions.²²⁸⁹

On 7 February 2023, the Government of Canada announced an investment of CAD196.1 billion over ten years, including CAD46.2 billion in new funding, for provinces and territories to improve health care services for Canadians.²²⁹⁰ This funding will be distributed partly through the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) and partly through tailor-made bilateral agreements with provinces and territories that allow for flexibility for jurisdictional health care system needs.

On 9 February 2023, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced an investment of CAD2.1 million over three years to support projects to improve our knowledge and management of issues related to wildlife diseases.²²⁹¹ These projects include the development of new tools to track wildlife health and the risks of emerging infectious diseases. Work is also planned for identifying and predicting the impacts of climate change on wildlife health and will include avenues for action. In addition, education and outreach programs will be provided to non-governmental organizations, Indigenous groups, the provinces and territories, and Canadians, to encourage their participation in wildlife health surveillance.

On 23 February 2023, the Government of Canada announced an agreement to invest CAD73.97 billion in federal funding, including CAD8.413 billion for a new bilateral agreement focusing on the four shared health care priorities and CAD776 million through the immediate, one-time CHT top-up to address urgent needs, especially in pediatric hospitals and emergency rooms, and long wait times for surgeries.²²⁹² This will further help provide improvements in health care, which includes access to high-quality family health services when they need them, including in rural and remote areas, and for underserved communities; a resilient and supported health workforce that provides them high-quality, effective, and safe health care services; access to timely, equitable, and quality mental health, substance use and addictions services; and access to their own electronic health information that is shared between the health professionals they consult.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach. Canada has greatly invested in the research and development of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, funded the health systems to enhance public health, improved animal health and improved the access of self-testing services across the country.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Czarina Leung

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health approach.

²²⁸⁹ Canada and British Columbia invest in climate action projects in two First Nations communities, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Victoria) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/canada-and-british-columbia-invest-in-climate-action-projects-in-two-first-nations-communities.html>

²²⁹⁰ Working together to improve health care for Canadians, Health Canada (Ottawa) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/02/working-together-to-improve-health-care-for-canadians.html>

²²⁹¹ The Government of Canada to invest over \$2.1 million in wildlife disease surveillance across the country, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/02/the-government-of-canada-to-invest-over-21-million-in-wildlife-disease-surveillance-across-the-country.html>

²²⁹² The Government of Canada and Ontario Reach Agreement in Principle to Improve Health Services for Canadians, Health Canada (Ottawa) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/02/the-government-of-canada-and-ontario-reach-agreement-in-principle-to-improve-health-services-for-canadians.html>

On 31 July 2022, Minister of Higher Education and Research Sylvie Retailleau and Minister of Health and Prevention François Braun, created a Health Risk Monitoring and Anticipation Committee (COVARs).²²⁹³ COVARs is a committee of scientists, doctors and professors using their collective knowledge to work together in order to prepare for, anticipate and respond to pandemics and other global health and security threats. COVARs' mandate conforms with the One Health approach as the committee is working to promote health and disease prevention in humans as well as animals and the environment.

On 29 August 2022, Minister of State for Development Francophonie and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou met with health civil society organizations and the Ambassador of World Health, Stephanie Sedoux and asserted France's belief that health is a global public good.²²⁹⁴ Minister Zacharopoulou highlighted France's commitment to continuing to strengthen healthcare systems globally.

On 3 October 2022, France introduced the fall vaccination campaign which offers bivalent mRNA COVID-19 boosters for vulnerable populations in France.²²⁹⁵ This effort demonstrates France's commitment to stopping the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic domestically by protecting those most at risk through vaccination.

On 16 October 2022, Minister Braun attended the three-day World Health Summit in Berlin and asserted France's support for the amendment of the International Health Regulations to better respond to future pandemics and allow for the creation of a new international agreement on pandemics.²²⁹⁶ These initiatives will bolster internationally unified pandemic preparedness and response strategies.

On 18 October 2022, Christophe Béchu, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, expressed support for the combined "call for projects" of two French research platforms, the Green Data for Health platform, and the Health Data Hub.²²⁹⁷ Under the auspices of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, these two platforms are calling for projects that will make environmental health data easier to find and more complete, ultimately enabling more fulsome research in the study of environmental health. Researching the intersection between health and the environment is critical to protecting and promoting global health under the One Health approach.

On 27 December 2022, the Ministry of Health and Prevention reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening global health systems under the One Health Approach, emphasizing "the interdependence between human health, animal health and that of ecosystems" in an update on the Ministry of Health and Prevention website

²²⁹³ Installation du Comité de veille et d'anticipation des risques sanitaires (COVARs), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-depresse/article/installation-du-comite-de-veille-et-d-anticipation-des-risques-sanitaires>

²²⁹⁴ Santé mondiale – Rencontre de Chrysoula Zacharopoulou avec les organisations de la société civile en santé (29 août 2022), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/developpement/priorites-sectorielles/la-sante/actualites-etevenements-lies-a-la-sante/article/sante-mondiale-rencontre-de-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-avec-les-organisations-de>

²²⁹⁵ Covid-19 : Lancement de la campagne de vaccination automnale pour les publics fragiles, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/covid-19-lancement-de-la-campagne-de-vaccination-automnale-pour-les-publics>

²²⁹⁶ Retour sur le Sommet mondial de la Santé : « Faire le choix de la santé », à l'échelle mondiale et au-delà des crises (16 – 18 octobre, Berlin), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022.

<https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/retour-sur-le-sommet-mondial-de-la-sante-faire-le-choix-de-la-sante-a-l-echelle>

²²⁹⁷ Lancement de l'appel à projets "La donnée pour la recherche et l'innovation en santé environnement" du Health Data Hub et du Green Data for Health, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/lancement-lappel-projets-donnee-recherche-et-innovation-en-sante-environnement-du-health-data-hub>

for World Pandemic Preparedness Day.²²⁹⁸ France highlighted their continued commitment to global health partnerships, including the Preventing Zoonotic Disease Emergence Initiative and the World Health Organization's Pandemic Fund, European health partnerships, including the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority, and domestic health security and pandemic preparedness.

On 17 January 2023, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety and the National Agency for Veterinary Medicine met with several organizations in the poultry sector, veterinary professionals, and academics for the first committee meeting of the vaccination action plan for avian influenza.²²⁹⁹ In 2021-2022 over 21 million animals infected by avian influenza were slaughtered in France, making this virus a significant challenge to biosecurity and animal health. The vaccination action plan committee is working to develop and implement effective vaccination against avian influenza in France by September 2023, promoting animal health and wellbeing as outlined in the One Health Approach.

On 22 January 2023, Francois Braun, the French Minister of Health, and Karl Lauterbach, the German Minister of Health, reinforced their health partnership at the Franco-German Council of Ministers, identifying several key areas where they will work together to achieve better health outcomes.²³⁰⁰ They highlighted that France and Germany will collaborate to implement three healthcare projects: achieving better healthcare outcomes in the shared region through cross-border agreements, bilaterally promoting public health in accordance with the One Health Approach, and working together to advance health data.

On 30 January 2023, Minister Braun restated his commitment to restructuring the French ministry of health to include a branch focused on preparation and intervention for health crises.²³⁰¹ Minister Braun acknowledged the likelihood of future global health crises and asserted that the creation of an autonomous crisis management branch of the ministry of health will conform with the objectives laid out under the One Health Approach.

On 20 February 2023, Minister of State for Development Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Francophonie and International Partnerships, visited the Institut Pasteur, a French center for biomedical research, to discuss the future of pandemic preparedness and highlight the importance of "international cooperation on health and research."²³⁰² During this visit, she reaffirmed France's commitment to their public health partnership with Africa, especially in the area of African vaccine production. This affirmation of France's support for global health demonstrates the member state's commitment to universal health and pandemic prevention and preparedness under the One Health Approach.

On 3 March 2023, Minister for Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Marc Fesneau, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion Christophe Béchu, and Minister Delegate to the Minister of Health and Prevention in charge of Territorial Organization and Health Professions Agnès Firmin le Bodo, declared the

²²⁹⁸ Journée mondiale de préparation aux pandémies, 27.12.2022 : le point sur la mobilisation de la France, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 27 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/journee-mondiale-de-preparation-aux-pandemies-27-12-2022-le-point-sur-la>

²²⁹⁹ Avian influenza: kick off for work on the "Vaccination" Action Plan, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 24 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 07 March 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/influenza-aviaire-top-depart-pour-les-travaux-du-plan-daction-vaccination>

²³⁰⁰ Communiqué conjoint des ministres franco-allemand de la santé, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 23 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 08 March 2023. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/communiqué-conjoint-des-ministres-franco-allemand-de-la-sante>

²³⁰¹ Vœux aux forces vives de François Braun, ministre de la Santé et de la Prévention, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 30 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: March 11, 2023. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/discours/article/voeux-aux-forces-vives-de-francois-braun-ministre-de-la-sante-et-de-la>

²³⁰² Chrysoula Zacharopoulou's visit to the Institut Pasteur (20 February 2023), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 20 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 08 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/priority-sectors/health/news/article/global-health-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-s-visit-to-the-institut-pasteur-20-feb>

creation of France’s “One Health Institute” at the International Agriculture Show.²³⁰³ The ‘One Health Institute’ will act as France’s expert body of knowledge on the One Health approach, helping both the public and private sectors to incorporate the One Health Approach into their mandates and business-plans. The creation of the “One Health Institute” seeks to address gaps in knowledge about the One Health approach, educating on the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health, to ultimately prevent future crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 23 March 2023, France’s Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs pledged to provide financial support to the World Health Organization to help control the spread of cholera in Malawi.²³⁰⁴ This announcement came as part of an emergency relief initiative to help rebuild Mozambique and Malawi following the devastation of Tropical Hurricane Freddy. Helping to stop the spread of diseases in the international community is critical to France’s commitment to the One Health Approach and achieving universal healthcare.

France has partially complied with its commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health approach. France has reiterated the importance of strengthening global healthcare partnerships to prepare for future health crises. It has demonstrated this commitment through a cross-border health partnership with Germany, as well as continued partnership with Africa, specifically support of African vaccine production. France is a world leader in medical research. It continues to advance knowledge and share expertise on the One Health Approach through its “One Health Institute.” France’s vaccination plan for avian influenza illustrates its efforts to improve biosecurity, animal health and welfare. However, France has not made any new financial commitments to step up its pandemic preparedness and response internationally. Moreover, it lacks initiatives to protect environmental health, which is integral to pandemic preparedness as well as the protection of human and animal health.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Tegan Hore-Kelman

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to step up their efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach.

On 8 July 2022, the German government passed an amendment to its energy policy which affected five laws.²³⁰⁵ The Renewable Energy Act, Offshore Wind Act, Onshore Wind Act, Energy Industry Act and Federal Nature Conservation Act were made to increase their individual capacities and efficiency. The Offshore Wind Act increased its tender volumes which speeds up the construction of offshore wind farms and the Federal Nature Conservation Act which simplified its verification measures to allow for the more rapid implementation of “wind energy projects.” These measures will ensure that Germany expands its use of renewable energies.

²³⁰³ Creation of an institute to train public and private decision-makers in the “one health” approach, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 03 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 09 March 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/sia2023-creation-dun-institut-pour-former-les-decideurs-publics-et-privés-lapproche-une-seule-sante>

²³⁰⁴ Malawi - Madagascar – Mozambique – French emergency relief for Mozambique and Malawi in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Freddy, Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 23 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/malawi/events/article/malawi-madagascar-mozambique-french-emergency-relief-for-mozambique-and-malawi>

²³⁰⁵ Germany remains committed to its existing climate and power sector decarbonisation targets, Energiepartnerschaft (Beijing) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.energypartnership.cn/home/current-changes-in-germanys-energyand-climate-policy/>

On 18 July 2022, at the 13th annual Petersberg Climate Dialogue, Chancellor Olaf Scholz affirmed the significance of international climate protection and pledged to reduce German carbon dioxide emissions and become one of the first climate-neutral industrial countries by 2045.²³⁰⁶

On 8 September 2022, the Development Minister Svenja Schulze announced that Germany will contribute EUR1.3 billion between 2023 and 2025 to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.²³⁰⁷ The funding was allocated towards ending AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as public health threats by 2030. In addition, funding will be used to build more resilient healthcare systems to handle future pandemics.

On 12 October 2022, Germany's cabinet agreed to adopt the Act on Animal Husbandry Labelling.²³⁰⁸ This bill would eventually force all food producers to disclose information on the treatment of animals used. Germany is the first country in the EU with mandatory labels, ranging from free-range, to organic production.

On 18 October 2022, Minister Schulze stated that Germany will contribute EUR3.5 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.²³⁰⁹ The initiative aims to eradicate polio through vaccinating "370 million children annually over the next five years and continue disease surveillance across 50 countries." In addition to the aforementioned effects of their contributions, Germany predicts that national healthcare systems will strengthen and this will lead to "healthier societies."

On 30 January 2023, Minister Schulze announced that Germany plans to donate EUR200 million to the Amazon Fund.²³¹⁰ The funding will be used to "go beyond the mechanism aimed at conserving forests and mitigating climate change." Additionally, it will be used towards Indigenous social gap issues which are also interconnected with environmental concerns.

On 3 February 2023, the Federal Ministry of Health announced a donation of EUR130 million to the World Health Organization (WHO) for 2023.²³¹¹ This funding will go towards "antimicrobial resistance, health emergencies, health-systems strengthening and WHO reforms." In particular, the funds will be allocated towards the advancements of the following programs: "the WHO-BMG collaborative programme, WHO's COVID-19 response and the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in Berlin."

On 10 February 2023, the German missions in South Africa, Lesotho und Eswatini announced an application-based initiative to encourage and support "projects in the areas of climate change mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity."²³¹² The main objective is to find projects to fund that "contribute to awareness raising for climate change and biodiversity loss, encourage a transfer of information regarding climate and biodiversity politics and diplomacy, and stimulate action oriented implementation at subnational and community level; motivate and involve all relevant actors and stakeholders."

²³⁰⁶ Foundation for a carbon-neutral economy, The Federal Government/Bergmann (Berlin) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 31 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/petersberg-climate-dialogue-2022-2063148>

²³⁰⁷ Global Fund Commends Germany's Outstanding Leadership in Global Health, The Global Fund (Geneva) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2022/2022-09-08-global-fund-commends-germanyoutstanding-leadership-in-global-health/>

²³⁰⁸ Cabinet Adopted Draft Act on Animal Husbandry Labelling, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 25 January 2023. <https://www.bmel.de/EN/topics/animals/animal-welfare/state-run-animal-welfare-label-pigs.html>

²³⁰⁹ Global leaders commit US\$ 2.6 billion at World Health Summit to end polio, World Health Organization (Berlin) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.who.int/news/item/18-10-2022-global-leaders-commit-usd-2.6-billion-atworld-health-summit-to-end-polio>

²³¹⁰ Germany Plans to Donate 200 million EUR for the First 100 Days of Lula's Government, Folha de S. Paulo (São Paulo) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/internacional/en/scienceandhealth/2023/01/germany-plans-to-donate-200-million-eur-for-the-first-100-days-of-lulas-government.shtml>

²³¹¹ Global health leader Germany reaffirms strong support to WHO for 2023, World Health Organization (Geneva) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.who.int/news/item/03-02-2023-global-health-leader-germany-reaffirms-strong-support-to-who-for-2023>

²³¹² Climate Fund: Call for Project Proposals 2023, German Missions in South Africa, Lesotho und Eswatini (Berlin) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://southafrica.diplo.de/sa-en/04_News/-/2519006

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to step up efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach. Germany has taken actions to further the health of the environment and humans. However, the same efforts have not been taken with respect to animal health.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Roya Aboosaidi

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach.

On 7 July 2022, the National Institute for Health, Migration, and Poverty (INMP) in collaboration with the World Health Organization Center on Health and Migration Evidence and Capacity Building launched an online tool to support countries in reducing health inequities. The Repository of health equity public health interventions (Repertorio degli interventi di Sanità Pubblica orientati all'Equità nella Salute (ReSPES)) is a free and accessible catalogue of public health interventions evaluated by a group of independent experts to aid in reducing future health inequalities and to better inform decision-making in relation to community health.²³¹³

On 11 July 2022, the government of Italy approved the statute of the Foundation “Fondazione Biotecnopolo di Siena.” The Foundation is a non-profit, private legal entity, whose founding members include the Ministry of University and Research, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Ministry of Economic Development. The Foundation performs the function of “National Pandemic Hub” through the “Centro nazionale anti pandemico-CNAP” (National Pandemic Center), which will contribute to the research, development and production of vaccines and monoclonal antibodies and will interact with centers involved in the development of vaccines according to the One Health model. The CNAP will be financed with up to EUR340 million until 2026 through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.²³¹⁴

On 8 August 2022, Italy began a vaccination campaign against monkeypox for “gay, bisexual men and transgender people who have recently had sex with multiple partners, recently had a sexually transmitted infection or use chemical drugs when having sex” in addition to healthcare workers that work in contact with monkeypox cases.²³¹⁵

On 7 November 2022, at the meeting of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Egypt, President Meloni assured that despite complex international conditions, Italy remains in full compliance with the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement to keep global temperatures from rising by over 1.5°C. Additionally, Meloni discussed that Italy will be pursuing an energy diversification strategy and has been reducing reliance on Russian gas.²³¹⁶

On 7 November 2022, at the COP27 meeting in Egypt, President Meloni announced that Italy has almost tripled its financial commitment to climate finance to USD1.4 billion for the next five years, including EUR840

²³¹³ Italy launches online tool to support countries to reduce health inequities, World Health Organization (Copenhagen) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.who.int/europe/news/item/07-07-2022-italy-launches-online-tool-to-support-countries-to-reduce-health-inequities>.

²³¹⁴ Fondazione Biotecnopolo di Siena, National Pandemic Centre (Siena) n.d. Access Date: 18 February 2023. <https://www.biotecnopolo.it/en/national-pandemic-center-cnep/>

²³¹⁵ Italy kicks off vaccination campaign against monkeypox, Reuters (Rome) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/italy-kicks-off-vaccination-campaign-against-monkeypox-2022-08-08/>.

²³¹⁶ Meloni says Italy will stick to Paris climate targets, Reuters (Egypt). 7 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/meloni-says-italy-remains-committed-decarbonisation-2022-11-07/>.

million in the new Italian Climate Fund. This investment is dedicated towards creating and deploying clean technology to assist in climate change in developing countries.²³¹⁷

On 5 December 2022, President Meloni gave a speech at the Italy of Regions event promoting personalizing healthcare services to the needs of local areas. She also specified an increase in the National Health Fund to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. This would allow each region to be able to enact reforms and create infrastructure to improve the quality of healthcare given.²³¹⁸

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach. Italy has demonstrated its commitment to increasing public health measures to make the healthcare system more accessible and personalized based on need, as well as supporting the health of marginalized groups. Additionally, Italy has worked towards improving environmental health and slowing the growth of climate change. However, Italy has not illustrated their commitment to pandemic prevention in the future, and has yet to make any financial investments towards the future and global health.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Maya Javier

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach.

On 3 October 2022, the government announced that it will invest JPY226.5 billion into 17 projects led by companies and universities to support the manufacturing of vaccines for future pandemics. This investment illustrates Japan's commitment to future pandemic prevention.²³¹⁹

On 22 November 2022, the health ministry granted fast-track approval to Shionogi & Co. for its COVID-19 tablet Xocova, the country's first domestically produced oral medicine against COVID-19. This medication will help reduce coronavirus in the body, aiding in slowing down the COVID-19 pandemic.²³²⁰

On 22 December 2022, Japan approved one of the world's first blood tests to detect signs of Alzheimer's disease. The test will make it more accessible for individuals to get tested for the disease in a non-invasive and inexpensive way which will allow for a faster diagnosis and ability to seek treatment sooner.²³²¹

On 26 January 2023, Japan launched its electronic prescription service, which will allow prescriptions by doctors to be shared online with pharmacies. This will make it easier for individuals in Japan to access their

²³¹⁷ Speech by President Meloni at the COP27 Summit of Heads of State and Government, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/intervento-del-presidente-meloni-al-vertice-dei-capi-di-stato-e-di-governo-cop27/20927>.

²³¹⁸ President Meloni's speech at the 'Italy of Regions' event, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-speech-italy-regions-event/21242>.

²³¹⁹ Japan gov't selects 17 projects to support vaccine manufacturing, Kyodo News (Tokyo) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2022/10/13cb2ddfdebc-japan-govt-selects-17-projects-to-support-vaccine-manufacturing.html>.

²³²⁰ Japan gives emergency approval to Shionogi's oral COVID-19 drug, Kyodo News (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2022/11/b4a2f123ab14-breaking-news-shionogis-oral-covid-drug-given-emergency-approval-in-japan.html>

²³²¹ Japan approves blood test to detect Alzheimer's, The Japan Times (Tokyo). 22 December 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/12/22/national/science-health/alzheimers-blood-test/>

prescriptions, as well as seek access to medical care from home which will aid in the accessibility of medical services across the country.²³²²

On 28 February 2023, the health ministry granted approval for Pfizer's bivalent COVID-19 booster shot to be administered to children in the age group of 5 to 11. This booster shot will help prevent the growth of new strains of COVID-19, helping to slow the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, an expert panel has endorsed a nasal influenza vaccine for children aged 2 to 18, which will be the first-ever approval of a vaccine in the form of a nasal spray in Japan. This illustrates Japan's commitment to slowing down the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as preventing future illnesses in children.²³²³

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach. Japan has demonstrated its commitment to preventing future pandemics and fighting the current COVID-19 pandemic, as well as disease monitoring and prevention. However, since the Elmau G7 Summit in June 2022, Japan has not illustrated their commitment under the One Health approach such as that of animal health, or environmental health and climate change.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Maya Javier

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach.

On 30 June 2022, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Sajid Javid and the United Kingdom government's Global Antimicrobial Resistance Innovation Fund invested GBP4.5 million in the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership.²³²⁴ This investment brings the United Kingdom's total investment in the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership to GBP19 million. The Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership is working to find treatments to drug resistant infections, a global health security issue that killed as many as 1.3 million people in 2019. The United Kingdom's investment in research and development of antimicrobial resistant infections is critical to the global effort to prepare for future pandemics and respond to ongoing infectious disease outbreaks.

On 20 July 2022, the United Kingdom, in partnership with the United States, launched a challenge for innovators to develop privacy enhancing technologies that can "forecast an individual's risk of infection" to disease, ultimately allowing faster pandemic detection and response globally.²³²⁵ Successful innovators will be offered compensation from a prize pool, incentivizing participation of innovators in this pandemic preparedness initiative.

On 12 August 2022, a letter correspondence from a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Vaccines and Public Health, Maggie Throup, to Chief Executive at the United Kingdom Health Security Agency, Professor

²³²² Japan launches electronic prescriptions nationwide, The Japan Times (Tokyo). 26 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/01/26/national/science-health/electronic-prescription>

²³²³ Japan health ministry panel endorses nasal flu vaccine for children, The Japan Times (Tokyo). 28 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/02/28/national/science-health/flu-nasal-spray-vaccine-panel/>

²³²⁴ Press Release: New Treatments to Tackle Pandemic of Drug Resistant Infections, UK Government (London) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-treatments-to-tackle-pandemic-of-drug-resistant-infections>

²³²⁵ Press release UK and US launch innovation prize challenges in privacy-enhancing technologies to tackle financial crime and public health emergencies, UK Government (London) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-prize-challenges-in-privacy-enhancing-technologies-to-tackle-financial-crime-and-public-health-emergencies>

Jenny Harries, outlined the 2022-2023 United Kingdom Health and Security Agency's priorities.²³²⁶ One of these priorities was to prepare for future pandemics through the creation of a Centre for Pandemic Preparedness. The United Kingdom Health Security Agency's Centre for Pandemic Preparedness will use advanced technology such as genomic surveillance to "prevent, detect, track and respond to public health threats rapidly." The Centre for Pandemic Preparedness will also work alongside the United Kingdom's Department of Health and Social Care with developing pandemic preparedness policies and enforcing pre-existing policies.

On 21 September 2022, Minister of State for Development Vicky Ford gave a statement at the United Nations General Assembly that the United Kingdom will continue to work with the Global Fund to prepare for and respond to pandemics and improve healthcare systems worldwide.²³²⁷ The Global Fund has played an instrumental role in strengthening healthcare systems globally and stopping the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 25 September 2022, the British Embassy in Honduras donated 123,000 Personal Protective Equipment to Honduras.²³²⁸ This donation consists of 48,600 Type IIR Masks, 7,800 Gowns, 3,600 Visors and 63,000 Aprons. This contribution aims to aid Honduras in its response to the COVID-19 Pandemic by enabling healthcare workers to safely treat COVID-19 cases.

On 17 October 2022, the Chief Veterinary offices in England, Wales and Scotland announced an "Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ), designed to stop the Avian flu outbreak in Great Britain's captive bird and poultry populations.²³²⁹ The AIPZ will enforce strict biosecurity rules that bird owners must follow in order to improve the sanitation and hygiene of their poultry or captive birds. These measures are critical to protecting the health of birds in the United Kingdom, and demonstrate the United Kingdom's commitment to promoting animal health as outlined under the One Health approach.

On 24 October 2022, the United Kingdom Covid Commemoration Commission opened itself up to suggestions from the public on how to best commemorate the COVID-19 pandemic and pay tribute to lives lost.²³³⁰ The Commission's work will help future generations understand the COVID-19 pandemic and the important developments in public health and safety that it necessitated. This knowledge will encourage future generations to prepare for pandemics and aid them in this preparation by informing them of the health and safety measures taken to combat COVID-19. Opening up the process of commemorating COVID-19 to the public will ensure an accurate depiction of the effects of COVID-19 on various groups in the United Kingdom.

On 23 November 2022, Minister of Health Steve Barclay and South Africa's Minister of Health Joe Phaahla signed a health partnership between the United Kingdom and South Africa.²³³¹ They announced nine new combined research projects aimed at developing health systems and protecting these systems from the threats presented by climate change. Under this partnership, the United Kingdom aims to strengthen global health

²³²⁶ Correspondence: Letter from Maggie Throup to Professor Dame Jenny Harries, UKHSA chief executive, UK Government Department of Health and Social Care (London) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukhsapriorities-in-2022-to-2023/letter-from-maggie-throup-to-professor-dame-jenny-harries-ukhsa-chief-executive>

²³²⁷ Working with the Global Fund to make the world a safe place for everyone: Minister Ford's statement, UK Government (London) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/working-with-the-global-fund-to-make-the-world-a-safe-place-for-everyone>

²³²⁸ British Embassy Donates PPE to Honduras, UK Government (London) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-embassy-donates-ppe-to-honduras>

²³²⁹ Avian influenza: Prevention Zone declared across Great Britain, UK Government (London) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great-britain>

²³³⁰ Public asked to help shape UK's Covid-19 commemoration plans, UK Government (London) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-asked-to-help-shape-uks-covid-19-commemoration-plans>

²³³¹ UK and South Africa to work more closely on tackling pandemics and climate change, UK Government (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-south-africa-to-work-more-closely-ontackling-pandemics-and-climate-change>

systems by providing 18 African countries with increased funding for pandemic preparedness and increasing vaccine manufacturing in South Africa.

On 19 December 2022, Oliver Dowden, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Cabinet Office announced the publishing of the United Kingdom's new "Resilience Framework."²³³² Incorporating all levels of government, and both the public and private sectors, the Resilience Framework aims to build an emergency plan that will allow the country to effectively prepare for, and respond to "risks and hazards- such as extreme weather, terrorism and pandemics." The multisectoral and collaborative approach to risk management promoted by the Resilience Framework aligns with the One Health Approach, preparing the United Kingdom, and the world for future health security threats.²³³³

On 9 January 2023, Lord Benyon, Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Forestry Commission, and the Scottish and Welsh Governments announced a five-year vision and action plan for plant biosecurity and health.²³³⁴ The objective of the action plan is to "secure national biosecurity," protect native plant species against pests, invasive species, and diseases, and drive economic growth. Plant health is a key element of the One Health Approach, as it is critical to protecting food security and mitigating the effects of climate change.

On 10 January 2023, Will Quince, the Minister of State for Health, announced that free Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be extended until the end of March 2024 for all frontline workers.²³³⁵ This is a means of preventing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and protecting frontline workers from other infectious diseases that threaten human health as outlined under the One Health Approach.

On 19 January 2023, Nick Markham, the United Kingdom's Health Minister and Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Minister for Public Health, signed a joint memorandum to share expertise in genomics, the study of genes, in order to better prepare for and respond to health crises.²³³⁶ Pooling expertise in genomics research, data handling, education and training will allow the development of new genomics based treatments for rare and undiagnosed diseases, improving health outcomes in both countries.

On 8 February 2023, Trudy Harrison, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, allocated over GBP14 million towards an initiative to plant trees in United Kingdom communities.²³³⁷ This project will improve human, animal, and environmental health. It will improve the United Kingdom's biodiversity, moderate temperatures, alleviate pollution and improve overall quality of life for humans and animals.

On 21 February 2023, Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Rural Payments Agency Mark Spencer, introduced GBP168 million in grants for farmers to utilize new farming

²³³² Government to strengthen national resilience, UK Government (London) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 29 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-strengthen-national-resilience>

²³³³ NIH Continues Investment in HIV Prevention, Therapy and Cure with \$34 Million Award, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (Maryland) 22 August 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/news-events/34-million-funding-hiv-prevention-therapy-and-cure>

²³³⁴ New Great Britain-wide strategy sets out five-year vision for plant health and biosecurity, UK Government (London) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-biosecurity-strategy-to-protect-food-security-trade-and-plant-health>

²³³⁵ Free PPE to health and social care sectors extended, UK Government (London) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-ppe-to-health-and-social-care-sectors-extended>

²³³⁶ UK landmark genomics partnership with Thailand to unite against health threats, UK Government (London) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-landmark-genomic-partnership-with-thailand-to-unite-against-health-threats>

²³³⁷ Thousands of trees to be planted in communities in boost to nature, health and wellbeing, UK Government (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-trees-to-be-planted-in-communities-in-boost-to-nature-health-and-wellbeing>

technology to improve animal and environmental health and productivity in the farming industry.²³³⁸ This technology includes robotic technology to support harvesting, handling equipment and cow mattresses to help prevent lameness in dairy cattle and sensors on tractors to measure the levels of nutrients in soils. This funding is instrumental in protecting animal, human and environmental health through greener and safer farming technology.

On 3 March 2023, Secretary Barclay and the National Health Service declared that nine prominent new AI health diagnosis and testing technologies will receive government funding of GBP16 million.²³³⁹ AI diagnostic testing allows for quicker diagnosis for many medical conditions, including rare diseases and cancer. As a result, this technology can take pressure off healthcare workers, speed up hospital wait times, and free up hospital beds. The member state's allocation of resources to AI technology is in line with the One Health approach as this technology could detect diseases faster, better preparing the world for future health crises.

On 17 March 2023, the United Kingdom Mission to the World Trade Organization, United Nations, and other International Organizations, delivered a statement at the 52nd United Nations Human Rights Council, which highlighted the United Kingdom's continued commitment to COVID-19 vaccine equity.²³⁴⁰ The member state described how multilateral coordination and cooperation enable effective regional vaccine manufacturing capacity, ultimately building more resilient global healthcare systems and promoting universal health coverage.

On 2 April 2023, Minister of Science George Freeman, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology Michelle Donelan and Minister Quince committed to providing GBP50 million in funding to 90 different medical research charities in the United Kingdom.²³⁴¹ It is estimated that over 1200 of the researchers who will receive funding are early career researchers, working on new innovative ways of combating diseases such as cancer, dementia and motor neurone disease. This financial commitment demonstrates the member state's commitment to protecting human health through research and development.

On 6 April 2023, Secretary Barclay announced that at risk children between the ages of 6 months to 4 years are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, with parental consent.²³⁴² This new development in COVID-19 prevention will help protect children with underlying health conditions making them especially vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach. It has made consistent financial commitments to health research and development that will allow them to be prepared to combat future health crises. It has meaningful health partnerships around the globe, and they have several action plans to improve both animal and environmental health.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1

Analyst: Tegan Hore-Kelman

²³³⁸ Increased government funding to boost farming productivity, UK Government (London) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increased-government-funding-to-boost-farming-productivity>

²³³⁹ Thousands of patients to benefit from quicker diagnosis and more accurate tests from ground-breaking AI research, UK Government (London) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-patients-to-benefit-from-quicker-diagnosis-more-accurate-tests-from-ground-breaking-ai-research>

²³⁴⁰ UN HRC52: Statement on access to COVID-19 vaccines, UK Government (London) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/un-hrc52-statement-on-access-to-covid-19-vaccines>

²³⁴¹ UK's next generation of medical researchers given funding boost, UK Government (London) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 15 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-next-generation-of-medical-researchers-given-funding-boost>

²³⁴² Health and Social Care Secretary statement on vaccination of at-risk children aged 6 months to 4 years, UK Government (London) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-and-social-care-secretary-statement-on-vaccination-of-at-risk-children-aged-6-months-to-4-years>

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to step up efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach.

On 22 August 2022, the National Institutes of Health contributed USD34 million as part of a five-year plan to fund “six independent Centers for HIV Structural Biology.”²³⁴³ The funding was allocated towards HIV research and preventative strategies to aid in the ongoing HIV/AIDS public health concern. The research aims to find the different make-ups of HIV and analyze how they may be manifested differently into the body in order to develop “HIV therapies and preventative vaccines.”

On 20 September 2022, the American Rescue Plan contributed USD90 million to “support current and future genomic surveillance.”²³⁴⁴ This funding will be particularly used for supporting the Pathogen Genomics Centers of Excellence network over five years. This network will work to “improve innovation and technical capacity in pathogen genomics, molecular epidemiology, and bioinformatics to better prevent, control, and respond to microbial threats of public health importance.”

On 29 September 2022, the United States Department of Education sent a letter to district recipients of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to continue using their funding through the rest of 2022.²³⁴⁵ It gives individual schools the autonomy over implementing “effective, evidence-based strategies to [use to] operate schools safely, accelerate academic achievement, support students’ mental health needs, and strengthen our educator workforce.” As the American Public Health Association mentioned, “environmental health is a key part of public health ... [and] is especially important for the protection of children.”²³⁴⁶

On 18 October 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration revised the National Biodefense Strategy to entail “the 100 Day Mission goal – developing vaccines for new pandemics within 100 days.”²³⁴⁷ In addition, “increasing vaccine uptake rates to over 85 percent, ... developing and deploying pathogen-specific tests within 30 days; producing rapid, low-cost, ... diagnostics within 90 days ... and maintaining clinical trial infrastructure so that new trials can be launched within 14 days of medical countermeasure identification.” Additional goals were included to prepare the nation for future biomedical health issues.

On 8 March 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of USD16 million dollars to shift businesses towards anti-pollution measures. They announced that this additional funding will be useful to “advance environmental justice in underserved communities.” This has been made possible through the Biden Administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities, and the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products programs.

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to step up efforts in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response under the One Health approach. Although the US has taken action to fund the human health and environmental aspects of the One Health approach, the animal health sector has lacked new

²³⁴³ CARES ESSER and GEER Liquidation Extension Request Letter, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (Maryland) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2022/09/CARES-ESSER-and-GEERLiquidation-Extension-Request-Letter-9.29.22.pdf>

²³⁴⁴ CDC announces \$90M funding to support Pathogen Genomics Centers of Excellence (PGCoE) network, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Washington), 20 September 2022. Access date: 25 April 2022. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/p0920-PGCoE-network.html>

²³⁴⁵ Protecting the Health of Children, American Public Health Association (Washington D.C.) 2019. Access Date: 20 October 2022. https://www.apha.org/-/media/Files/PDF/topics/environment/Protecting_the_Health_of_Children.ashx

²³⁴⁶ The 2022 National Biodefense Strategy builds upon administration S&T priorities for pandemic preparedness, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/newsupdates/2022/10/18/the-2022-national-biodefense-strategy-builds-upon-administration-st-priorities-for-pandemic-preparedness>

²³⁴⁷ Stopping the Spread of African Swine Fever, Animal Health Institute (Maryland) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2022/09/CARES-ESSER-and-GEER-Liquidation-Extension-Request-Letter-9.29.22.pdf>

initiatives and support since 28 June 2022. Rather, for the animal health sector, the initiatives that have been created in the past are maintained rather than innovative initiatives.

Therefore, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Roya Aboosaidi

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to step up pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach.

On 28 June 2022, the European Council extended the regulation establishing the EU Digital Covid Certificate.²³⁴⁸ The extension of the regulation will ensure that EU travelers as well as those from third countries connected to the system can continue to use their EU digital COVID certificate for travel within the Union in member states where these certificates are required. This certificate has facilitated the safe movement of travelers within the European Union during the pandemic.²³⁴⁹

On 26 July 2022, the European Commission presented a list of headline indicators for monitoring progress towards the European Union's environment and climate goals to 2030, as well as the 2050 long-term vision to "live well, within planetary boundaries."²³⁵⁰ This fosters transparency and informs Europeans about the impact of EU climate and environmental policy, hence promoting environmental health.

On 24 October 2022, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has been strengthened in the areas of surveillance, early warning, preparedness and response.²³⁵¹ An EU Health Task Force was created to assist local responses to the outbreak of diseases, the provision of expertise to EU member states and the European Commission, for instance in the development, examination and updating of preparedness plans. The ECDC will also be tasked with the development of digital platforms for epidemiological surveillance.

On 24 October 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health of Czechia Vlastimil Válek adopted a new EU law which facilitates the timely purchase of and access to medicines, vaccines and raw materials, activates emergency funding and enables the monitoring of production facilities when another health crisis hits.²³⁵² This new rule ensures that a future pandemic can be swiftly controlled.

On 26 October 2022, the European Investment Bank approved a EUR11.2 billion of new financing to accelerate business investment, clean energy and climate action, health, education and sustainable transport

²³⁴⁸ COVID-19: Council extends the regulation establishing the EU digital COVID certificate, Council of the European Union (Strasbourg) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/28/covid-19-council-extends-the-regulation-establishing-the-eu-digital-covid-certificate/>

²³⁴⁹ EU digital COVID certificate: how it works, Council of the European Union (Strasbourg) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/coronavirus/eu-digital-covid-certificate/>

²³⁵⁰ 8th Environment Action Programme: EU sets out to measure progress on Green Deal environment and climate goals, The European Commission (Brussels) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4667

²³⁵¹ Council adds new building blocks to European Health Union, The Council of the European Union (Strasbourg) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/24/council-adds-new-building-blocks-to-european-health-union/>

²³⁵² Council adopts law on the emergency framework regarding medical countermeasures, The Council of the European Union (Strasbourg) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/24/council-adopts-law-on-the-emergency-framework-regarding-medical-countermeasures/>

across Europe and around the world.²³⁵³ This funding facilitates green investment and education, thus alleviating environmental damages.

On 30 November 2022, the European Commission and the World Health Organization (WHO) agreed on reinforcing a decade-long collaboration to accelerate the achievement of universal health coverage.²³⁵⁴ The letter of intent foresees an additional contribution from the European Union of EUR125 million for the continuation of WHO's assistance to its member states over the next five years, implemented through the Universal Health Coverage Partnership. This will focus on strengthening health systems to make them more resilient and responsive to natural, climate or human-made disasters.

On 30 November 2022, the European Commission published the "EU Global Health Strategy: Better Health for All in a Changing World."²³⁵⁵ In the document, the commission outlined twenty guiding principles to shape global health until 2030 and identified three priority areas, including: improving health across the life course, strengthening health systems and preventing and combating health threats (e.g. pandemics) through a One Health approach. As part of the strategy, the commission stresses the importance of humanitarian assistance and civil protection operations in emergency and crisis settings pertaining to global health.

The European Union has fully complied with their commitment to step up their pandemic preparedness and response under the One Health Approach. It has facilitated the movement of people during the pandemic, strengthened the disease monitoring systems, promoted environmental health and adopted laws to implement medical countermeasures.

Thus, The European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Czarina Leung

²³⁵³ EIB approves €11.2 billion for clean energy, business, climate action, sustainable transport, health, education and urban investment, The European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-418-eib-approves-eur-11-2-billion-for-clean-energy-business-climate-action-sustainable-transport-health-education-and-urban-investment>

²³⁵⁴ WHO and the EU renew partnership for Universal Health Coverage (Brussels) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.who.int/news/item/01-12-2022-who-and-the-eu-renew-partnership-for-universal-health-coverage>

²³⁵⁵ EU Global Health Strategy: Better Health for All in a Changing World, European Commission (Luxembourg) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2023. https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/eu-global-health-strategy-better-health-allchanging-world_en

9. Environment: Funding and Resources

We are committed to mobilising resources from all sources and to substantially increasing our national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

2022 Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average	+0.63 (81%)		

Background

On 28 June 2022, at the Elmau Summit, G7 leaders committed to “mobilising resources from all sources and to substantially increasing their national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.”²³⁵⁶ The G7 leaders’ pledge to increase “funding for nature by 2025” builds on the G7 2030 Nature Compact and the Metz Charter on Biodiversity. Because the preservation of nature is necessary to maintain life-sustaining systems on earth, G7 leaders have acknowledged and reaffirmed the need to tackle problems related to nature.²³⁵⁷ G7 members have recognised climate change intensifies biodiversity loss and the degradation of nature because climate change results in the emission of vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.²³⁵⁸ Therefore, G7 actions that contribute to stopping and reversing the effects of climate change are a crucial element in the fight to preserve nature. Given the importance of nature to all life on earth, the preservation of the environment has been a historically prevalent commitment dating back to 1979.

At the 1979 Tokyo Summit, G8 leaders first recognised the need to reduce carbon dioxide and sulphur oxide emissions to avoid environmental damage and the intensification of environmental pollution.²³⁵⁹

At the 1983 Williamsburg Summit, G8 members declared that stronger international cooperation is necessary to adequately protect the environment and they committed to strengthen short- and long-term international cooperation.²³⁶⁰

At the 1985 Bonn Summit, G7 leaders highlighted natural resource preservation as a priority area.²³⁶¹ Priority environmental problems were identified as “acid deposition and air pollution from motor vehicles and all other

²³⁵⁶ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

²³⁵⁷ Metz Charter on Biodiversity, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 May 2019. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2019-metz-charter-on-biodiversity.pdf>

²³⁵⁸ G7 2030 Nature Compact, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-nature-compact.html>

²³⁵⁹ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 1979. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1979tokyo/communication.html>

²³⁶⁰ Declaration on Economic Recovery, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 May 1983. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1983williamsburg/communication.html>

²³⁶¹ The Bonn Economic Declaration: Towards Sustained Growth and Higher Employment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 May 1985. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1985bonn/communication.html>

significant sources,” “climatic change, the protection of the ozone layer and the management of toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.” Additionally, G8 leaders committed to strengthening environmental international cooperation by working with developing countries and existing international bodies such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

At the 1988 Toronto Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged that sustainable development benefits nature because it integrates environmental considerations into economic policymaking.²³⁶² For this reason, G7 leaders endorsed sustainable development as a beneficial environmental concept.

At the 1989 Paris Summit, G7 members recognised that harmful effects of climate change pose an extreme threat to the environment.²³⁶³ They affirmed that protecting the environment will require a “concerted international response” and the adoption of “policies based on sustainable development.” G8 members acknowledged that environmental pollution increases environmental degradation which is harmful because environmental degradation “undermines the well-being of individuals and societies.” G8 members affirmed their strong support for the 1986 Tropical Forest Action Plan and declared their commitment to improve forest conservation directly and by helping other nations through “financial and technical cooperation.”

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to protect nature.²³⁶⁴ G8 leaders committed to take action to increase forests and protect existing forests. They committed to intensify international cooperation to preserve biological diversity and prevent environmental degradation.

At the 1991 London Summit, G7 leaders expressed their intention to promote the “mobilisation of financial resources to help developing countries tackle environmental problems” through “the use of existing mechanisms” like the Global Environment Facility.²³⁶⁵ In the context of developing a pilot programme for the conservation of the Brazilian tropical forest, leaders committed to “financially support the implementation of the preliminary stage of the pilot programme utilising all potential sources, including the private sector, non-governmental organisations, the multilateral development banks, and the Global Environment Facility.”

On 5 June 1992, G7 leaders met at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development Rio Earth Summit.²³⁶⁶ All G7 members committed to the 1992 Convention on the Conservation of Biological Diversity and declared their support for Agenda 21.²³⁶⁷

At the 1992 Munich Summit, G7 leaders expressed their intention to build on environmental progress made at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.²³⁶⁸ G8 leaders urged other countries to join G7 initiatives to give “additional financial and technical support to developing countries for sustainable development through official development assistance, in particular by replenishment of International Development Association, and for actions of global benefit through the Global Environment Facility.”

At the 1993 Tokyo Summit, G7 members welcomed the “ratification of the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity by the end of 1993, and the negotiation of a convention

²³⁶² Toronto Economic Summit Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 June 1988. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1988toronto/communique.html>

²³⁶³ Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 July 1989. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1989paris/communique/index.html>

²³⁶⁴ Houston Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 11 July 1990. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1990houston/declaration.html>

²³⁶⁵ Economic Declaration: Building World Partnership, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 July 1991. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1991london/communique/index.html>

²³⁶⁶ History of the Convention, United Nations Environment Programme (Montreal) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.cbd.int/history/>

²³⁶⁷ List of Parties, United Nations Environment Programme (Montreal) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.cbd.int/information/parties.shtml>

²³⁶⁸ Economic Declaration: Working Together for Growth and a Safer World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 1992. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1992munich/communique/index.html>

on desertification.”²³⁶⁹ Leaders announced they would work to ensure necessary improvements are made to the Global Environmental Facility to “provide funding for the incremental costs of implementing the global environment conventions signed at Rio.”

At the 1995 Halifax Summit, G7 leaders committed to “securing substantial flows of funds” to improve the quality and of sustainable development.²³⁷⁰ G8 leaders committed to work to ensure relevant multilateral institutions “encourage the development of a healthy private sector, expand guarantees and co-financing arrangements to catalyse private flows” and to “continue to provide resources for the infrastructure needed for sustainable development” to benefit the environment. The same year, at the Informal Meeting of G7 Environment Ministers in Hamilton, the G7 Environment Ministers identified the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Environment Programme as the primary international institutions essential to address international environmental and sustainable development issues.²³⁷¹ They affirmed that the 1992 Convention on the Conservation of Biological Diversity remains the “principal mechanism for advancing the conservation of the world’s species.”

In 1996, at the Environment Ministers Meeting in Cabourg, G7 members reaffirmed they remain fully committed to Agenda 21 and acknowledged “its implementation will be financed from national public and private funds.”²³⁷²

At the 1997 Denver Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed the main multilateral funding mechanism for the global environment remains the Global Environmental Facility and G7 leaders committed to work to “strengthen its finances and enhance its effectiveness.”²³⁷³ G7 leaders also announced they welcome the Convention to Combat Desertification.

On 10 December 1997, G7 members committed to adopting the Kyoto Protocol which introduced legally binding targets to benefit nature by limiting climate change.²³⁷⁴

In 1998, at the Foreign Ministers Meeting in London, G8 members committed to the G8 Action Programme on Forests which introduced the prevention of illegal logging as a new environmental priority necessary to avoid environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.²³⁷⁵

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, the G8 members called on Multilateral Development Banks “to play a leadership role in increasing the provision of global public goods, particularly for urgently needed measures against environmental degradation.”²³⁷⁶ Additionally, the G8 members acknowledged that protecting the ocean environment will require international maritime safety to be strengthened.

²³⁶⁹ Economic Declaration: A Strengthened Commitment to Jobs and Growth, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 1993. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1993tokyo/communique/index.html>

²³⁷⁰ Halifax Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 June 1995. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1995halifax/communique/index.html>

²³⁷¹ Chairperson's Highlights, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 May 1995. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/1995-chairpersons-highlights.html>

²³⁷² Chairman's Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9-10 May 1996. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/1996cabourg/summary_index.html

²³⁷³ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 1997. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1997denver/g8final.htm>

²³⁷⁴ Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Climate Change (Kyoto) 10 December 1997. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/docs/cop3/107a01.pdf#page=24>

²³⁷⁵ G8 Action Programme on Forests, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 May 1998. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/forests.html>

²³⁷⁶ G7 Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 July 2000. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/statement.htm>

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, the G8 leaders committed to the Gleneagles Plan of Action which emphasised the priorities of “financing the transition to cleaner energy,” reducing harmful effects of climate change, and tackling illegal logging.²³⁷⁷

In 2007, at the Environment Ministers Meeting in Potsdam, G8 leaders committed to the Potsdam Initiative – Biological Diversity 2010 to support the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity.²³⁷⁸ The G8 leaders also called for the production of a global economic study to analyse the costs of conservation efforts and the costs of biodiversity.

On 26 May 2008, the G8 Environment Ministers committed to the 2008 Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity.²³⁷⁹ The 2008 Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity placed additional emphasis on the effective implementation of initiatives agreed to in the Potsdam Initiative: Biological Diversity 2010.

On 24 April 2009, the G8 Environment Ministers committed to the Carta di Siracusa on Biodiversity which introduced the post-2010 framework on biodiversity.²³⁸⁰ The Carta di Siracusa on Biodiversity also emphasised that investments in green infrastructure will help to reduce biodiversity loss.

At the 2011 Deauville Summit, G8 members declared their support for the Copenhagen Accord and the adopted provisions related to “transparency, mitigation, finance (in particular the creation of the Green Climate Fund), adaptation, technology and the fight against deforestation and forest degradation.”²³⁸¹

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders reiterated their support for the Copenhagen Accord and declared they remain committed to mobilising “USD 100 billion per year by 2020 from a wide variety of sources, both public and private, to address the climate mitigation and adaptation needs of developing countries in the context of their meaningful and transparent mitigation actions.”²³⁸²

On 25 September 2015, G7 leaders met at the UN Sustainable Development Summit and adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to benefit the environment.²³⁸³

On 12 December 2015, G7 members met at the UN Climate Conference in Paris and adopted the Paris Agreement as a binding agreement to combat climate change and protect nature.²³⁸⁴

On 6 May 2019, G7 leaders committed to adopt the Metz Charter on Biodiversity.²³⁸⁵ The Metz Charter on Biodiversity aims to mitigate climate change and restore ecosystems by strengthening and accelerating current biodiversity strategies and aims to implement new commitments to accelerate environmental benefits.

²³⁷⁷ Gleneagles Plan of Action, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/climatechangeplan.html>

²³⁷⁸ “Potsdam Initiative – Biological Diversity 2010,” G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 March 2007. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/g8_potsdam_initiative_en.pdf

²³⁷⁹ 2008 Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 May 2008. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/env080526-BD.html>

²³⁸⁰ “Carta di Siracusa” on Biodiversity, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 April 2009. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/env090424-biodiversity.pdf>

²³⁸¹ G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2011. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html#green>

²³⁸² G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

²³⁸³ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

²³⁸⁴ The Paris Agreement, United Nations Climate Change (Paris) 12 December 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english_paris_agreement.pdf

²³⁸⁵ Metz Charter on Biodiversity, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 May 2019. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2019-metz-charter-on-biodiversity.html>

On 21 May 2021, G7 Environment Ministers reiterated their goal to mobilise “US\$100 billion annually through to 2025, from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral” to support green recovery in the wake of COVID-19.²³⁸⁶

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders adopted the G7 2030 Nature Compact.²³⁸⁷ Through the G7 2030 Nature Compact, G7 leaders committed to “ambitious and effective global biodiversity targets, including conserving or protecting at least 30 percent of global land and at least 30 percent of the global ocean by 2030 to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 and address climate change, including through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures by 2030.”²³⁸⁸

On 27 May 2022, G7 members implemented the G7 Ocean Deal where they committed to intensify support for the environmental protection of oceans.²³⁸⁹ G7 leaders highlighted their commitment to “work towards increasing investments from all sources to ensure swift progress on our goals and commitments, highlighting the important role of national and international biodiversity, climate and development finance as a major source of finance for the protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal ecosystems that needs to be strengthened.”

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “mobilising resources from all sources and to substantially increasing our national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.”²³⁹⁰ Given that this commitment was embedded within the larger context of climate financing, it can be taken to indicate funding from both public and other sources of funding. Public funding would be taken out of the budgets of the governments of different countries. Other sources could include private financing as well as funding from multilateral development banks. This commitment involves taking forward-looking actions, as it looks for actions that will help realise a goal of creating a global framework for protecting nature by 2025.

“Mobilising resources” is understood to mean to put resources into action for the achievement of a target goal.²³⁹¹ In the context of this commitment, this means allocating resources that are intended specifically for the protection of nature.

“All sources” means resources that are more than just financial in nature. This includes human resources, such as scientists, biologists, environmentalists, and policy planners, and knowledge and intelligence regarding effective ways to preserve nature.

“Substantially increase” means an ample or considerable increase.²³⁹² This means that G7 members must increase the funding already in place to a considerable degree with the specific intention of allocating it towards the preservation of nature.

²³⁸⁶ G7 Climate and Environment: Ministers' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 May 2021. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2021-environment.html>

²³⁸⁷ G7 2030 Nature Compact, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-nature-compact.html>

²³⁸⁸ G7 Climate and Environment: Ministers' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 May 2021. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2021-environment.html>

²³⁸⁹ G7 Ocean Deal, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2022-ocean-deal.html>

²³⁹⁰ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Elmau) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

²³⁹¹ “Mobilise,” Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 25 September 2022

²³⁹² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

“National [funding]” is understood to mean financial resources from a country’s domestic federal government.

“International funding” is understood to mean financial resources from and with other countries. This funding can be the result of bilateral or multilateral agreements between countries that agree on the allocation of funds amongst themselves for the preservation of nature. This can also include funding provided to international institutions that handle nature-related issues.

“Nature” refers to the external world, including all living and non-living things that exist naturally without human intervention.²³⁹³ This includes plants, animals, habitats and ecosystems, food chains, air and water, and natural resources such as oil and minerals.

“Support” means the action, or act of providing aid, assistance, or backing up an initiative, or entity.²³⁹⁴ In the context of this commitment, this would mean using the resources and funding to back up the ambitious global framework targeted at nature protection by 2025. Actions, while not having to be explicitly related to the framework, must still support the overall object and purpose of the framework, which is to preserve nature.

“Implementation” refers to the process of making something active or effective.²³⁹⁵ In the context of the commitment, this would mean bringing about the global framework aimed at a 2025 start date that would bring about the preservation of nature. However, the commitment is focused on mobilising financing and countries are not scored based on establishing such a framework.

“Ambitious” means having a desire for a particular goal.²³⁹⁶

Lastly, “global framework” refers to an international basic structure.²³⁹⁷ As referenced by the commitment, this framework is intended to be geared towards the preservation of nature, to be implemented by 2025.

This commitment has two components: national one and international one. As the commitment focuses on both national and international funding and resources, G7 members must take action in both regards for full compliance with their pledge. Moreover, the commitment specifically calls for “mobilising [financial] resources from all sources,” meaning that G7 members must mobilise funds from at least a few sources for full compliance.

This commitment includes a depth analysis, as implied by the use of the term “substantially.” The strength of compliance can be assessed based on the types of domestic and international actions undertaken, each of which has a corresponding strength. Compliance with this commitment will involve taking action to increase funding intended to protect, preserve, and promote nature and the natural environment. This includes features of nature such as biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems, and natural resources. The funding must be allocated to support and boost global efforts to protect nature. Examples of strong domestic action include changing domestic regulations, laws or statutes to provide resources and funding for nature preservation; initiating domestic programs that promote nature preservation and ways to conduct human affairs without negatively impacting nature; establishing committees of scientists and policymakers to inform domestic practices; and allocating funding towards the preservation of nature. Examples of weak domestic actions include verbally reaffirming their commitment to providing resources and funding for nature; attending meetings that discuss nature preservation and funds for that purpose; and assigning the responsibility for addressing nature preservation onto a national official or institution for future implementation. Examples of strong international actions include providing financial support, either directly or through an international institution, to other countries, especially low- and middle-income countries, who require assistance in taking effective actions regarding nature

²³⁹³ “Nature,” Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nature>

²³⁹⁴ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²³⁹⁵ “Implementation,” Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/implementation>

²³⁹⁶ “Ambitious,” Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ambitious>

²³⁹⁷ “Framework,” Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/framework>

preservation; establishing international initiatives that use funding to protect nature; joining, participating in, or sending officials to international organisations to take action towards nature preservation; and sponsoring or ratifying treaties that address actions for nature preservation. Examples of weak international action include sharing information with other countries regarding options for nature preservation; and making bilateral or multilateral agreements that reaffirm the importance of preserving nature but leaving actual implementation of actions for the future.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong actions both internationally and domestically to mobilise resources to increase funding for nature both nationally and internationally. This includes creating domestic programs and legislations and providing funds to international organisations and entities aimed at protecting nature. Resources must come from at least a few different sources, combining both public and private sources of financing. Lastly, G7 members must increase funding to a considerable degree in order to achieve full compliance.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong actions to mobilise resources to increase funding for nature either nationally OR internationally, which at least some less than strong action in the other sphere. Resources must come from at least a few different sources, and may be from either or both public and private sources of financing.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member takes less than strong action both internationally and domestically, or does not take any action to mobilise resources to increase funding for nature, or takes action that is antithetical to the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has taken less than strong action to mobilise resources from multiple resources to increase funding for nature BOTH domestically and internationally, OR has not taken any action, OR has taken action that is antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G7 member has taken strong actions to mobilise resources from multiple sources to increase funding for nature either domestically OR internationally, with SOME less than strong action taken in the other sphere.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong actions to mobilise resources from multiple resources to increase funding for nature BOTH domestically and internationally.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 8 July 2022, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard Joyce Murray announced CAD7.46 million to be provided over the span of four years to support the Inuvialuit Settlement Region's Marine Protected Areas, the Tarium Niryutait and Anguniaqvia niqiqyuam.²³⁹⁸ This action demonstrates Canada's commitment to conserve and protect marine bodies of water and Indigenous territories.

On 13 July 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard Mike Kelloway joined representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Morocco, South Africa, the European Union and the United States to sign the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance

²³⁹⁸ Government of Canada invests in co-management of Marine Protected Areas in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Inuvik) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/07/government-of-canada-invests-in-co-management-of-marine-protected-areas-in-the-inuvialuit-settlement-region.html>

Declaration.²³⁹⁹ The All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance specifically aims to enhance marine research, innovation, and cooperation to preserve biodiversity and mitigate effects of climate change for the Atlantic Ocean.

On 19 July 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the expansion of Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.²⁴⁰⁰ This renewed and expanded plan will help further progress: enhancing the protection and restoration of vulnerable marine ecosystems and wildlife, improving the efficiency safety, and sustainability of Canada's marine supply chains including mitigating their impacts on the environment, managing marine traffic and incidents, and, advancing partnerships and training opportunities for Indigenous and coastal communities to incorporate their experiences to marine safety and ecosystem protection.

On 25 July 2022, Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra and the Member of Parliament for Saint John Wayne Long announced an investment of up to CAD447 million that builds on Canada's 2016 Oceans Protection Plan to further protect and restore coastal ecosystems.²⁴⁰¹ Canada's investment will go towards removing hazardous water waste, reducing marine shipping and oil spill risks, increasing funding to restore Canada's coastal areas, and establishing funding for "scientific research, monitoring, and protection measures to reduce the impacts of marine shipping activities" on marine mammals.

On 29 July 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada announced funding of over CAD3.7 million over the next three years through the Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk to support 33 conservation projects across Canada.²⁴⁰² The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk is imperative in conserving species at risk across Indigenous territories and preventing further biodiversity loss.

On 11 August 2022, Transport Canada announced over CAD3.1 million in funding to cover 22 projects that seek to reduce the impact of underwater vessel noise.²⁴⁰³ This initiative will identify and develop tools and approaches to reduce underwater noise and detect nearby marine mammals to alert nearby vessels. Canada's funding for nature will support the conservation of the marine environment and vulnerable aquatic organisms.

On 18 August 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Parks Canada Steven Guilbeault announced a shared commitment to nature conservation along with the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Climate Change Timothy Halman and the Nova Scotia Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables Tory Rushton.²⁴⁰⁴ Leaders agreed to advance negotiations for a Nature Agreement that aims to protect natural species and increase habitat protection for species at risk in Nova Scotia. Additionally, leaders committed to work towards the proposed national urban park at Blue Mountain, connect key areas of protected and

²³⁹⁹ Canada signs the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/07/canada-signs-the-all-atlantic-ocean-research-and-innovation-alliance-declaration.html>

²⁴⁰⁰ Delivering clean oceans and healthy coasts with an expanded Oceans Protection Plan, Prime Minister of Canada, (Bowen Island) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/07/19/delivering-clean-oceans-and-healthy-coasts-expanded-oceans-protection>

²⁴⁰¹ The Government of Canada invests in the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems as part of the next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/07/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-the-protection-and-restoration-of-marine-ecosystems-as-part-of-the-next-phase-of-the-oceans-protection-plan.html>

²⁴⁰² Government of Canada announces funding for Indigenous communities to protect species at risk and their habitats, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/06/government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-indigenous-communities-to-protect-species-at-risk-and-their-habitats.html>

²⁴⁰³ Minister of Transport announces funding for new technologies to reduce underwater noise from marine vessels, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/08/minister-of-transport-announces-funding-for-new-technologies-to-reduce-underwater-noise-from-marine-vessels.html>

²⁴⁰⁴ Canada and Nova Scotia commit to shared actions to protect more nature and halt biodiversity loss, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Halifax) 18 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/canada-and-nova-scotia-commit-to-shared-actions-to-protect-more-nature-and-halt-biodiversity-loss.html>

conserved land through Nova Scotia's ecological corridors, and develop a funding agreement to conserve old growth forests.

On 19 August 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced an investment of over CAD1 million over three years for two biospheres in Nova Scotia.²⁴⁰⁵ The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve in Cape Breton will receive CAD463,140 and the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve in southwestern Nova Scotia will receive CAD585,362. Canada's funding will go towards identifying and protecting areas with high biodiversity levels.

On 24 August 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada announced that the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve will receive over CAD585,000 over the course of three years from Canada's Enhanced Nature Legacy.²⁴⁰⁶ Canada's funding will support the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve's conservation and biodiversity protection efforts in buffer zones of core protected areas of the biosphere reserve.

On 25 August 2022, Parks Canada announced an investment of CAD4.3 million for the conservation and restoration of the beaver ponds area of Forillon National Park.²⁴⁰⁷ This project aims to restore ecological connectivity to the forest and waterways from a former section of Highway 132 by 2026. This project entails the removal of around 5.5 kilometres of the old highway to make way for the redevelopment. Additionally, an estimated 15,000 native trees will be planted in Forillon National Park as a part of this restoration project to protect biodiversity.

On 25 August 2022, Minister Guilbeault embarked on a tour of regions in Quebec to meet with various stakeholders concerning the collaboration required to protect the endangered caribou species.²⁴⁰⁸ Minister Guilbeault announced CAD4.6 million in funding to support five Indigenous communities in Quebec and their efforts to conserve caribou.

On 29 August 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced nearly CAD30 million in funding for over eighty First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Guardians projects across the country.²⁴⁰⁹ The funding will go towards Indigenous nature conservation, biodiversity protection, and environmental education efforts.

On 1 September 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced an investment of more than CAD926,000 over four years for the purpose of biodiversity conservation efforts in the Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound Biosphere

²⁴⁰⁵ Minister Guilbeault announces more than \$1 million for two Nova Scotia biosphere reserves to protect nature and help meet Canada's conservation goals, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Mahone Bay) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/minister-guilbeault-announces-more-than-1-million-for-two-nova-scotia-biosphere-reserves-to-protect-nature-and-help-meet-canadas-conservation-goals.html>

²⁴⁰⁶ Canada invests more than \$585,000 in Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve to increase biodiversity conservation in Ontario, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Parry Sound) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/canada-invests-more-than-585000-in-georgian-bay-biosphere-reserve-to-increase-biodiversity-conservation-in-ontario.html>

²⁴⁰⁷ The Government of Canada invests \$4.3 million in biodiversity at Forillon National Park, Parks Canada (Gaspé) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2022/08/the-government-of-canada-invests-43million-in-biodiversity-at-forillon-national-park.html>

²⁴⁰⁸ Minister Guilbeault is visiting regions in Quebec to discuss protection of the caribou, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Métabetchouan-Lac-à-la-Croix) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/minister-guilbeault-is-visiting-regions-in-quebec-to-discuss-protection-of-the-caribou.html>

²⁴⁰⁹ The Government of Canada supports Indigenous Guardians nature conservation with \$30M fund, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Whitehorse) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/08/the-government-of-canada-supports-indigenous-guardians-nature-conservation-with-30m-fund.html>

Region.²⁴¹⁰ This funding will support nature and wildlife conservation in the biosphere region as the biosphere is home to at least 39 species listed under Canada's Species at Risk Act.

On 21 September 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced that the Government of Canada has provided nearly CAD3 million in funding to the Miawpukek First Nation in order to support their conservation work.²⁴¹¹ This funding will enable the Miawpukek First Nation to establish a new Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area that will contribute towards Canada's goal of protecting 25 per cent of land and inland waters by 2025.

On 23 September 2022, Minister Guilbeault went to New York City to attend meetings and events during Climate Week in New York for the 77th United Nations General Assembly.²⁴¹² Minister Guilbeault met with various climate leaders before the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This included a meeting with the United Kingdom for discussing its nature financing in their joint "10-Point Plan for financing biodiversity." He reaffirmed "the need for increased ambition to meet shared climate goals, including urgent action to protect nature and halt biodiversity loss" during a panel discussion with climate leaders hosted by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.

On 29 September 2022, Minister Alghabra announced an investment of CAD50 million to directly fund Indigenous partnerships as part of Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.²⁴¹³ This funding will support the involvement of Indigenous communities and organisations in their efforts to advance marine safety and environmental protection.

On 13 October 2022, Natural Resources Canada announced a contribution of CAD1.3 million to Flash Forest, a company that utilises drone technology to plant trees.²⁴¹⁴ Over one million trees are planned to be planted by Flash Forest over the next two years, specifically in severe forest fire sites across Canada. This funding is part of Government Canada's Two Billion Trees Program, which aims to plant two billion trees over 10 years.

On 18 October 2022, Parks Canada announced a partnership with Indigenous territories to restore and increase park forest resiliency in Kluane National Park and Reserve.²⁴¹⁵ This project will help long term restoration and resiliency of the forest while also revitalising the Southern Tutchone traditions and culture. A federal investment of CAD2.5 million throughout a five-year time span for the project was announced as part of this partnership.

²⁴¹⁰ Minister Guilbeault announces more than \$926,000 for the Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound Biosphere Region to protect nature and help meet Canada's conservation goals, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Lions Bay) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/minister-guilbeault-announces-more-than-926000-for-the-atlka7tsem-howe-sound-biosphere-region-to-protect-nature-and-help-meet-canadas-conservation.html>

²⁴¹¹ The Government of Canada and Miawpukek First Nation in Newfoundland and Labrador take first steps toward a new Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Miawpukek First Nation) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/the-government-of-canada-and-miawpukek-first-nation-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-take-first-steps-toward-a-new-indigenous-protected-and-conserved-area.html>

²⁴¹² Minister Guilbeault advances global solutions on climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution at Climate Week in New York, Environment and Climate Change Canada (New York City) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/minister-guilbeault-advances-global-solutions-on-climate-change-biodiversity-loss-and-pollution-at-climate-week-in-new-york.html>

²⁴¹³ The Government of Canada invests in partnership with Indigenous Peoples in the next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/09/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-partnership-with-indigenous-peoples-in-the-next-phase-of-the-oceans-protection-plan.html>

²⁴¹⁴ Tree-Planting Drones to Revitalize Reforestation Efforts in Areas Affected by Wildfires, Natural Resources Canada (Mississauga) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/tree-planting-drones-to-revitalize-reforestation-efforts-in-areas-affected-by-wildfires.html>

²⁴¹⁵ Government of Canada announces \$2.5M to restore forest ecosystems in Kluane National Park and Reserve, Parks Canada (Haines Junction) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-announces-25m-to-restore-forest-ecosystems-in-kluane-national-park-and-reserve.html>

This project will also include research on human-caused and natural-caused wildfires in the forest and its role in its biodiversity.

On 15 October 2022, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga Tim Louis announced on behalf of Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson that CAD163,000 would be provided in funding to the Wilmot Horticultural Society in order to Support their Let's Tree Wilmot initiative, which aims to plant 2,600 trees on 3.9 hectares of public land.²⁴¹⁶ This funding was provided through the Government of Canada's Two Billion Trees program, which is intended to advance nature-based solutions towards a cleaner environment.

On 28 October 2022, Canada and Germany co-led and released a Progress Report on the Climate Finance Delivery Plan to analyse the collective progress of countries at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and their commitment to mobilise USD100 billion in climate finance per year.²⁴¹⁷ International climate financing will go towards combating climate change, while also addressing biodiversity loss. The Progress Report focussed on four action areas: aiming for partner countries to increase transparency of their climate finance goals, reducing barriers for developing countries to access climate finance, enhancing the delivery of climate finance from Multilateral Development Banks, and improving the efficacy of mobilising private finance.

On 2 November 2022, Minister Murray announced that up to CAD28.4 million will be allocated towards clearing marine litter from the Atlantic Ocean after Hurricane Fiona in order to keep the ocean habitat safe and healthy.²⁴¹⁸

On 9 November 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada announced a contribution of CAD260,000 over four years to support the Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust non-profit organisations to continue efforts to protect grassland habitat in Delta, British Columbia.²⁴¹⁹ These non-profits will work with farmers to temporarily take agricultural fields and plant native grasses for species at risk as only five per cent of native grassland remains in the lower half of Fraser River Delta. The four target species at risk include the great blue heron, the barn owl, the barn swallow and the short-eared owl.

On 18 November 2022, Minister Alghabra announced over CAD1.2 billion to fund over 29 initiatives in the next phase of Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.²⁴²⁰ This funding includes CAD890.3 million for 19 initiatives to go towards Canada's marine safety and prevention responses. Additionally, CAD337.3 million of funding will go towards 10 initiatives to aid in building partnerships between the Government of Canada and Indigenous and coastal community collaboration to better protect Canadian bodies of water.

²⁴¹⁶ MP Tim Louis Announces Federal Funding for Tree Planting in Wilmot, Ontario, Natural Resources Canada (Wilmot) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/10/mp-tim-louis-announces-federal-funding-for-tree-planting-in-wilmot-ontario.html>

²⁴¹⁷ Climate Finance Delivery Plan Progress Report: collective progress and key actions to reach US\$100 billion goal, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/climate-finance-delivery-plan-progress-report-collective-progress-and-key-actions-to-reach-us100-billion-goal.html>

²⁴¹⁸ Government of Canada announces funding to clean up Hurricane Fiona ocean litter to make waters safer, healthier and return fishing equipment to harvesters, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-clean-up-hurricane-fiona-ocean-litter-to-make-waters-safer-healthier-and-return-fishing-equipment-to-harv0.html>

²⁴¹⁹ Canada funds new project to protect species at risk and their habitat in Southwestern British Columbia, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Delta) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/canada-funds-new-project-to-protect-species-at-risk-and-their-habitat-in-southwestern-british-columbia.html>

²⁴²⁰ The Government of Canada invests in marine emergency preparedness, response and partnerships as part of the next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada (Vancouver) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/11/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-marine-emergency-preparedness-response-and-partnerships-as-part-of-the-next-phase-of-the-oceans-protection-plan.html>

On 21 November 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced CAD109 million in funding over the next five years to go towards 40 projects in Canada from the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund.²⁴²¹ This latest investment is part of the total CAD631 million that the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund will distribute between 2021 and 2031. This investment includes CAD1.7 million over five years to the Kawartha Land Trust to protect carbon-rich ecosystems with high biodiversity value in Ontario. These various 40 projects announced by the Natural Smart Climate Solutions Fund are estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 85,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year by conserving and protecting ecosystems critical for Canada's wildlife.

On 21 November 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced CAD10 million in funding Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd, a tree-planting project in British Columbia, through Canada's Two Billion Trees program.²⁴²² Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd will be working in partnership with Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia to plant 9.3 million trees as part of "the Wildfire/Mountain Pine Beetle Reforestation and Habitat Restoration" project.

On 23 November 2022, Minister Wilkinson announced CAD12.7 million in funding towards Forests Ontario to plant 7.2 million trees over the next three years.²⁴²³ This initiative is part of Canada's Two Billion Trees program that partners provincial governments with organisations through federal funding to plant two billion trees over the next 10 years.

On 28 November 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada announced CAD8.7 million in funding over a span of three years.²⁴²⁴ This funding will come from the Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk and will support 67 conservation projects across Canada.

On 30 November 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced CAD34.1 million in funding to support 13 projects focussing on the recovery and protection of species present in Canada.²⁴²⁵ Shared priority species between federal and provincial governments include the "caribou boreal, southern mountain, Peary caribou, barren-ground caribou, greater sage-grouse, and wood bison."

On 1 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced that the federal government is investing CAD1.998 million over the span of three years to support programs for migratory bird monitoring and conservation efforts.²⁴²⁶ These projects will help in the recovery of species at risk and will assist in protecting their habitats.

²⁴²¹ The Government of Canada invests in projects to tackle the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change across Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Peterborough) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-projects-to-tackle-the-twin-crises-of-biodiversity-loss-and-climate-change-across-canada.html>

²⁴²² Minister Wilkinson Announces Support for Planting 9.3 Million New Trees in Interior B.C., Natural Resources Canada (Chilcotin) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/minister-wilkinson-announces-support-for-planting-93-million-new-trees-in-interior-bc.html>

²⁴²³ Planting Over Seven Million Trees in Partnership with Forests Ontario, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/11/planting-over-seven-million-trees-in-partnership-with-forests-ontario.html>

²⁴²⁴ Government of Canada supports communities protecting species at risk and their habitats in New Brunswick and across Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Fredericton) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-supports-communities-protecting-species-at-risk-and-their-habitats-in-new-brunswick-and-across-canada.html>

²⁴²⁵ Canada invests \$34.1 million to protect priority species at risk across the country, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/canada-invests-341-million-to-protect-priority-species-at-risk-across-the-country.html>

²⁴²⁶ Government of Canada invests nearly \$2 million in migratory bird monitoring and conservation programs, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-2million-in-migratory-bird-monitoring-and-conservation-programs.html>

On 2 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced that the federal government supports the Government of Northwest Territories' conservation efforts for the barren-ground caribou.²⁴²⁷ The Government of Canada will invest CAD3.8 million in three conservation projects. The Government of Northwest Territories will match Canada's investment by providing another CAD3.8 million. These projects will monitor barren-ground caribou, their habitats, and potential threats to support the conservation of the barren-ground caribou.

On 7 December 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced up to CAD800 million over seven years starting in 2023 to support four Indigenous-led conservation initiatives to protect nature and halt biodiversity loss.²⁴²⁸ These projects could protect an estimated one million square kilometres.

On 12 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault and Minister Wilkinson announced at the 2022 Montreal Biodiversity Conference Canada's pledge to the Bonn Challenge, a global initiative that seeks to bring 350 million hectares of deforested landscapes and ecosystems under restoration by 2030.²⁴²⁹ Canada's initial pledge towards this global effort includes around 19 million hectares through federal programs that support landscape and ecosystem restoration activities.

On 12 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced over 50 new plans under the Two Billion Trees Program.²⁴³⁰ These new projects account for more than CAD37 million in funding, and are expected to result in over 12.5 million newly planted trees across Canada.

On 13 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault announced that the federal government is investing around CAD90 million over the course of three years to extend the Natural Heritage Conservation Program.²⁴³¹ This funding will go towards securing an additional 180,000 hectares of sensitive lands and establishing new protected areas across Canada.

On 14 December 2022, Minister Guilbeault and Yukon's Minister of Environment Nils Clarke announced the implementation of the Canadian-Yukon Nature Agreement.²⁴³² This agreement intends to advance nature conservation and protection across Yukon, with the federal government investing a total of CAD20.6 million. This includes supporting Indigenous methods of conservation, protection of sensitive habitats, recovery plans for species at risk, and the protection and conservation of new land in the territory.

On 16 December 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly and Minister Guilbeault announced at the 2022 Montreal Biodiversity Conference CAD255 million in funding to go towards helping developing countries

²⁴²⁷ Government of Canada invests \$3.8 million to support barren-ground caribou conservation in the Northwest Territories, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-38-million-to-support-barren-ground-caribou-conservation-in-the-northwest-territories.html>

²⁴²⁸ Protecting more nature in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Prime Minister of Canada (Montreal) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/12/07/protecting-more-nature-partnership-indigenous-peoples>

²⁴²⁹ Canada Pledges to Join the Bonn Challenge for Landscape Restoration at COP15, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/canada-pledges-to-join-the-bonn-challenge-for-landscape-restoration-at-cop15.html>

²⁴³⁰ Minister Wilkinson Announces Over 50 New Projects Toward 2 Billion Trees, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/minister-wilkinson-announces-over-50-new-projects-toward-2-billion-trees.html>

²⁴³¹ The Government of Canada to protect more ecologically sensitive land by boosting the Natural Heritage Conservation Program, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Montreal) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/the-government-of-canada-to-protect-more-ecologically-sensitive-land-by-extending-the-natural-heritage-conservation-program.html>

²⁴³² Canada and Yukon chart new path with agreement to help protect and conserve nature, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Montreal) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/canada-and-yukon-chart-new-path-with-agreement-to-help-protect-and-conserve-nature.html>

mitigate climate change and protect nature.²⁴³³ This investment makes Canada the seventh largest donor of the Global Environment Facility of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. This funding adds to the CAD350 million announced by Prime Minister Trudeau at the beginning of the convention to support developing countries by advancing biodiversity efforts.

On 17 December 2022, Minister Murray announced at the 2022 Montreal Biodiversity Conference an ocean restoration plan that included CAD227.5 million in funding.²⁴³⁴ The various ways the funds will be allocated include: CAD75 million over five years towards the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund to support projects that conserve and restore coastal and upstream areas, CAD7.5 million over three years through the Ecosystem and Oceans Contribution Program to fund research towards marine conservation, and CAD6.9 million through the Oceans Management Contribution Program as part of a larger funding of CAD145 million over five years to support collaboration with conservation partners across Canada.

On 19 December 2022, Canada adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference to support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding, including domestic, international, public and private sources of funding, towards nature.²⁴³⁵ The Framework also calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.

On 16 January 2023, Minister Murray announced a new partnership with Ocean Wise and a contribution of over CAD430,000 in funding to amplify the voices of young professionals at the Fifth International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) to take place in February.²⁴³⁶ This partnership will better enable young individuals between the ages of 18-35 to contribute to discussions and outcomes concerning the protection of aquatic systems and natural bodies of water, and foster a more collaborative environment when it comes to Canada's largest goal of protecting 30 per cent of the global ocean by 2030.

On 17 January 2023, Environment and Climate Change Canada announced CAD1.59 million to support 25 projects that are part of the Lake Winnipeg Basin Program.²⁴³⁷ The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program aims to improve the water quality and ecological health of Lake Winnipeg, with this investment going towards enhancing water health by removing phosphorus and partnering with First Nations to protect fresh water.

On 24 January 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced CAD300,000 for the Association Forestière des Deux Rives as part of the federal government's 2 Billion Trees program.²⁴³⁸ This investment will go towards planting trees in both suburban and urban areas in Quebec.

²⁴³³ Canada steps up with new funding to protect biodiversity in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Montreal) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-steps-up-with-new-funding-to-protect-biodiversity-in-developing-countries.html>

²⁴³⁴ Protecting and restoring biodiversity in the Canadian marine environment, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Montreal) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-expands-efforts-to-protect-and-restore-marine-biodiversity.html>

²⁴³⁵ COP15 statement from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Montreal) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/12/cop15-statement-from-the-minister-of-environment-and-climate-change.html>

²⁴³⁶ Government of Canada partners with Ocean Wise to amplify the voice of young professionals at IMPAC5, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Vancouver) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/01/government-of-canada-partners-with-ocean-wise-to-amplify-the-voice-of-young-professionals-at-impac50.html>

²⁴³⁷ Canada invests in Lake Winnipeg Basin restoration and protection, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Winnipeg) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/canada-invests-in-lake-winnipeg-basin-restoration-and-protection.html>

²⁴³⁸ Tree Planting in Quebec to Help in Fight Against Climate Change, Natural Resources Canada (Quebec City) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/01/tree-planting-in-quebec-to-help-in-fight-against-climate-change.html>

On 25 January 2023, Natural Resources Canada announced the launching of the Home Grown tree planting grant program.²⁴³⁹ This program entails an investment of over CAD7 million through the course of five years to plant trees across Winnipeg as part of the federal 2 Billion Trees program. This investment will support the planting of over 71,000 trees in Winnipeg, with aims to combat pollution in the area, increase forest tree cover and improve habitats along riverbanks.

On 31 January 2023, the Government of Canada and the Barclay Instruction Group Inc. reached an agreement following an investigation which found the Barclay Instruction Group Inc. to be depositing contaminated water into Lake Ontario in June 2018.²⁴⁴⁰ The final arrangements are an alternative to the prosecution of charges laid by Environment and Climate Change Canada. The arrangement includes a payment of CAD175,000 from the company to the Government of Canada's Environmental Damages Fund. Additionally, The Barclay Instruction Group Inc. agreed to promoting environmental management systems and an operating procedure on spill containment and cleanups.

On 3 February 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced a new policy for the establishment and management of national marine conservation areas (NMCAs) to start the Fifty International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Vancouver.²⁴⁴¹ This new framework sets out goals for the national marine conservation areas program as part of Canada's larger goal to create 10 new NMCAs.

On 6 February 2023, Minister Murray announced CAD46.5 million in funding over the course of five years to Ocean Networks Canada to improve their ocean monitoring system.²⁴⁴² This financial contribution is funded through Canada's Oceans Protection Plan, and will go towards improving data collection needed to protect ecosystems, support marine navigation, and improve emergency response planning.

On 6 February 2023, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan announced CAD69.5 million in funding for climate finance in assisting marginalized communities fight back against the threats of climate change.²⁴⁴³ This investment will go towards various projects including: CAD30 million for regenerative sustainable seascapes in coastal communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Comoros and Madagascar; CAD20 million to help conserve mangrove systems, enhance biodiversity and regulate governance of mangrove systems as a natural resource in Senegal; CAD16.5 million to improve coastal management by restoring and conserving mangroves, sustainable farming seaweed and conserving forests in Kenya, and CAD3 million to increase the knowledge of nature based solutions in developing countries, including biodiversity assessment and corrective action projects.²⁴⁴⁴

²⁴³⁹ MP Terry Duguid Launches Program to Plant Over 71,000 Trees in Winnipeg with Mayor Gillingham, Natural Resources Canada (Winnipeg) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/01/mp-terry-duguid-launches-program-to-plant-over-71000-trees-in-winnipeg-with-mayor-gillingham.html>

²⁴⁴⁰ The Barclay Construction Group Inc. agreed to pay \$175K to the Environmental Damages Fund as part of an alternative measures agreement related to excavation work near Lake Ontario, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Toronto) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/the-barclay-construction-group-inc-agreed-to-pay-175k-to-the-environmental-damages-fund-as-part-of-an-alternative-measures-agreement-related-to-exc.html>

²⁴⁴¹ Government of Canada advancing on goal of creating 10 new national marine conservation areas with new policy direction, Parks Canada (Vancouver) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-advancing-on-goal-of-creating-10-new-national-marine-conservation-areas-with-new-policy-direction.html>

²⁴⁴² The Government of Canada invests in world-class ocean monitoring system to enhance Canada's ocean protection for the next generation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/02/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-world-class-ocean-monitoring-system-to-enhance-canadas-ocean-protection-for-the-next-generation.html>

²⁴⁴³ Canada announces \$69.5 million in funding to protect and restore ocean ecosystems in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-announces-695-million-in-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

²⁴⁴⁴ Background: Canada's new funding to protect and restore ocean ecosystems in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

On 7 February 2023, Minister Murray announced a memorandum of understanding with the Council of Haida Nation to protect a unique ocean area off the Pacific West Coast.²⁴⁴⁵ This marine protected area, known as Tang.Gwan — ḥačxwiqak — Tsigis, is home to underwater mountains and all known hydrothermal vents in Canada, proving a globally rare area that supports unique deep sea species.

On 9 February 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced a federal investment of CAD2.1 million over the span of three years to support management of issues related to wildlife diseases.²⁴⁴⁶ This investment will work towards tracking wildlife health and preventing infectious diseases from affecting wildlife and nature in Canada.

On 22 February 2023, Minister Alghabra announced CAD12.5 million in funding to launch the Ballast Water Innovation Program as part of Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.²⁴⁴⁷ This plan will be essential to reducing the spread of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, and will fund investing in solutions to ballast water management.

On 27 February 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced plans on a new caribou conservation breeding program to support southern mountain caribou recovery in Jasper National Park.²⁴⁴⁸ This plan comes as a response to declining caribou populations in Jasper National Park that can not naturally repopulate on their own. This breeding program includes creating a breeding facility in Jasper National Park and developing operational plans to ensure the well-being of these animals. This breeding program is part of a larger national effort to preserve the caribou species across Canada and reverse biodiversity loss.

On 1 March 2023, Minister Guilbeault and the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development for Manitoba, Greg Nesbitt, announced that the governments of Canada and Manitoba reached a three-year agreement to support the conservation of Boreal Caribou in Manitoba.²⁴⁴⁹ This includes a federal investment of nearly CAD1 million to support actions under the draft agreement and conservation measures.

On 1 March 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced over CAD11.7 million in funding to support the Ontario Land Trust Alliance with the aim of conserving wetlands, grasslands and forests that are currently under threat in Ontario.²⁴⁵⁰ Minister Guilbeault also announced over CAD850,000 to support projects on Great Lake restoration to protect and restore aquatic habitats throughout the province.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/backgrounder-canadas-new-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

²⁴⁴⁵ Government of Canada and coastal First Nations announce progress to protect a large ecologically unique ocean area off the Pacific West Coast, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Vancouver) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

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²⁴⁴⁶ The Government of Canada to invest over \$2.1 million in wildlife disease surveillance across the country, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/02/the-government-of-canada-to-invest-over-21-million-in-wildlife-disease-surveillance-across-the-country.html>

²⁴⁴⁷ The Minister of Transport launches new program to further prevent aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River regions, Transport Canada (Windsor) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2023/02/the-minister-of-transport-launches-new-program-to-further-prevent-aquatic-invasive-species-in-the-great-lakes-and-st-lawrence-river-regions.html>

²⁴⁴⁸ Government of Canada invests in reversing biodiversity loss through conservation breeding program for caribou in Jasper National Park, Parks Canada (Jasper National Park) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-in-reversing-biodiversity-loss-through-conservation-breeding-program-for-caribou-in-jasper-national-park0.html>

²⁴⁴⁹ Governments of Canada and Manitoba reach a conservation agreement on Boreal Caribou, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/02/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-reach-a-conservation-agreement-on-boreal-caribou.html>

²⁴⁵⁰ Canada continues investing to protect nature and freshwater in Ontario, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Toronto) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/03/canada-continues-investing-to-protect-nature-and-freshwater-in-ontario.html>

On March 9 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced a federal investment of CAD2.32 million for three projects that will go towards Canada’s protected and conserved areas.²⁴⁵¹ The three projects include: CAD1.4 million over four years to the Cape Jourimain Nature Centre as well as the Cape Jourimain National Wildlife Area in New Brunswick to help protect endangered and threatened habitats and species, CAD690,000 over three years to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to expand the creation and identification of protected and conserved areas in Newfoundland and Labrador, and, CAD230,000 over three years to the Friends of Wye Marsh to implement more inclusive practices and connections to nature Wye Marsh National Wildlife Area in Ontario.

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec announced their joint intention to expand the boundaries of the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park.²⁴⁵² This proposed expansion aims to better protect biodiversity and the ecosystems present in St. Lawrence Marine Park, particularly the St. Lawrence Estuary, in which nearly 2,200 different species can be found. The main objective of this project seeks to protect the St. Lawrence beluga, whose population lies outside the current boundaries of the park.

On 10 March 2023, Fisheries and Oceans Canada announced that Canada will host the 40th Annual Meeting of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) from June 5 to 8, 2023 in Moncton, New Brunswick.²⁴⁵³ This event will address key threats that wild Atlantic salmon face across the North Atlantic through international cooperation for long term conservation and restoration of the species.

On 16 March 2023, the Government of Canada and the City of Vancouver announced an investment in Vancouver’s resilience against climate change.²⁴⁵⁴ This joint investment includes CAD18.9 million in federal funding, as well as over CAD17.3 million in funding from the City of Vancouver. The purpose of this investment will go towards Vancouver’s Rain City Strategy, which outlines several actions to improve the city’s water quality, become more resilient to climate change, and enhance ecosystems, including to protect species and preserve biodiversity and habitats.

On 21 March 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced more than CAD2.2 million in funding to go towards planting over 400,000 trees on marginal farmland across 13 communities in Canada.²⁴⁵⁵ This contribution comes from Canada’s 2 Billion Trees program, as part of Canada’s larger goal to protect biodiversity and fight back against climate change.

On 22 March 2023, Minister Guilbeault announced an investment of CAD25 million in the International Institute for Sustainable Development’s Experimental Lakes Area.²⁴⁵⁶ The research centre focuses on experiments to examine stressors to aquatic systems, thus contributing to freshwater management and the

²⁴⁵¹ Partners working together to improve conservation and connect more Canadians with nature, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/03/partners-working-together-to-improve-conservation-and-connect-more-canadians-with-nature.html>

²⁴⁵² Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park Expansion Project, Parks Canada (Tadoussac) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2023/03/saguenayst-lawrence-marine-park-expansion-project.html>

²⁴⁵³ Canada to host the 40th Annual Meeting of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) in June 2023, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/03/canada-to-host-the-40th-annual-meeting-of-the-north-atlantic-salmon-conservation-organization-nasco-in-june-2023.html>

²⁴⁵⁴ Government of Canada and City of Vancouver invest in Vancouver’s resilience to climate change, Infrastructure Canada (Vancouver) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-and-city-of-vancouver-invest-in-vancouvers-resilience-to-climate-change.html>

²⁴⁵⁵ Minister Wilkinson Celebrates International Day of Forests With Over 400,000 More Trees to Be Planted Across Canada, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2023/03/minister-wilkinson-celebrates-international-day-of-forests-with-over-400000-more-trees-to-be-planted-across-canada.html>

²⁴⁵⁶ World Water Day marked with funding announcement for research and protection of our most precious natural resource: fresh water, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/03/world-water-day-marked-with-funding-announcement-for-research-and-protection-of-our-most-precious-natural-resource-fresh-water.html>

protection and restoration of freshwater biodiversity in Canada and abroad. This investment in the Experimental Lakes Area will support freshwater research, while promoting national and international scientific collaboration.

On 31 March 2023, Minister Murray and Minister Alghabra announced the fishery and vessel management measures for 2023 as part of Canada's effort to protect the endangered North Atlantic right whale.²⁴⁵⁷ These measures include how Fisheries and Oceans Canada will prioritize measures to prevent entanglement, whale surveillance, marine mammal disturbance reporting requirements to inform measures to protect whales, and implementing a wholesale fishing gear strategy in Canadian fisheries. Additionally, Transport Canada's vessel traffic management measures will continue to implement speed restrictions to better protect whales where they are detected.

On 4 April 2023, the Court of Quebec ordered Enterprise Rent-A-Car Canada to pay CAD1 million after pleading guilty in Montréal to one count of violating the Fisheries Act.²⁴⁵⁸ The violation is the result of a gasoline spill from January 2021. The fine will go towards the Government of Canada Environmental Damages Fund, which will go towards various projects for Canada's natural environments.

On 5 April 2023, Minister Murray concluded her trip to Norway and Iceland concerning aquaculture and ocean innovation.²⁴⁵⁹ This trip proved essential for information sharing as Canada transitions from open-net pen aquaculture in British Columbia's waters, and seeks to protect wild salmon. Minister Murray's visit provided an opportunity to share practices and learn how to better manage ocean resources.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. Canada has taken strong actions in terms of domestic funding and resources, such as through the creation of natural reserves. It has also worked to increase international collaboration in its efforts to halt biodiversity loss and conserve nature, including through partnerships with countries in Africa. Moreover, Canada has used legislation and collaboration with various groups, including Indigenous coalitions, to increase private funding towards nature.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jasmine Furtado

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 28 July 2022, President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne created a goal of lowering energy consumption by starting at a 10 per cent reduction by 2024 with an overall goal of 40 per cent reduction

²⁴⁵⁷ Canada continues strong measures to protect endangered North Atlantic right whales, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/03/canada-continues-strong-measures-to-protect-endangered-north-atlantic-right-whales.html>

²⁴⁵⁸ Enterprise Rent-A-Car Canada fined \$1 million for Fisheries Act violation, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Montréal) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/04/enterprise-rent-a-car-canada-fined-1-million-for-fisheries-act-violation.html>

²⁴⁵⁹ Successful visit to Norway and Iceland fosters international collaboration in aquaculture and ocean innovation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/04/successful-visit-to-norway-and-iceland-fosters-international-collaboration-in-aquaculture-and-ocean-innovation.html>

by the year 2050.²⁴⁶⁰ The Minister of Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher allocated EUR150 million to support the development of projects that contribute to energy efficient mobility and sustainable logistics solutions. France's initiative to enhance funding for energy efficiency will benefit nature.

On 26 August 2022, the Government of France announced that it would be increasing its funding for biodiversity preservation to allow more municipalities to receive funding, with the total amount going from EUR10 million in 2021 to EUR24.3 million in 2022.²⁴⁶¹ The aim of this funding is to protect natural spaces and habitats in order to promote plant and animal biodiversity.

On 5 September 2022, Secretary of State for Ecology Bérangère Couillard announced the creation of the Arjuzanx National Nature Reserve — located in a former mining site — to promote and protect the biodiversity of the region, which includes more than 180 species of birds.²⁴⁶²

On 18 September 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion and the Energy Transition and the State Secretariat for the Sea announced that they have started funding for projects that help biodiversity.²⁴⁶³ The Ministry will contribute EUR100,000 to protect and restore habitats or build and raise awareness for nature preservation. From the winning projects there will be 350,000 m² area for developing biodiversity.

On 11 October 2022, Minister of the Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion Christophe Béchu, Minister of Public Action and Accounts Gabriel Attal and Minister Pannier-Runacher presented the “green budget” for 2023.²⁴⁶⁴ The green budget outlines government plans to allocate EUR33.9 billion towards environmental causes. This is an increase of EUR4.5 billion from the 2022 green budget.

On 21 October 2022, Prime Minister Borne, Minister Pannier-Runacher and Minister Béchu launched the National Council for Refoundation “Climate and Biodiversity” to bring together stakeholders, including public and private officials, to develop tools for action on ecological transition.²⁴⁶⁵ The Council has six priorities that prioritise ecosystem preservation.

²⁴⁶⁰ Agnès Pannier-Runacher annonce un renforcement des dispositifs de soutien aux projets d'efficacité énergétique, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 28 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/agnes-pannier-runacher-annonce-renforcement-des-dispositifs-soutien-aux-projets-defficacite>

²⁴⁶¹ Biodiversité : davantage de communes financièrement soutenues, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 26 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/biodiversite-davantage-de-communes-financierement-soutenues>

²⁴⁶² Création de la réserve naturelle nationale d'Arjuzanx, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 5 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/creation-reserve-naturelle-nationale-darjuzanx>

²⁴⁶³ Services publics écoresponsables : remise des prix du premier appel à projets en faveur de la biodiversité, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 23 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/services-publics-ecoresponsables-remise-des-prix-du-premier-appel-projets-en-faveur-biodiversite>

²⁴⁶⁴ Budget vert 2023 : 4,5 milliards d'euros supplémentaires pour l'environnement, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 12 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/budget-vert-2023-45-milliards-deuros-supplementaires-pour-lenvironnement>

²⁴⁶⁵ Le CNR « Climat et biodiversité » entre en action, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 24 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/le-cnr-climat-et-biodiversite-entre-en-action>

On 17 November 2022, Secretary Couillard announced that France will double the amount of money allocated towards Nature Based Solutions for climate and biodiversity to reach EUR1 billion per year by 2025.²⁴⁶⁶

On 15 December 2022, the Government of France welcomed the adoption of a joint agreement at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that agreed on significant and substantial funding for biodiversity.²⁴⁶⁷ This includes up to USD500 billion per year by 2030 in funding for economic model changes to stop subsidies that harm biodiversity; mobilising USD200 billion per year by 2030 from all sources including public, private, international, and national sources of funding towards biodiversity; and mobilising USD30 billion by 2030 from developed countries to support developing countries, with a fund established by the Global Environment Facility to be created in 2023 for this purpose. France will be doubling its funding to EUR1 billion per year by 2025.

On 19 December 2022, the Government of France agreed to continue to provide funding for the “30x30” plans.²⁴⁶⁸ France adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference to support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding including domestic, international, public, and private sources of funding towards nature.

On 27 January 2023, the Government of France allocated EUR2 billion for Le Fond Vert to create a better environment and support ecological transition. Le Fond Vert also received EUR1.2 billion from the Banque des Territoires, a department of the government-funded Deposits and Consignment Fund.²⁴⁶⁹

On 6 February 2023, the Government of France announced EUR500 million in funding to support actors in the forest-wood sector to adapt to France’s goal of achieving a decarbonized economy by 2050.²⁴⁷⁰ The government announced the funding to welcome expressions of interest for projects from the public in order to support the industry.

On 5 March 2023, the Government of France welcomed the Treaty on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction following the agreement made at 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 2022 to protect 30 per cent of land and sea by 2030.²⁴⁷¹ This treaty will be a legally-binding instrument to commit countries, including France, into directing resources towards creating marine protected areas and strengthening research capacities.

²⁴⁶⁶ COP27 : Bérangère Couillard réaffirme la mobilisation de la France pour lutter contre le changement climatique, préserver la biodiversité et lutter contre les pollutions, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 17 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 November 2022.

²⁴⁶⁷ COP15 Biodiversité : La France salue un accord ambitieux, réaliste et applicable et continuera de porter des engagements forts aux niveaux national et international, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 19 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 January 2023.

²⁴⁶⁸ COP15 Biodiversité : La France salue un accord ambitieux, réaliste et applicable et continuera de porter des engagements forts aux niveaux national et international, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 19 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 December 2022.

²⁴⁶⁹ Fonds vert : les maires peuvent dès aujourd'hui demander le financement de leurs projets de transition écologique, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires, Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 27 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 February 2023. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/fonds-vert-maires-peuvent-des-aujourd'hui-demander-financement-leurs-projets-transition-ecologique>

²⁴⁷⁰ Des appels à projets en soutien à la filière forêt et bois, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 22 March 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/des-appels-a-projets-en-soutien-a-la-filiere-foret-et-bois>

²⁴⁷¹ Marine biodiversity: France welcomes the conclusion of an ambitious treaty for the protection of the high seas (5 March 2023), Ministère de L'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 5 March 2023. Access Date: 22 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/news/article/marine-biodiversity-france-welcomes-the-conclusion-of-an-ambitious-treaty-for>

On 6 March 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty announced EUR7.6 million in funding to restore forests in the Landes de Gascogne massif that were lost in wildfires in the summer of 2022.²⁴⁷²

On 13 April 2023, Secretary Couillard announced EUR2.9 million in funding towards nine “Nature Trails” and nine “Coastal Trails” as part of the “Destination France” plan to subsidize projects for creation and restoring trails around France.²⁴⁷³

France has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. France has taken strong action on the domestic sphere, including providing funding and creating natural reserves. France has also taken some weak actions internationally, including joining agreements and attending conventions. Moreover, France has not taken significant steps to mobilise private sources of funding for nature.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Fay Mahmood

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 8 July 2022, the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action increased its funding to the International Climate Initiative by EUR126 million.²⁴⁷⁴ A large portion of these additional funds will be received by developing countries and will be used to develop renewable energy sources to reinforce the global energy transition in the context of the Paris Climate Agreement.

On 8 July 2022, State Secretary at the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Jochen Flasbarth committed EUR45 million to the conservation of the Congo basin forest at the Annual Meeting of the Congo Basin Partnership.²⁴⁷⁵ As the world’s second-largest tropical forest and the world’s largest carbon sink, the Congo basin forest is fundamental to global biodiversity and the fight against climate change.

On 23 August 2022, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze provided an additional EUR20 million to Bolivia to assist with protective measures for the Amazon.²⁴⁷⁶ The Amazon is one of the most important ecosystems for biodiversity in the world and acts as one of the largest carbon sinks

²⁴⁷² Le ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire apporte un financement complémentaire de 7,6 millions d’euros dans le massif des Landes de Gascogne pour la défense des forêts contre les Incendies, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 6 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 April 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/massif-des-landes-de-gascogne-76-millions-deuros-complementaires-pour-la-defense-des-forets-contre>

²⁴⁷³ Bérangère Couillard, annonce la sélection des 18 lauréats des programmes "Sentiers de nature" et "France vue sur mer - Sentiers du littoral," Gouvernement de France (Paris) 13 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 April 2023. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/berangere-couillard-annonce-selection-des-18-laureats-des-programmes-sentiers-nature-et-france-vue>

²⁴⁷⁴ Minister Habeck: “We need the global energy transition more than ever,” Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 11 October 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/07/20220708-minister-habeck-we-need-the-global-energy-transition-more-than-ever-germany-supporting-shift-away-from-coal-oil-and-gas-in-emerging-and-developing-countries.html>

²⁴⁷⁵ Germany commits 45 million euros for the conservation of the Congo forest, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Libreville) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 12 October 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/45-million-euros-for-the-conservation-of-the-congo-forest-116624>

²⁴⁷⁶ Germany is intensifying cooperation with Bolivia on forest protection and climate change, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin/La Paz) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 12 October 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/cooperation-with-bolivia-on-forest-protection-and-climate-action-120376>

globally. Therefore, Germany's efforts to allocate funding to protect the Amazon will effectively conserve nature.

On 20 September 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that Germany will mobilise resources in order to make EUR1.5 billion available annually by 2025 to fund international biodiversity conservation.²⁴⁷⁷ This is a significant increase from the EUR750 million that Germany invested in the same cause from 2017 to 2021 and bolsters the efforts to protect endangered ecosystems globally.

On 22 September 2022, Secretary Flasbarth committed EUR30 million to assist Côte d'Ivoire in meeting the national target under the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative.²⁴⁷⁸ The funds are also targeted to support Côte d'Ivoire's energy transition towards renewable sources and to implement anti-deforestation measures-- especially in cocoa supply chains.

On 29 September 2022, the Foreign Office announced that Germany donated EUR12 million to the United Nations-led floating storage and offloading unit (FSO) Safer salvage operation.²⁴⁷⁹ This operation aims to prevent the FSO Safer from spilling 1.14 million barrels of light crude oil into the Red Sea as this would result in disastrous effects on coastal mangroves, pristine reefs, and other aquatic life forms.²⁴⁸⁰

On 27 October 2022, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development strengthened its Climate and Development Partnership with Rwanda by committing an additional EUR39.5 million for various projects.²⁴⁸¹ Specific projects include increasing the use of hydropower, implementing a sustainable waste management project, and mobilising science and research cooperation on climate change issues.

On 28 October 2022, Germany and Canada co-led and released a Progress Report on the Climate Finance Delivery Plan to analyse the collective progress of COP27 countries and their commitment to mobilise USD100 billion in climate finance per year.²⁴⁸² International climate financing will go towards combating climate change, while also addressing biodiversity loss. The Progress Report focussed on four action areas: aiming for partner countries to increase transparency of their climate finance goals, reducing barriers for developing countries to access climate finance, enhancing the delivery of climate finance from Multilateral Development Banks, and improving the efficacy of mobilising private finance.

On 1 November 2022, the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection announced that Germany will not sponsor deep-sea mining.²⁴⁸³ Minister for the Environment, Nature

²⁴⁷⁷ A strong partner in global nature conservation: Germany to increase international biodiversity finance to 1.5 billion euros per year by 2025, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 11 October 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/a-strong-partner-in-global-nature-conservation-germany-to-increase-international-biodiversity-finance-to-15-billion-euros-per-year-by-2025>

²⁴⁷⁸ Germany and Côte d'Ivoire to enter into Climate and Development Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 12 October 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-cote-d-ivoire-climate-and-development-partnership-124634>

²⁴⁷⁹ Joint Statement by the Foreign Ministries of Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States on the FSO Safer salvage operation, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 11 October 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2553826>

²⁴⁸⁰ UN Plan for the FSO Safer Tanker: Stop the Red Sea Catastrophe, United Nations (New York City) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 11 October 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/StopRedSeaSpill>

²⁴⁸¹ Rwanda-German Climate and Development Partnership is gathering steam – Germany is lending a hand to help make it socially fair, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/rwanda-german-climate-and-development-partnership-126736>

²⁴⁸² Climate Finance Delivery Plan Progress Report: collective progress and key actions to reach US\$100 billion goal, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/climate-finance-delivery-plan-progress-report-collective-progress-and-key-actions-to-reach-us100-billion-goal.html>

²⁴⁸³ Marine protection: Germany will not sponsor deep-sea mining until further notice, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/marine-protection-germany-will-not-sponsor-deep-sea-mining-until-further-notice>

Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection Steffi Lemke stated that deep-sea mining could result in the irreparable destruction of ecosystems and be overall detrimental to the marine environment. Germany is also urging the other members of the International Seabed Authority to cease support for deep-sea mining.

On 7 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz announced that Germany will double its funding to global forest conservation in the period up to 2025.²⁴⁸⁴ This will increase the sum from EUR1 billion to EUR2 billion and will mostly be utilised through multilateral initiatives and bilateral programmes. Multilateral initiatives include the Congo Basin Forest Partnership and the Central African Forest Initiative. Partner countries of bilateral programmes include Pakistan, Ecuador, Brazil, and Madagascar.

On 8 November 2022, Secretary Flasbarth signed a roadmap to a Climate and Development Partnership agreement with Kenya's Foreign Minister Alfred Mutua.²⁴⁸⁵ With this, Germany committed itself to support Kenya's reforestation initiatives, which includes the goal of increasing Kenya's forests to 30 per cent of the country's surface area by 2032.

On 10 November 2022, the Federal Foreign Office, the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, and the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action announced the designation of EUR280 million for the International Climate Initiative.²⁴⁸⁶ The initiative promotes biodiversity preservation projects around the world.

On 16 November 2022, the German government alongside the Egyptian Presidency of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the International Union for Conservation of Nature announced the launch of the Enhancing Nature-based Solutions for an Accelerated Climate Transformation (ENACT).²⁴⁸⁷ The objectives of ENACT include the protection and conservation of marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems. Progress will be monitored through comprehensive annual reports.

On 30 November 2022, Germany adopted a new Wadden Sea Plan with Denmark and the Netherlands at the 14th Trilateral Governmental Conference in Wilhelmshaven.²⁴⁸⁸ The countries agreed to emphasise the need to protect the natural ecosystems of the area and the importance of reducing pollution and the threat of biodiversity loss. Germany announced that it will contribute EUR11 million to a trilateral research programme, which aims to determine how to reach the environmental goals of the Wadden Sea Plan most effectively. Moreover, the Wadden Sea Conference invited guests from Senegal, Guinea Bissau, and Mauritania to enhance the protection of migratory birds along the East Atlantic Flyway.

²⁴⁸⁴ Germany to double commitment for global forest conservation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-to-double-commitment-for-global-forest-conservation-127582>

²⁴⁸⁵ Germany and Kenya agree Climate and Development Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Sharm el-Sheikh) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-and-kenya-agree-climate-and-development-partnership-127818>

²⁴⁸⁶ COP27: Germany Promotes climate projects with strong focus on biodiversity conservation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/cop27-germany-promotes-climate-projects-with-a-strong-focus-on-biodiversity-conservation>

²⁴⁸⁷ Egyptian COP27 Presidency, Germany and IUCN announce ENACT Initiative for Nature-based Solutions, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Sharm el-Sheikh) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/egyptian-cop27-presidency-germany-and-iucn-announce-enact-initiative-for-nature-based-solutions>

²⁴⁸⁸ Wadden Sea countries agree on improving protection of Wadden Sea World Heritage, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Wilhelmshaven) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 13 December 2022. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/wattenmeerstaaten-vereinbaren-besseren-schutz-des-weltnaturerbes-wattenmeer>

On 14 December 2022, the Environment Ministry announced that it will increase its funding for the Global Indigenous and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs) Support Initiative.²⁴⁸⁹ This initiative will provide EUR22 million for ICCAs in 50 countries, which is considered a key pillar in achieving the conservation of 30 per cent of marine and terrestrial areas.

On 15 December 2022, Minister Lemke announced a new project which aims to assist the financial sector and private companies to “better identify the impacts and dependencies, risks and opportunities of decisions by private companies and the financial sector regarding ecosystems and biological diversity.”²⁴⁹⁰ The project will be developed and overseen by the Taskforce of Nature-related Financial Disclosure, which is an international, market-led, science-backed framework of task force members, global networks, and companies operating in the private and financial sectors. The Federal Environment Ministry will provide EUR29 million to develop and assist the programme.

On 15 December 2022, Minister Lemke and Minister Schulze committed EUR85 million to various environmental funds and initiatives.²⁴⁹¹ Specific environmental funds and initiatives include: the World Bank’s EnABLE Fund, the Community Land Rights and Conservation Finance Initiative, the UNDP Equator Initiative, and a new investment programme under the Climate Investment Funds. These funds and initiatives work to support indigenous communities around the globe in their nature conservation efforts.

On 16 December 2022, Secretary Flasbarth announced that Germany will provide an additional EUR30 million for the Legacy Landscapes Fund.²⁴⁹² The fund combines public and private investment and finances long-term biodiversity conservation and ecosystem protection projects in the global south, such as in Indonesia, Zimbabwe, and Bolivia.

On 17 December 2022, the German government alongside other countries launched an Accelerator Partnership initiative that aims to support developing countries with their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.²⁴⁹³ The Accelerator Partnership emphasises mutual assistance and plans to harness targeted expertise to combat and monitor biodiversity loss. The German government will provide EUR29 million to fund this partnership initiative.

On 19 December 2022, Germany adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference to support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding, including domestic, international, public, and private sources of funding towards nature.²⁴⁹⁴ The Framework also calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.

²⁴⁸⁹ Germany supports nature conservation efforts of indigenous peoples and local communities, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Montreal) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/support-for-nature-conservation-efforts-of-indigenous-peoples-135524>

²⁴⁹⁰ Incorporating nature conservation and biological diversity into investor and corporate decisions, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Montreal) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/incorporating-nature-conservation-and-biological-diversity-into-investor-and-corporate-decisions>

²⁴⁹¹ Germany supports nature conservation efforts of indigenous peoples and local communities, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Montreal) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/support-for-nature-conservation-efforts-of-indigenous-peoples-135524>

²⁴⁹² Germany and Norway announce support for Legacy Landscapes Fund, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Montreal) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-and-norway-announce-support-for-legacy-landscapes-fund-135532>

²⁴⁹³ Germany and Colombia launch implementation initiative, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Montreal) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/cop15-germany-and-colombia-launch-implementation-initiative-135608>

²⁴⁹⁴ COP15: Nations Adopt Four Goals, 23 Targets For 2030 In Landmark UN Biodiversity Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2022. <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

On 1 January 2023, the Development Ministry announced that it will contribute EUR35 million to the Amazon Fund.²⁴⁹⁵ The Amazon Fund was created by the Brazilian government and Brazil's development bank to mobilise funds for the protection of the Brazilian Amazon region, particularly for biodiversity conservation. The additional funding totals Germany's contribution to EUR90 million.

On 30 January 2023, Minister Schulze and Brazil's Environment Minister Marina Silva announced that Germany is launching the Fundo Floresta, a sustainable management and forest conservation fund targeted for the Amazon region.²⁴⁹⁶ The Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is giving EUR31 million directly to the fund, and another EUR93 million for Amazonian reforestation projects.

On 17 February 2023, the Environment Ministry announced that it will support nature conservation and biodiversity protection projects in the German Baltic Sea region.²⁴⁹⁷ The Ministry is contributing EUR950,000 to the projects, which includes the restoration of coastal areas and forest bogs, as well as the protection of shorebirds and meadow birds.

On 20 February 2023, Minister Schulze and Labour Minister Hubertus Heil travelled to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire to examine the implementation of Germany's Supply Chain Act, which came into effect on 1 January 2023.²⁴⁹⁸ This act regulates Germany's supply chain to ensure it adheres to environmental standards. Ministers Schulze and Heil are also entered into discussions to ensure that the EU's deforestation-free supply chain can be implemented successfully with Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire as partners and large suppliers to the Germ and EU markets for many commodities.

On 22 February 2023, the Environment Ministry announced that it will contribute a further EUR29 million for the restoration and protection of domestic wetlands within the next 10 years.²⁴⁹⁹ The restoration and protection of these regions aims to create and conserve habitats and ecosystems for more than 1,000 species of animals and plants.

On 4 March 2023, the German delegation's aim for an ambitious new ocean protection agreement was successfully met at the UN intergovernmental conference in New York.²⁵⁰⁰ This binding treaty will result in the protection of many ocean areas, marine ecosystems, increase biodiversity efforts, and implement the rules for an environmental impact assessment framework. Germany also committed itself to support the Global South with the implementation of the treaty.

²⁴⁹⁵ Development Ministry makes 35 million euros available to protect the rainforest in Brazil, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 1 January 2023. Access Date: 30 January 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-makes-35-million-euros-available-for-amazon-fund-136006>

²⁴⁹⁶ 200 million euros for emergency programme with Brazil, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Brasilia) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/200-million-euros-for-emergency-programme-with-brazil-141394>

²⁴⁹⁷ Biologische Vielfalt an der Ostseeküste stärken, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz (Berlin) 17 February 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/biologische-vielfalt-an-der-ostseekueste-staerken>

²⁴⁹⁸ Development Minister Schulze and Labour Minister Heil are travelling to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire together, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/ministers-schulze-and-heil-travel-to-ghana-and-c%C3%B4te-d-ivoire-142488>

²⁴⁹⁹ Bundesumweltministerium fördert die Lebensader Untere Havel mit weiteren rund 29 Millionen Euro, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz (Berlin) 22 February 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/bundesumweltministerium-foerdert-die-lebensader-untere-havel-mit-weiteren-rund-29-millionen-euro>

²⁵⁰⁰ Historic breakthrough on ocean protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/historic-breakthrough-on-ocean-protection>

On 7 March 2023, Minister Lemke earmarked EUR6.9 million for a species protection measure under the federal programme for biodiversity.²⁵⁰¹ The measure called “Wildcats of Tomorrow” not only aims to increase the protection of the endangered European wildcat, but also to increase and conserve the forests in which this species finds its habitat.

On 15 March 2023, the Federal Cabinet adopted the National Water Strategy.²⁵⁰² A focal point of the strategy is to ensure that animals and plants have access to clean water sources, which the cabinet has deemed imperative to the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystems. The ultimate goal of the strategy is to ensure complete sustainable water management by 2050 in Germany for all public and private stakeholders.

On 17 March 2023, the Environment Ministry announced the creation of two new domestic agroforestry projects, which aim to foster biodiversity protection.²⁵⁰³ The Ministry will provide EUR1.4 million for the implementation of the projects, and a further EUR430,000 for an agroforestry demonstrative research facility with the aim to increase the environmental effectiveness of agroforestry projects.

On 24 March 2023, Minister Lemke took part at the UN World Water Conference in New York and submitted five commitments on behalf of the German government.²⁵⁰⁴ These include bilateral projects with the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Africa, the former focusing on water management to conserve vital ecosystems and biodiversity, and the latter of which places emphasis on reducing water pollution. Germany also conveyed its support to financially contribute to the UN Special Envoy on Water to assist in the implementation of sustainable and environmentally friendly water management globally.

On 29 March 2023, the Federal Cabinet introduced a comprehensive action plan on climate and biodiversity.²⁵⁰⁵ The Federal government earmarked EUR4 billion for the implementation of the plan, which includes creating a Centre of Competence for Nature-based Climate Action, the conservation of a variety ecosystems and habitats on both land and water, as well as several research projects. The action plan also aims to accelerate the greening of urban spaces and will provide incentives for landowners to make their land more environmentally friendly.

On 31 March 2023, the Government passed a measure against plastic pollution.²⁵⁰⁶ Under the new law, producers of plastics will face a special levy for single-use plastic products starting in 2024. This measure aims to reduce environmental degradation due to plastic pollution and is estimated to raise EUR450 million, which will be made available to the Environmental Ministry.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. Germany has taken strong actions both internationally and domestically to mobilise resources to increase funding for nature both nationally and internationally. Germany developed domestic programmes and legislation and provided funds and other assistance such as expertise to the global south

²⁵⁰¹ Wildkatzenwälder von morgen, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz (Berlin) 7 March 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/wildkatzenwaelder-von-morgen>

²⁵⁰² German government lays foundations for modern water management, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/german-government-lays-foundations-for-modern-water-management>

²⁵⁰³ Bäume auf den Acker: 1,8 Millionen Euro für mehr Biodiversität, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz (Berlin) 17 March 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/baeume-auf-den-acker-18-millionen-euro-fuer-mehr-biodiversitaet>

²⁵⁰⁴ Foundations laid for reversal in global water trends, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/foundations-laid-for-reversal-in-global-water-trends>

²⁵⁰⁵ Aktionsprogramm Natürlicher Klimaschutz, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 31 March 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/natuerlicher-klimaschutz-2182120>

²⁵⁰⁶ Gegen die Vermüllung mit Plastik, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 31 March 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/suche/einwegkunststoff-fondsgesetz-2139250>

through bilateral partnerships. Moreover, Germany is a strong advocate for environmental causes on the multilateral level and has extensively supported and been a leader in international organisations and entities aimed at protecting nature. While Germany's resources for its efforts came from a few different public sources, it has also begun attempts to increase the efficacy of mobilising private financing.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Laurens Bremer

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 20 July 2022, the Government of Italy earmarked EUR4.4 billion from a European Union pandemic recovery fund for use over the next four years to improve water management.²⁵⁰⁷ Italy's allocation of funds comes during one of the historically worst droughts Italy has ever experienced. An estimated EUR900 million will go towards fixing water leakages while around EUR880 million will help upgrade irrigation systems for agriculture. This investment will address Italy's ageing water supply infrastructure which will increase water conservation as a result.

On 21 September 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition promoted an institutional campaign along with the Coast Guard and Radio Audizioni Italiane, the national broadcasting company of Italy, to raise awareness of the protection and enhancement of Marine Protected Areas.²⁵⁰⁸ This campaign will work to increase public knowledge and awareness towards Marine Protected laws in an effort to combat cases of illegal underwater fishing.

On 29 September 2022, the Italian Embassy in Lisbon organised a webinar on "Drought: Climate Change and Management of Water Resources, Challenges and Opportunities for Cooperation between Italy and Portugal."²⁵⁰⁹ The initiative has the objectives of increasing the alliance between companies located between Italy and Portugal to create advanced solutions on managing and conserving water resources, as well as spreading the culture of sustainability in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. Companies involved in the webinar presented tools to monitor crops and forests to prevent forest fires.

On 18 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition published a public notice concerning forestry projects in metropolitan cities.²⁵¹⁰ This notice introduced Italy's urban, peri-urban, and extra-urban forestry intervention proposals in metropolitan cities financed under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan Measure. This plan includes a EUR330 million investment towards planting at least 6.6 million trees by 2024 in Italy. Because Italy's investment works to support nature in man-made landscapes, this action fits into Italy's broader goals of preserving and enhancing widespread naturalness, biodiversity, and ecological processes related to resilient ecosystems.

²⁵⁰⁷ Analysis: Wasted water saps battle against Italy's worst drought in decades, Reuters (Latina) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/wasted-water-saps-battle-against-italys-worst-drought-decades-2022-07-19/>

²⁵⁰⁸ Newsletter n.14/2022 - Chi fa pesca subacquea in un'area marina protetta commette un reato. Altrettanto gravi gli illeciti che commette chi acquista il pescato, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 21 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/notizie/newsletter-n-14-2022-chi-fa-pesca-subacquea-un-area-marina-protetta-commette-un-reato>

²⁵⁰⁹ Lisbon, webinar on climate change and water resources, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2022/09/lisbona-webinar-su-cambiamenti-climatici-e-risorse-idriche/

²⁵¹⁰ Avviso per i progetti di forestazione nelle città metropolitane, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 18 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/bandi/avviso-i-progetti-di-forestazione-nelle-citta-metropolitane>

On 20 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition published the Prime Ministerial Decree of Seven July 2022 which pertains to the approval of measures for achieving good environmental status.²⁵¹¹ This decree includes a series of actions that will lead to long-term protection of the marine environment as part of the advancement of Italy's Marine Strategy. The new measures of the decree relate specifically to habitat degradation, overexploitation of fish stocks, the presence of invasive species, and marine litter. These measures include: increasing the surface of marine protected areas by 2026, the creation of enhancement of measures in place in marine protected areas, awareness and information for boaters and divers to avoid damaging species and protected habitat which specifically includes protecting the environmental impact on seagrass meadows from nautical tourism, the implementation of an early warning system to validate invasive and dangerous aquatic species for containment purposes, and mapping the habitats of conservation interest. Because Italy's initiative supports the Mediterranean ecosystem essential for individuals and coastal species, this action is in line with Italy's commitment to preserve nature.

On 20 October 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition released the development of their seven National Management Plans.²⁵¹² These National Management Plans call for the development of plans and funds to eradicate invasive species including: Raccoons, Pallas Squirrels, American Ponds, Asian Yellow-legged Hornets, Water Hyacinths, Arched Water Plagues, and Yarrow Brazilian water. Italy has allocated EUR5 million for a three-year period from 2022-2024 to implement this plan. Italy's investment will work to protect nature as this initiative addresses one of the primary causes of biodiversity loss--curtailing the spread of invasive exotic species.

On 5 December 2022, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests Francesco Lollobrigida signed a decree relating to the beekeeping sector.²⁵¹³ This decree enables the beekeeping sector to have an increase in allocated resources for both the sector's influence on the economy and from the perspective of safeguarding biodiversity with the pollination of bees.

On 19 December 2022, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security announced that a large public investment for the planting of over one million and 800 thousand trees throughout 11 Italian cities was approved.²⁵¹⁴ This investment is part of Italy's larger goal of planting at least 6.6 million trees in 14 metropolitan cities by 2026 to cover a total of 15.47 per cent of the national territory. This effort is motivated by preserving and enhancing biodiversity while also reducing air pollution.

On 28 February 2023, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto made a statement at a conference organized by the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research the importance of the sea as an "ecological lung" for Italy.²⁵¹⁵ This statement also entailed the protection objectives of marine areas on a global area, with 30 percent of oceans subject to protection measures, 10 percent of which will have stringent measures. Minister Pichetto also announced that Italy will soon establish its "exclusive economic zone" by expanding jurisdiction of the sea beyond territorial waters. An investment of EUR400 million from Italy's National Recovery and Resilience Plan will go towards the protection of marine biodiversity, including

²⁵¹¹ Newsletter n.15/2022 - L'Italia fa un altro passo avanti nella protezione del Mediterraneo, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 20 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 October 2022.

²⁵¹² Newsletter n.15/2022 - Specie esotiche invasive, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 20 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 October 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/notizie/newsletter-n-15-2022-specie-esotiche-invasive>

²⁵¹³ Lollobrigida: aumentate da 9 a 17 mln risorse per settore api, firmato decreto, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 5 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/decreto_api

²⁵¹⁴ PNRR: MASE, messa a dimora per un milione e 800 mila alberi, superato obiettivo previsto per 2022, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 19 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/notizie/pnrr-mase-messa-dimora-un-milione-e-800-mila-alberi-superato-obiettivo-previsto-2022>

²⁵¹⁵ Mare: Pichetto, è polmone ecologico, con PNRR investiamo su salvaguardia e mappatura habitat, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 28 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/mare-pichetto-e-polmone-ecologico-con-pnrr-investiamo-su-salvaguardia-e-mappatura-habitat>

recovering knowledge of targeted environmental recovery sites, the mapping of habitats to be protected and preserved and reclamation activities concerning waste on the seabed.

On 1 March 2023, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni chaired a table concerning the ongoing water crisis Italy faces.²⁵¹⁶ Actions to address the ongoing drought included establishing an extraordinary national water plan in agreement with the regions and local bodies in Italy, working on a regulatory revision to speed up work relating to the drought, launching an awareness campaign on responsible use of limited water resources, and identifying an Extraordinary Commissioner. These actions prove essential to combat the drought faced in Italy, which proves a larger concern for natural resource management and environmental protection given the severity of weather-related concerns Italy has faced over the past five years.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Pichetto announced that the National Strategy on Biodiversity is soon to be issued, and that the European Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 provides protection of endangered wildlife species, with around EUR20 billion spent on nature every year throughout the European Union.²⁵¹⁷ Given this context, Italy's national strategy will aim to legally protect at least 30 per cent of the lands and seas in Italy, and holy deterioration of degraded ecosystems. In terms of wildlife, Italy seeks to strengthen conservation efforts and promote the return of key species through repopulating efforts.

On 5 March 2023, Minister Pichetto announced the agreement with the United Nations for the protection of the High Seas.²⁵¹⁸ The agreement outlined global protection objectives, with 30 per cent of the world's oceans subject to safeguarding measures. Italy's commitment to this includes the national project, which entails an investment of EUR400 million to protect marine biodiversity from Italy's National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

On 22 March 2023, Minister Pichetto participated at the United Nations Conference on Water in New York City.²⁵¹⁹ In his speech, he addressed the increasing periods of drought in the Mediterranean, and highlighted that the Recovery and Resilience Plan aims to mobilize funds for water resources through an investment of EUR4.38 billion over five years. Minister Pichetto also announced Italy's support for the Water Action Agenda.

On 24 March 2023, Minister Pichetto attended bilateral conferences in New York City during the United Nations Conference on Water.²⁵²⁰ During these meetings, Minister Pichetto underlined the importance of the Italian climate fund, soon to be operational with an allocation of EUR840 million a year until 2026. Minister Pichetto also underlined the strategic nature of the fifty ongoing bilateral cooperation projects with African, Latin American and Asian states as an effort to protect the environment. He further communicated Italy's adherence to the International Drought Resilience Alliance, contributing EUR6 million to the Convention in the fight against desertification.

²⁵¹⁶ Cabina di regia crisi idrica, Governo Italiano: Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 1 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/tavolo-di-lavoro-sull-acqua/21911>

²⁵¹⁷ Natura: Pichetto, proteggere fauna selvatica per equilibrio ecosistema, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 3 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/natura-pichetto-protecting-fauna-selvatica-equilibrio-ecosistema>

²⁵¹⁸ Mare: Pichetto, bene accordo ONU su oceani, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 5 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/mare-pichetto-bene-accordo-onu-su-oceani>

²⁵¹⁹ Acqua: Pichetto, emergenza planetaria, non abbiamo fatto abbastanza, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 22 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/acqua-pichetto-emergenza-planetaria-non-abbiamo-fatto-abbastanza>

²⁵²⁰ Ambiente: incontri bilaterali del Ministro Pichetto a New York, al centro clima, lotta a siccità e desertificazione, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 24 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/ambiente-incontri-bilaterali-del-ministro-pichetto-new-york-al-centro-clima-lotta-siccita>

On 31 March 2023, Italy and the EU announced a co-financed grant of EUR40 million to Uganda under the Forest Partnership Agreement.²⁵²¹ This grant will be used to protect and restore forests in Uganda, as well as to promote forestry governance and value chains.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. Italy has partially complied with this commitment as they have dedicated domestic funds to preserve the biodiversity and ecological systems present in Italy. Italy has also somewhat demonstrated international cooperation through their allocation of resources towards conserving shared bodies of water, mainly the Mediterranean Sea. However, Italy has not dedicated sufficient international funding for the preservation of nature.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Jasmine Furtado

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 5 August 2022, the Ministry of Environment selected local governments to implement the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) Local Blue Vision Project to reduce marine litter and increase sustainability.²⁵²² The Ministry of Environment will collaborate with seven selected local governments to execute projects that increase sustainable structures, organisations, and business plans. Japan will contribute JPY1.5 million per project to decrease marine litter and increase sustainability to benefit nature.

On 25 August 2022, Ambassador to Senegal Izawa Osamu and Senegal's Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development Adbou Karim Sall committed to the Memorandum of Cooperation on the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).²⁵²³ The JCM is a system where Japan provides funding and works with developing countries through projects that promote “decarbonising technologies and infrastructure” to benefit nature.²⁵²⁴ This initiative helps Japan and developing countries work to fulfil their respective nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement through sustainable development.

On 26 August 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi and Tunisia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad Othman Jerandi signed the JCM as Japan's 19th partner country, signifying that Japan will provide funding to Tunisia as well.²⁵²⁵ Japan's cooperation with 19 partner countries under the JCM signifies Japan's commitment to promote sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

²⁵²¹ EU provides Uganda EUR 152m to empower women and girls, and to protect forests, European Union External Action Service (Kampala) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uganda/eu-provides-uganda-eur-152m-empower-women-and-girls-and-protect-forests_en

²⁵²² MOE Japan Selects Local Governments Implementing FY2022 Local Blue Ocean Vision Project, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press_00640.html

²⁵²³ Joint Crediting Mechanism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page1we_000105.html

²⁵²⁴ Joint Crediting Mechanism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page1we_000105.html

²⁵²⁵ Japan and the Republic of Tunisia sign the Memorandum of Cooperation for establishing the JCM, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00412.html

On 13 September 2022, the Ambassador to Georgia Akira Imamura and Georgia's Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture Otar Shamgia signed the JCM.²⁵²⁶ Japan's commitment to expand international collaboration under the JCM works towards greenhouse gas reduction and promotes sustainability.

On 26 September 2022, Minister of the Environment Akihiro Nishimura emphasized at the Ministerial Roundtable on Biodiversity that the relationship between biodiversity and business must be enhanced, in order to support and contain business actions to reduce negative impacts on biodiversity.²⁵²⁷ Minister Nishimura also announced that Japan intends to support the development of national biodiversity strategies and action plans with funding, and has already pledged USD638 million in funding for the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, which is the second largest pledge in the world.

On 15 November 2022, Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri signed the JCM, which extended Japan's funding to the United Arab Emirates.²⁵²⁸

On 18 November 2022, Papua New Guinea's Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change Simo Kilepa signed the JCM.²⁵²⁹

On 15 December 2022, Minister Nishimura announced at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity that, in addition to Japan's previous USD638 million pledged to the Global Environment Facility 8, it would be pledging another JPY117 billion towards biodiversity between 2023 and 2025.²⁵³⁰

On 16 December 2022, the Ministry of the Environment announced the launch of phase four of the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative and will be implemented by the United Nations Development Programme through the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program in cooperation with the United Nations University, the Ministry of the Environment Japan, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund.²⁵³¹ As part of a public-private partnership, phase four will support communities locally to rebuild and maintain socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes. Phase Four will be co-financed by the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme with the Japanese Ministry of the Environment Japan with JPY700 million as part of the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

On 19 December 2022, Japan adopted the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference to support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding including domestic, international, public, and private sources to benefit nature.²⁵³² The Framework also calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.

²⁵²⁶ Japan and Georgia Sign the Memorandum of Cooperation for Establishing the JCM, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00444.html

²⁵²⁷ Video Message by NISHIMURA Akihiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan, at the Ministerial Roundtable on Biodiversity hosted by China, side event of UNGA (September 26, 2022), Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 23 March 2023. https://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/statement/statement_20220926.html

²⁵²⁸ Japan and the United Arab Emirates Sign a Memorandum of Cooperation on Environmental Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00769.html

²⁵²⁹ Japan and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea sign the Memorandum of Cooperation for Establishing the JCM, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00744.html

²⁵³⁰ Statement by NISHIMURA Akihiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan, at the High-Level Segment of CBD COP15 (December 15, 2022), Ministry of the Environment (Montreal) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 23 March 2023. https://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/statement/statement_20221215.html

²⁵³¹ Launch of Phase 4 of the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00888.html

²⁵³² Historic biodiversity agreement reached at U.N. conference, the Asahi Shimbun (Montreal) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/14796961>

On 27 December 2022, Minister Nishimura and Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov signed the JCM.²⁵³³ Japan's commitment to expand international collaboration under the JCM works towards greenhouse gas reduction and promotes sustainability.

On 23 January 2023, Japan and the European Commission ran their 19th High-Level Dialogue on Environment discussing biodiversity, pollution, circular economy and plastics, multilateral developments, the Basel Convention, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. Japan and the European commission reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing “environmental ambition at the national and multilateral levels” in alignment with the EU-Japan Green Alliance.²⁵³⁴ The partners discussed the implementation of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, that focuses on “nature positive economy and invasive alien species,” alongside discussing product design for a circular economy, considering plastic waste, package waste and “biobased, biodegradable and compostable plastics.” Surrounding multilateral issues, the partners opted to implement the Kunming Montreal Global Diversity Framework, adopting an internationally binding instrument regarding plastic pollution.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. Japan has taken strong international actions to mobilise resources towards nature primarily through the Joint Crediting Mechanism to include partnerships with Senegal, Tunisia, Georgia, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, Papua New Guinea and Uzbekistan. Japan has also taken actions in the domestic sphere, mainly by increasing national funding for nature through the FY2022 Local Blue Vision Project to reduce marine litter and increase sustainability, as well as by committing to establish new national frameworks to improve biodiversity. Japan has also stressed the importance of cooperating with the private sector in order to achieve funding from all levels towards the protection of nature.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Emma Wymant

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 29 June 2022, the UK Government announced at the United Nations Ocean Conference to announce new initiatives to protect the marine environment, which included GBP150 million to be invested in a new global program called Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST).²⁵³⁵ This funding is from the Blue Planet Fund, is in addition to the GBP500 million previously invested in the fund. The aim of COAST is to protect and restore marine and coastal habitats, including corals, mangroves and seagrasses. The Government also announced that up to GBP100 million in funding from the Blue Planet Fund will be dedicated towards implementing, managing and enforcing Marine Protected Areas.

²⁵³³ Ministry of the Environment, Japan, and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection Sign the Memorandum of Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 27 December 2022. Access Date: 1 February 2023. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00940.html

²⁵³⁴ Outcomes of 19th Japan-EU High-Level Dialogue on Environment, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2023. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00965.html

²⁵³⁵ UK escalates support for global marine environment at UN Ocean Conference, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-escalates-support-for-global-marine-environment-at-un-ocean-conference>

On 20 July 2022, the UK Government announced new plans to upgrade wastewater treatment by 2030 to reduce pollution in the UK's water.²⁵³⁶ Increased levels of components such as nitrogen and phosphorus can cause negative impacts on nature and wildlife. Therefore, this project will reduce harmful components in water to benefit nature.

On 4 August 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as well as the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office added additional information about the Ocean Country Partnership Program (OCCP).²⁵³⁷ This fund is made to support developing countries in preserving the marine environment, as well as enhancing education with marine sciences. The UK has allocated GBP500 million toward the Blue Planet Fund financed by official development assistance. The Ocean Country Partnership is a part of the Blue Planet Fund. The OCCP's goal is having more sustainable seafood, marine biodiversity, and marine pollution. The United Kingdom wants to increase its international partnership to 10-15 countries. Their timeline is between the years 2021 until 2022, and then 2024 until 2025 in which they will allocate GBP43 million from the Blue Planet Fund.

On 22 September 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a contribution of GBP1.2 million in funding towards domestic tree seed production through the Seed Sourcing Grant.²⁵³⁸ This funding will be used to enhance the quality and diversity of tree seed sources in the UK and increase forestry.

On 14 October 2022, the Environment Agency and Natural England announced the launch of new mapping tools to reveal the extent of seagrass and salt marsh habits in the UK.²⁵³⁹ These tools will be used to provide information about ways to support ocean recovery and manage these habitats in order to push forward restoration projects.

On 7 November 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced GBP156,000 in funding to protect the UK's island seabird populations against invasive predators.²⁵⁴⁰

On 7 November 2022, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak committed GBP90 million to conserve the Congo Basin.²⁵⁴¹ Prime Minister Sunak also committed GBP65 million in funding to support the Nature, People, and Climate Investment Fund.

On 15 November 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs launched a new initiative to protect the new Will Ennerdale National Nature Reserve to preserve over 3,000 hectares of water, forest, and mountains.²⁵⁴²

²⁵³⁶ UK announces plans to help water pollution, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-plan-to-reduce-water-pollution#full-publication-update-history>

²⁵³⁷ A Policy Paper on the Ocean Country Partnership Program, The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs as well as the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blue-planet-fund/ocean-country-partnership-programme-ocpp>

²⁵³⁸ Domestic tree seed production to be ramped up with new grant, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/domestic-tree-seed-production-to-be-ramped-up-with-new-grant>

²⁵³⁹ Seagrass and saltmarsh habitat development, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seagrass-and-saltmarsh-habitat-expansion>

²⁵⁴⁰ England's treasured island seabird populations to be protected with new government funding, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/englands-treasured-island-seabird-populations-to-be-protected-with-new-government-funding>

²⁵⁴¹ News Report on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak funding for Congo Basin, Prime Minister's Office (London) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-major-new-package-of-climate-support-at-cop27>

²⁵⁴² Press Release on creating nature reserves in England, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3000-hectares-of-spectacular-lake-district-landscape-becomes-a-new-national-nature-reserve>

On 16 November 2022, Environment Secretary Thérèse Coffey announced GBP30 million will be allocated to support the Big Nature Impact Fund.²⁵⁴³ Secretary Coffey also pledged GBP12 million for the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance to benefit habitats in coastal communities. Secretary Coffey also pledged GBP6 million to support developing countries' respective Paris Agreement nature commitments.

On 18 November 2022, the Government of the United Kingdom pledged GBP4 million for the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime to protect vulnerable species.²⁵⁴⁴

On 23 November 2022, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced funding for grants up to GBP250,000 to help farmers in the UK improve their slurry storage. Improving slurry storage will benefit the environment because improper slurry storage will cause air and water pollution.²⁵⁴⁵

On 28 November 2022, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a contribution of GBP20 million to grow more trees.²⁵⁴⁶ The aim of this project is to have more trees in the UK to improve and protect local biodiversity.

On 1 December 2022, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority announced GBP200,000 in funding has been allocated to plant trees in Cumbria's new community forest.²⁵⁴⁷

On 12 December 2022, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Authority announced a GBP3.5 million contribution to support sustainable fishing.²⁵⁴⁸ This initiative will work to protect marine life and the seafood industry.

On 14 December 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced programs for nature restoration in Asia and Africa.²⁵⁴⁹ The Reversing Environmental Degradation in Africa and Asia program will work in sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia, and South Asia to improve their nature and biodiversity.

On 15 December 2022, the Ministry of Economy Finance allocated GBP7.2 million to fund an International Nature Positive Economy Program.²⁵⁵⁰ This program will work with developing countries to support the preservation of nature in developing countries.

²⁵⁴³ Press Release on protection and restoration of nature, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-secretary-calls-for-action-to-protect-and-restore-nature-at-cop27>

²⁵⁴⁴ Press Release on funding to fight international wildlife crime, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fight-against-international-wildlife-crime-stepped-up>

²⁵⁴⁵ UK announces grants to help farmers slurry storage, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/farmers-given-support-to-tackle-water-and-air-pollution-from-slurry>

²⁵⁴⁶ Press Release on funding for woodlands and timber industry, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 5 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-for-countrys-woodlands-and-timber-industry>

²⁵⁴⁷ Press Release on funding for the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 5 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nda-announces-200000-boost-for-cumbrias-coastal-community-forest>

²⁵⁴⁸ News story on money awarded for sustainable fishing projects, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-35m-awarded-to-sustainable-fishing-projects-as-new-funding-round-opens>

²⁵⁴⁹ Press Release on ecosystem restoration funding in Africa and Asia, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-programmes-for-ecosystem-restoration-in-africa-and-asia>

²⁵⁵⁰ News Story on the UK's funding for developing countries nature positive economies, HM Treasury (London) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-supports-developing-countries-to-build-nature-positive-economies>

On 15 December 2022, Secretary Coffey reaffirmed the UK's commitment of GBP3 billion to finance solutions to protect, manage, and restore nature.²⁵⁵¹

On 15 December 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a contribution of GBP29 million to fund global nature conservation projects and to help developing countries meet the "30x30" goal.²⁵⁵² Additionally, funding will be allocated for students who study plant restoration and endangered wildlife.

On 16 December 2022, the United Kingdom signed the Joint Donor Statement on International Finance for Biodiversity and Nature at the UN Biodiversity Conference.²⁵⁵³ This agreement commits the United Kingdom to working towards increasing funding for nature from public and private sources of funding, as well as working with multilateral development banks to increase investment to protect and restore biodiversity.

On 19 December 2022, the United Kingdom adopted the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference to support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding including domestic, international, public, and private sources of funding towards nature.²⁵⁵⁴ The Framework also calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.

On 22 December 2022, the Environment Agency created a plan to fund the protection of water in the UK over the next five years.²⁵⁵⁵ The Environment Agency's plan of action involves GBP5 billion in funding to cover work from water companies and GBP500 million to reduce the impacts of agriculture on water.

On 5 January 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced that they will pay farmers who both protect and enhance the environment.²⁵⁵⁶ The farmers are eligible to receive an extra GBP1000 annually through the Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship schemes. Farmers participating in the Countryside Stewardship will have a 10 per cent increase in revenue payment rates.

On 31 January 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs published the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, which, among other goals, will invest GBP750 million in tree-planting and peatland restoration through the Nature for Climate Fund.²⁵⁵⁷ The Government will also launch the Species Survival Fund to restore and enhance habitats, and will also publish an updated Green Finance Strategy to raise at least GBP500 million per year in private finance to be allocated towards nature's recovery by 2027, with the aim of increasing that amount to more than GBP1 billion by 2030.

²⁵⁵¹ News Story on financing for nature recovery, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/breakthrough-for-nature-recovery-as-billions-of-finance-committed-by-donors>

²⁵⁵² Press Release on funding to protect the habitat and wildlife, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/efforts-to-protect-habitat-and-wildlife-around-the-world-boosted-by-34-million-of-uk-government-funding>

²⁵⁵³ Joint donor statement on international finance for biodiversity and nature, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-donor-statement-on-international-finance-for-biodiversity-and-nature>

²⁵⁵⁴ COP15: Nations Adopt Four Goals, 23 Targets For 2030 In Landmark UN Biodiversity Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2022. <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

²⁵⁵⁵ Press Release on funding to protect England's waters, Environment Agency (London) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-5-billion-of-action-set-out-in-latest-plans-to-protect-englands-waters>

²⁵⁵⁶ Press Release on funding for farmers, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 31 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-pay-more-to-farmers-who-protect-and-enhance-the-environment>

²⁵⁵⁷ Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan>

On 31 January 2023, the United Kingdom announced the Partnership for Accelerated Climate Transitions Programme in Mexico, in order to support nine states in Mexico to protect their flora and fauna.²⁵⁵⁸

On 8 February 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced more than GBP14 million in funding to plant hundreds of thousands of trees across communities in England outside woodlands.²⁵⁵⁹

On 11 February 2023, Nature England, the Environment Agency, and the Forestry Commission announced GBP4.3 million will be allocated between six nature projects, namely the Wild Exmoor Carbon Sequestration Project, the Wansbeck Restoration for Climate Change, Plymouth's Natural Grid Nature Based Solutions for Climate Change at the Landscape Scale project, the Derwent Forest Landscape Recovery Project, the Oxfordshire–Buckinghamshire Freshwater Network and Severn Solutions for Nature's Recovery.²⁵⁶⁰ These projects all involve testing carbon capture methods through analysis of carbon sinks like woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and urban habitats.

On 14 February 2023, the Forestry Commission announced that GBP10 million was available from the Woodland Carbon Guarantee's GBP50 million fund in order to support the creation of new woodlands and address climate change challenges.²⁵⁶¹

On 20 February 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Welsh Government, Forest Research and Scottish Forestry jointly launched the Climate Change Hub, which will centralize resources, information and guidance on adapting natural ecosystems to climate change.²⁵⁶²

On 27 February 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in partnership with the Governments of Wales and Scotland, announced the Great Britain Invasive Non-Native Species strategy to combat invasive species, which are among the top five drivers of biodiversity loss. The strategy will aim to reduce establishments of non-native species by at least 50 per cent compared to 2000 levels, and comes in addition to the funding provided by Scotland through the Nature Restoration Fund.²⁵⁶³

On 1 March 2023, the United Kingdom signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Gabon to agree to shared priorities regarding commitments made at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, including the promotion of tangible solutions for the protection of biodiversity, namely the Congo Basin forests and peatlands.²⁵⁶⁴

²⁵⁵⁸ The UK supports the protection of the environment in Mexico, British Embassy in Mexico City (Mexico City) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-supports-the-protection-of-the-environment-in-mexico>

²⁵⁵⁹ Thousands of trees to be planted in communities in boost to nature, health and wellbeing, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-trees-to-be-planted-in-communities-in-boost-to-nature-health-and-wellbeing>

²⁵⁶⁰ Press Release on nature projects receiving funding, Nature England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission (London) 11 February 2023. Access Date: 28 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pioneering-nature-projects-launched-to-test-carbon-capture-methods-in-fight-against-climate-change>

²⁵⁶¹ Press Release on funding for farmers to build more woodlands, Forestry Commission (London) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 28 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seventh-woodland-carbon-guarantee-auction-dates-announced>

²⁵⁶² New climate change hub launched for forestry sector, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-climate-change-hub-launched-for-forestry-sector--2>

²⁵⁶³ New strategy launched to protect biodiversity and economy from non-native species, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-strategy-launched-to-protect-biodiversity-and-economy-from-non-native-species>

²⁵⁶⁴ UK and Gabon commit to support the conservation and sustainable management of forests, British High Commission Yaounde (Yaounde) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-gabon-commit-to-support-the-conservation-and-sustainable-management-of-forests>

On 2 March 2023, the United Kingdom announced GBP24 million in funding to the Global Fund for Coral Reefs grant, which delivers both public and private funding to protect coral reefs.²⁵⁶⁵

On 2 March 2023, the United Kingdom funded GBP4 million to launch the Blue Carbon Action Partnership, which will support countries in working with businesses, communities and civil society organizations to restore, conserve and manage coastal ecosystems.²⁵⁶⁶

On 10 March 2023, the British High Commissioner to Belize Nicole Davison and Belizean Minister of Sustainable Development Orlando Habet signed a memorandum of understanding regarding the implementation of the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund, a program developed by the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which, among other mandates, promotes biodiversity protection and conservation and climate change adaptation and mitigation in six biologically diverse landscapes around the world.²⁵⁶⁷ The fund will invest up to USD20 million between 2023 and 2029 in areas in Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

On 13 March 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission reopened applications for the Woods into Management Forestry Innovation Funds and the Tree Production Innovation Funds, which aim to support expansion and management of forests and trees to protect them against dangers from pests, disease and climate change.²⁵⁶⁸ This amounts to a GBP4 million fund to be directed towards projects that will help the United Kingdom meet its target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

On 14 March 2023, the Rural Payments Agency opened applications for farms to apply for the Basic Payment Scheme, an annual GBP2.4 billion fund to promote countryside stewardship and environmental stewardship among farmers.²⁵⁶⁹ This fund is intended to help farmers carry out sustainable food production while supporting nature.

On 14 March 2023, the United Kingdom and Bangladesh signed the Bangladesh-UK Accord on Climate Change.²⁵⁷⁰ This agreement welcomes the funding arrangements made at the 2022 United National Climate Change Conference, which included the establishment of a dedicated fund to respond to loss and damage from climate change.

On 30 March 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced the Green Finance Strategy.²⁵⁷¹ The government wants to raise GBP500 million in private funding to help nature recovery by 2027 and reach GBP1 billion by 2030.

²⁵⁶⁵ Major new commitments from the United Kingdom and Minderoo Foundation for coral reefs, United Nations Environment Program (Panama City) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/major-new-commitments-united-kingdom-and-minderoo-foundation-coral>

²⁵⁶⁶ New Initiative to Help Government and Business Navigate Untapped 'Blue Carbon' and Restore Coastal Ecosystems, World Economic Forum (Panama City) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.weforum.org/press/2023/03/new-initiative-to-help-government-and-business-navigate-untapped-blue-carbon-and-restore-coastal-ecosystems/>

²⁵⁶⁷ Belize and UK sign memorandum of understanding to implement Biodiverse Landscapes Fund, British High Commission Belmopan (Belmopan) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/belize-and-uk-sign-mou-to-implement-biodiverse-landscapes-fund>

²⁵⁶⁸ Forestry funds open to boost biodiversity and futureproof forests against pests, diseases and climate change, Forestry Commission (London) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/forestry-funds-open-to-boost-biodiversity-and-futureproof-forests-against-pests-diseases-and-climate-change>

²⁵⁶⁹ Rural Payments Agency opens application windows for farm payments for 2023, Rural Payments Agency (London) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rural-payments-agency-opens-application-windows-for-farm-payments-for-2023>

²⁵⁷⁰ Bangladesh-UK Accord on Climate Change, British High Commission Dhaka (Dhaka) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bangladesh-uk-accord-on-climate-change>

²⁵⁷¹ Green Finance Boost for Nature in UK, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-finance-boost-for-nature-in-uk>

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. The United Kingdom has funded programs for countries around the world, such as the OCCP program, as well as the Reversing Environmental Degradation Africa and Asia program, and its “30x30” initiatives in the UN Biodiversity summit. Domestically, it has dedicated resources towards preserving animal species, increasing forest cover, and studying habitats. The United Kingdom has also demonstrated its willingness to continue on its commitment towards raising private sources of investment.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Fay Mahmood

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 13 July 2022, representatives from the United States, along with those from Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Morocco, South Africa and the United States signed the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration.²⁵⁷² The All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance specifically aims to enhance marine research, innovation, and cooperation to preserve biodiversity and mitigate effects of climate change for the Atlantic Ocean.

On 2 September 2022, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Michael S. Regan and the Minister of the Environment for Japan Nishimura Akihiro met to discuss their joint commitment to accelerate climate action and transparency to achieve a net zero goal by 2050 by aligning nationally determined contributions by 2030.²⁵⁷³ Administrator Regan and Minister Akihiro also discussed chemical management, environmental education for youth, marine litter and circular economy, decarbonisation and climate change responsibilities to continue their national, international, and bilateral cooperation to protect the environment.

On 16 September 2022, Governor of California Gavin Newsom signed a legislation to reduce pollution and accelerate clean energy to protect residents within the state.²⁵⁷⁴ This legislation will allow for California to achieve carbon neutrality before 2045 and increase clean energy rates to 90% by 2035, establishing new measures to protect communities and land from carbon pollution and oil drilling, while advancing nature-based solutions. This action will be funded by a USD54 billion climate budget focused directly on equity and economic opportunity that will create four million jobs, reduce California’s oil use by 91% and cut air pollution by 60%.

On 13 October 2022, the EPA announced 32 recipients who were selected to receive over USD9 million on pollution prevention programs.²⁵⁷⁵

²⁵⁷² Canada signs the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/07/canada-signs-the-all-atlantic-ocean-research-and-innovation-alliance-declaration.html>

²⁵⁷³ EPA and The Ministry of the Environment of Japan Release Joint Statement on Continued Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, United States Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-ministry-environment-japan-release-joint-statement-continued-bilateral>

²⁵⁷⁴ Governor Newsom Signs Sweeping Climate Measures, Ushering in New Era of World-Leading Climate Action, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom (Sacramento) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2022. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/09/16/governor-newsom-signs-sweeping-climate-measures-ushering-in-new-era-of-world-leading-climate-action/>

²⁵⁷⁵ EPA Selects Recipients of More Than \$9 Million in Pollution Prevention Grants, Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-selects-recipients-more-9-million-pollution-prevention-grants>

On 17 October 2022, the Department of Energy (DOE) allocated USD14 million towards research into the interactions between solar energy infrastructure, ecosystems, and wildlife.²⁵⁷⁶ This project is part of the DOE's USD100 million renewable research portfolio, which works to analyse and invest in solutions that minimise the impact of solar energy on wildlife to benefit nature and increase sustainability.²⁵⁷⁷

On 2 November 2022, the EPA met with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Michigan to begin the implementation of a technical assistant project funded by the American Rescue Plan in order to discuss risks to both human health and the environment from contaminated waste and coastal erosion along the shoreline.²⁵⁷⁸

On 8 November 2022, President Joe Biden released a Nature Based Solutions Roadmap and a corresponding resource guide regarding nature-based climate solutions.²⁵⁷⁹ The solutions include updating policies to accelerate nature-based solutions, unlocking funding for nature-based solutions, leading with Federal facilities and assets, training the nature-based solutions workforce, and prioritising research, innovation, knowledge, and adaptive learning.

On 14 November 2022, the EPA announced that construction for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site began.²⁵⁸⁰ The Texas based, Southern Impoundment project will focus on 20 acres of a peninsula and include excavation and off-site disposal of waste containing dioxin.

On 16 December 2022, the EPA and the Department of Justice announced a “proposed consent decree with 85 potentially responsible parties” to pay USD150 million for discharging hazardous substances into the Lower Passaic River of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site in Newark, New Jersey.²⁵⁸¹ The USD150 million provided by those liable will support the clean-up work of the river.

On 19 December 2022, President Biden welcomed the adoption of the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference as a non-member of the Convention on Biological Diversity.²⁵⁸² The Framework will support the mobilisation of at least USD200 billion per year from all sources of funding including domestic, international, public, and private sources of funding towards nature, and calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.²⁵⁸³

²⁵⁷⁶ DOE Invests \$14 Million to Enhance Environmental and Wildlife Benefits from Solar Energy Infrastructure, US Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-invests-14-million-enhance-environmental-and-wildlife-benefits-solar-energy>

²⁵⁷⁷ FACT SHEET: President Biden Designates Camp Hale – Continental Divide National Monument, the White House (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/12/fact-sheet-president-biden-designates-camp-hale-continental-divide-national-monument/>

²⁵⁷⁸ EPA and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Michigan Begin New Project to Build Resilience at Coastal and Shoreline Habitats, Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-keweenaw-bay-indian-community-michigan-begin-new-project-build-resilience>

²⁵⁷⁹ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Roadmap for Nature-Based Solutions to Fight Climate Change, Strengthen Communities, and Support Local Economies, the White House (Washington D.C.) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/08/fact-sheet-biden-%E2%81%A0harris-administration-announces-roadmap-for-nature-based-solutions-to-fight-climate-change-strengthen-communities-and-support-local-economies/>

²⁵⁸⁰ Construction Begins for Southern Impoundment Cleanup at San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 23 November 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/construction-begins-southern-impoundment-cleanup-san-jacinto-river-waste-pits>

²⁵⁸¹ Parties Agree to Pay \$150 Million Toward Clean Up of the Lower Passaic River in New Jersey, Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/parties-agree-pay-150-million-toward-clean-lower-passaic-river-new-jersey>

²⁵⁸² Convention on Biological Diversity Adopts Landmark Global Biodiversity Framework to Protect Nature, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2023. <https://www.state.gov/convention-on-biological-diversity-adopts-landmark-global-biodiversity-framework-to-protect-nature/>

²⁵⁸³ COP15: Nations Adopt Four Goals, 23 Targets For 2030 In Landmark UN Biodiversity Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2022. <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

On 8 February 2023, the Department of the Interior announced that the Fish and Wildlife Service proposed an amendment to the Endangered Species Act to strengthen voluntary conservation opportunities “to promote species conservation through voluntary agreements and make the process clearer, easier and more efficient.”²⁵⁸⁴

On 10 February 2023, the EPA announced USD1 billion in funding from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to begin cleanup projects at 22 Superfund sites, aiming at cleaning the contaminated sites that have experienced years of hazardous waste dumping.²⁵⁸⁵

On 7 March 2023, the EPA announced USD65 million in funding from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to begin cleanup projects at three Superfund sites across the state of Montana.²⁵⁸⁶

On 22 March 2023, the EPA announced enforcement action against Calrincón Corporation and Karimar Construction Incorporated for discharging hazardous materials into wetlands without a permit in Rincon, Puerto Rico, posing a risk to the native vegetation of those habitats.²⁵⁸⁷ The companies were required to provide resources to remove the fill material within eight months and allow the vegetation to regenerate in order to protect the sensitive coastal ecosystems.

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. Domestically, it has provided funding towards research, studying, and analysis of nature preservation. However, it has not taken strong international actions, having only agreed to proposals and frameworks, causing it to fall short of full compliance.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework.

On 28 June 2022, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the United Nations Environment Programme launched the Global Environment Facility Mediterranean Pollution Hot Spots Technical Assistance initiative.²⁵⁸⁸ The project will collectively invest resources to reduce pollution from entering the Mediterranean and aims to improve the overall health of the marine ecosystems.

²⁵⁸⁴ Interior Department Takes Action to Strengthen Endangered Species Act, U.S. Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-takes-action-strengthen-endangered-species-act>

²⁵⁸⁵ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Will Expedite Cleanups at Three Superfund Sites in Massachusetts, Environmental Protection Agency (Boston) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-funding-will-expedite-cleanups-three-superfund-sites>

²⁵⁸⁶ EPA announces additional \$65 million for Superfund cleanup projects at Montana mining sites, Environmental Protection Agency (New York) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-additional-65-million-superfund-cleanup-projects-montana-mining-sites>

²⁵⁸⁷ EPA Orders Companies to Comply with Clean Water Act to Restore Wetlands in Rincón, Puerto Rico, Environmental Protection Agency (New York) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-orders-companies-comply-clean-water-act-restore-wetlands-rincon-puerto-rico>

²⁵⁸⁸ UN Environment Programme and EIB join forces to reduce pollution in the marine and coastal environment, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-295-un-environment-programme-and-eib-join-forces-to-reduce-pollution-in-the-marine-and-coastal-environment>

On 28 June 2022, the EIB announced that it is partnering with the European Commission to assist the Caribbean with clean water initiatives.²⁵⁸⁹ The EIB will provide a loan of EUR150 million to fund the construction of wastewater treatment plants and expand water and sanitation networks. This initiative will reduce the amount of sewage that will flow into the ocean to benefit nature.

On 28 June 2022, the EIB announced that it will co-finance a project to protect the Romanian Black Sea coast alongside the European Union.²⁵⁹⁰ The European Union will allocate EUR97 million under a Structural Programme Loan. Funds will be used to implement a coastal monitoring programme for biodiversity protection, as well as to construct artificial reefs and other “biostructures for marine habitats and beach protection.” The project is estimated to protect 17,200 hectares of wetlands and 30 kilometres of coastline.

On 30 June 2022, the European Union concluded negotiations for a trade agreement that specifies environmental stipulations where violators can be subject to trade sanctions.²⁵⁹¹ This new trade agreement will benefit nature as it includes a zero-tariff policy on green services and goods, sustainability and biodiversity commitments, as well as the requirement to follow the guidelines of the Paris Climate Agreement.

On 30 June 2022, EIB Vice-President Christian Kettel-Thomsen signed an agreement with Ireland’s Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O’Brien, pledging EIB support for Ireland’s peatland restoration efforts.²⁵⁹² The EIB aims to mobilise technical assistance and investment opportunities for the rehabilitation of Irish peatlands which are fundamentally important for biodiversity and as carbon stores and sinks.

On 11 July 2022, the EIB granted the second instalment of a EUR30 million credit agreement with Vilniaus vandenys, the largest water management company in Lithuania.²⁵⁹³ This initiative will support the preservation of nature as Vilniaus vandenys will use these funds to reduce water pollution and increase wastewater treatment.

On 13 July 2022, representatives from the European Union, along with those from Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Morocco, South Africa and the United States met to sign the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration.²⁵⁹⁴ The All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance specifically aims to enhance marine research, innovation, and cooperation to preserve biodiversity and mitigate effects of climate change for the Atlantic Ocean.

On 26 July 2022, the EIB signed a memorandum of understanding with the Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure.²⁵⁹⁵ This memorandum of understanding outlines the EU and Croatia’s joint

²⁵⁸⁹ EIB and European Commission join forces to provide €150m of Team Europe finance for water and sanitation projects in the Caribbean, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-296-eib-and-european-commission-join-forces-to-provide-eur-150m-of-team-europe-finance-for-water-and-sanitation-projects-in-the-caribbean>

²⁵⁹⁰ Romania: The EIB provides €97 million financing to protect the Romanian Black Sea coast from erosion and floods, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-297-the-eib-provides-eur97-financing-to-protect-the-romanian-black-sea-coast-from-erosion-and-floods>

²⁵⁹¹ EU – New Zealand Trade Agreement: Unlocking sustainable economic growth, European Commission (Brussels) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 16 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4158

²⁵⁹² Ireland: National Parks and Wildlife Service and EIB strengthen support to rehabilitate Irish peatlands, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 4 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-305-national-parks-and-wildlife-service-and-eib-strengthen-support-to-rehabilitate-irish-peatlands>

²⁵⁹³ Lithuania: EIB lends €30 million to Vilniaus vandenys for continued water sector support, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-315-eib-lends-eur30-million-to-vilniaus-vandenys-for-continued-water-sector-support-in-lithuania>

²⁵⁹⁴ Canada signs the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/07/canada-signs-the-all-atlantic-ocean-research-and-innovation-alliance-declaration.html>

²⁵⁹⁵ EIB to support Croatia in investing in green, sustainable transport projects, digitalisation and the green transition, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-338-eib-to-support-croatia-in-investing-in-green-sustainable-transport-projects-digitalisation-and-the-green-transition>

commitment to increase their cooperation on the development and funding of green and sustainable transport methods. The EIB will help Croatia access European Union green funds. The EIB will also provide advisory and technical assistance to the Croatian government to support nature.

On 5 August 2022, the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) published their plan of action to implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027).²⁵⁹⁶ The plan of action supports the development of Multilateral Environmental Agreements by way of capacity building and technical assistance, encourages cooperation in biodiversity conservation, and provides a framework for high-level dialogue on climate change policy.

On 30 August 2022, the EIB announced a loan of EUR18 million to Tapojarvi, a company specialising in recycling services in the steel and mining industries.²⁵⁹⁷ The funds will be used for an innovative industrial plant in Umbria to support the circular economy through means of advanced recycling measures to reduce the environmental footprint of pollutive industries.

On 23 September 2022, the EIB announced a EUR150 million loan to support the Italian SMAT Group, a company specialising in water treatment.²⁵⁹⁸ The loan will help SMAT enhance their water management and wastewater services. This initiative will help the European Union support the EIB's Climate Bank Roadmap and the Paris Agreements to benefit nature.

On 24 September 2022, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen announced a EUR7 billion investment for the global protection of biodiversity.²⁵⁹⁹ This initiative doubles the European Union's biodiversity financing from the 2021-2027 period to effectively support nature.

On 5 October 2022, the European Commission proposed that EUR170 million from the budget of the European Union should be used to strengthen the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operation (rescEU) organisation in response to recent surges of wildfires across European Union member states.²⁶⁰⁰ Specifically, the fleet of ground teams, firefighting planes, and helicopters will be upgraded to increase the capacity of rescEU to more effectively challenge wildfires and protect natural habitats such as forests.

On 14 October 2022, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Peru's Foreign Minister César Landa, which includes "the fight against climate change, the protection of biodiversity and the promotion of circular economy" as one of the key priority points.²⁶⁰¹ As part of this Memorandum of Understanding, the EU and Peru allocated EUR14 million to assist Peru implement the green transition framework.

²⁵⁹⁶ Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027), European Union External Action Service (Brussels) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 17 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/plan-action-implement-asean-eu-strategic-partnership-2023-2027-0_en

²⁵⁹⁷ Italy: The EIB backs Tapojarvi with €18 million to reduce the environmental footprint of the steel industry, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-347-the-eib-backs-tapojarvi-with-eur-18-million-to-reduce-the-environmental-footprint-of-the-steel-industry>

²⁵⁹⁸ Italy: EIB and SMAT join forces once again to enhance integrated water service coverage and quality in the province of Turin, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-375-italy-eib-and-smat-join-forces-once-again-to-enhance-integrated-water-service-coverage-and-quality-in-the-province-of-turin>

²⁵⁹⁹ Global Gateway: President von der Leyen announces funding for women and youth's rights, food security, fight against disease, and biodiversity, European Commission (New York) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 17 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5730

²⁶⁰⁰ Forest fires: €170 million to reinforce rescEU fleet, European Commission (Brussels) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 16 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5967

²⁶⁰¹ Peru/EU: Joint press release on opening a new chapter to strengthen their bilateral relations, European Union External Action Service (Brussels) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/perueu-joint-press-release-opening-new-chapter-strengthen-their-bilateral-relations_en

On 18 October 2022, the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco signed a Green Partnership.²⁶⁰² The Partnership is a cooperative effort to fight climate change, protect the environment, and to conserve biodiversity, and includes measures such as green policy dialogue, support of green environmental projects, and triangular cooperation to achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

On 25 October 2022, the European Commission adopted a new ecological programme worth EUR115 million named “Terre Verte,” which aims to contribute to Morocco’s national green strategy.²⁶⁰³ The programme will support the development of sustainable agricultural practices as well as the protection and management of forestry.

On 8 November 2022, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the EIB, and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) launched the Blue Mediterranean Partnership.²⁶⁰⁴ The Blue Mediterranean Partnership will promote the Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles and aims to garner public and private investment for projects that protect the Mediterranean waters from pollution.

On 23 November 2022, the European Commission allocated approximately EUR380 million towards the LIFE Programme to benefit the environment and climate action.²⁶⁰⁵ This is an increase of 27 per cent from last year’s funding for LIFE. Part of the capital will be utilised to assist the financing of 38 environment projects, seven environmental governance projects, and 27 nature and biodiversity projects.

On 28 November 2022, the European Commission published its contributions to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.²⁶⁰⁶ The European Union submitted 13 proposals as the main proponent or co-proponent, which were adopted by the convention. The majority of these measures involved increased protection for certain reptiles, trees, amphibians, and marine species. In addition, the EU agreed to enhance the conservation for elephants by strengthening transparency in the elephant trade.

On 15 December 2022, the European Union committed itself to significantly increase finance for biodiversity from all sources, including both domestic and private investments, at the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity.²⁶⁰⁷ The European Commission confirmed that it would double its international biodiversity financing to EUR7 billion from 2021-2027. Additionally, the EU announced it will develop policies that create a framework to unlock more private funding for environmental causes. The EU also called on multilateral development banks to take action on biodiversity and increase nature finance through the Joint Donors Statement on International Financing for Biodiversity.

On 15 December 2022, the European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius signed a legally binding trade agreement with Guyanese Minister of Natural Resources Vickram

²⁶⁰² The EU and Morocco launch the first Green Partnership on energy, climate and the environment ahead of COP 27, European Commission (Brussels) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 21 October 2022. https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/eu-and-morocco-launch-first-green-partnership-energy-climate-and-environment-ahead-cop-27-2022-10-18_en

²⁶⁰³ EU-Morocco Green Partnership: Commission adopts a key programme to support the agricultural and forestry sectors in Morocco, European Commission (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6362

²⁶⁰⁴ EIB, EBRD and the UfM with the political support from the European Commission to set up a new Blue Mediterranean Partnership, European Investment Bank (Sharm el-Sheikh) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-467-ebrd-the-eib-and-the-ufm-with-the-political-support-from-the-european-commission-to-set-up-a-new-blue-mediterranean-partnership>

²⁶⁰⁵ LIFE Programme: €380 million for 168 new green projects all around Europe, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6983

²⁶⁰⁶ Wildlife trade regime: EU helps achieve stricter trade regulations for species threatened by international trade at CITES COP19, European Commission (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 15 December 2022. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/wildlife-trade-regime-2022-11-28_en

²⁶⁰⁷ COP15: Commission, Member States and other donors commit to increase global biodiversity finance, European Commission (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7767

Bharrat.²⁶⁰⁸ The European Union committed to help Guyana tackle illegal timber harvesting and trade while Guyana committed to improve market-access for law-abiding and sustainable timber businesses. Moreover, the agreement emphasises the commitment of EU-based timber buyers to only purchase and trade in legally obtained timber.

On 16 December 2022, Commissioner Sinkevičius, on behalf of the EU, committed to creating a Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity and joined a high ambition Accelerator Partnership that supports the future implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.²⁶⁰⁹ The Accelerator Partnership will expand finance flows for biodiversity conservation efforts in developing countries. The Knowledge Support Service will help countries monitor biodiversity objectives.

On 19 December 2022, the European Union adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference.²⁶¹⁰ The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework significantly increases funding for biodiversity from all sources, including domestic, international, public, and private sources of funding to mobilise at least USD200 billion per year by 2030. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework also calls for the protection of 30 per cent of land and water by 2030.

On 17 January 2023, the European Parliament adopted its negotiation position on a new EU law that will control and regulate waste shipments.²⁶¹¹ The new legislation proposes to ban plastic waste exports to non-OECD countries and to prohibit the export of hazardous waste to non-OECD countries unless explicit consent is given by the receiving country, and it is proven that the waste will be managed sustainably. In addition, the Parliament calls for the development of an inspection framework that would detect and prevent illegal shipments of waste.

On 24 January 2023, the European Commission presented a new initiative called “A New Deal for Pollinators.”²⁶¹² The initiative sets objectives which include better conservation of pollinator species and habitats, restoring agricultural landscapes to be more habitat friendly, enhancing habitats for pollinators in urban areas, and mitigating the detrimental effects of pesticides on pollinator species. These objectives are to be met by 2030, and the initiative calls for the increase of knowledge regarding the issues paired with a comprehensive monitoring system to be established by 2025.

On 8 February 2023, the EU and the French Development Agency launched a “Sustainable Forest Livelihood for communities of Guyana and Suriname” project.²⁶¹³ The EU has given the French Development Agency a grant of EUR10 million for the project, which was signed during the Political Dialogue between the EU and Suriname. The project aims to protect and conserve the tropical forests in the region, as well as develop a forest monitoring framework.

²⁶⁰⁸ COP 15: the EU and Guyana sign an agreement on sustainable trade of legal timber, European Commission (Montreal) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/cop-15-eu-and-guyana-sign-agreement-sustainable-trade-legal-timber-2022-12-15_en

²⁶⁰⁹ COP15: EU joins key initiatives to help partner countries strengthen capacities and knowledge to deliver the Global Biodiversity Framework, European Commission (Brussels) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7772

²⁶¹⁰ EU at COP15 global biodiversity conference, European Commission (Brussels) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 1 January 2023. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/eu-cop15-global-biodiversity-conference_en

²⁶¹¹ Waste shipments: MEPs push for tighter EU rules, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 31 January 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230113IPR66627/waste-shipments-meps-push-for-tighter-eu-rules>

²⁶¹² Food security and ecosystem resilience: Commission boosts action on pollinators, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 31 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_281

²⁶¹³ The EU and the AFD partner together for the preservation of the Amazon rainforest in Guyana and Suriname, European Union External Action Service (Guyana) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/guyana/eu-and-afd-partner-together-preservation-amazon-rainforest-guyana-and-suriname_en

On 16 February 2023, the European Commission enacted more severe fisheries management laws to protect endangered species and habitats in the German North Sea on the recommendation of the German Federal Government.²⁶¹⁴ Under the new laws, fishing will be forbidden or restricted in several areas of the German North Sea, with the aim of increasing the protection of seabirds and harbour porpoises, as well as the conservation of reefs and sandbanks.

On 27 February 2023, the European Economic and Social Committee invited experts on water to start developing a new EU policy framework on water.²⁶¹⁵ The committee aims to expand the identification of water issues, and to increase solutions for water issues, such as water pollution.

On 2 March 2023, the EU announced 39 action commitments at the Our Ocean Conference and joined the UN Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Action Alliance (IUU-AA).²⁶¹⁶ The commitments made include establishing marine protected areas, decreasing marine pollution, and conserving ocean ecosystems and biodiversity. The commitments will be supported with a funding of EUR816.5 million. The IUU-AA efforts are focused in preventing IUU fishing and to develop tools to effectively monitor seafood supply chains.²⁶¹⁷

On 4 March 2023, the EU and partners were successful at the UN intergovernmental conference in New York in concluding negotiations for the Treaty of the High Seas.²⁶¹⁸ This landmark treaty vastly expands the quantity of protected ocean zones, requires the development of an assessment tool for the effect of economic activity on ocean biodiversity, and increases efforts to combat ocean pollution. The EU pledged EUR40 million to assist developing countries with the implementation of the Treaty.

On 7 March 2023, the European Council adopted the Voluntary Partnership Agreement signed with Guyana, finishing the ratification procedure.²⁶¹⁹ The Agreement mandates that the EU must ensure that timber products imported from Guyana are legally produced, while Guyana committed to create a timber legality assurance system.

On 21 March 2023, the European Commission published two sets of guidelines under the New Forest Strategy framework.²⁶²⁰ The guidelines on Biodiversity-Friendly Afforestation, Reforestation and Tree planting aim to bolster and more effectively implement reforestation and afforestation in both urban and rural settings with the goal of planting 3 billion trees in the EU by 2030. The guidelines for Defining, Mapping, Monitoring and Strictly Protecting EU Primary and Old-Growth Forests assists national policy makers in identification and protective measures of European old-growth forests.

²⁶¹⁴ Besserer Schutz für Schweinswale und Seevögel in den Meeresschutzgebieten der Nordsee, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz (Berlin) 16 February 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/besserer-schutz-fuer-schweinswale-und-seevogel-in-den-meeresschutzgebieten-der-nordsee-1>

²⁶¹⁵ It's time for an EU Blue Deal: the European Economic and Social Committee launches works on water, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/press-releases/its-time-eu-blue-deal-european-economic-and-social-committee-launches-works-water>

²⁶¹⁶ Our Ocean Conference: EU announces €816.5 million worth of commitments to protect the ocean*, European Commission (Panama) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1290

²⁶¹⁷ Founding of the IUU Fishing Action Alliance to stimulate ambition and action in the fight against illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York City) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/founding-iuu-fishing-action-alliance-stimulate-ambition-and-action-fight-against>

²⁶¹⁸ Ocean biodiversity: global agreement on protection and sustainable use of resources and biodiversity in high seas, European Commission (New York) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_1382

²⁶¹⁹ Council adopts agreement with Guyana to tackle illegal logging, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/07/council-adopts-agreement-with-guyana-to-tackle-illegal-logging/>

²⁶²⁰ EU forests: Commission adopts new guidelines to support tree planting actions and to protect old-growth forests, European Commission (Brussels) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-forests-commission-adopts-new-guidelines-support-tree-planting-actions-and-protect-old-growth-2023-03-21_en

On 21 March 2023, the EU delegation to the UN Water Conference in New York announced its commitments and priorities in forming the UN Water Action Agenda.²⁶²¹ The commitments include restoring EU rivers, conserving aquatic ecosystems, and tackling water pollution by pledging to decrease the number of pesticides and plastic litter in sea water by 50 per cent, as well as a 30 per cent reduction of microplastics. The EU also aims to mobilise private and public funding to increase the already committed EUR1.4 billion for research, innovation, and knowledge sharing.

On 22 March 2023, the EIB provided North Macedonia with a EUR70 million grant for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant in Skopje.²⁶²² The project aims to prevent the contamination of ecosystems and negative effects on flora and fauna due to wastewater.

On 23 March 2023, the EIB signed a loan agreement with the Portuguese government, which earmarks EUR100 million to finance waste management projects in Portugal.²⁶²³ These projects are designed to recover and treat waste in order to reduce environmental pollution and the concomitant negative effects on ecosystems and biodiversity.

On 30 March 2023, the EIB granted a loan of EUR9 million to Luxembourg to finance the ecological restoration of the Alzette River.²⁶²⁴ The restoration project includes the creation of a crossway for fish, the revitalization of altered ecosystems, and the restoration of natural riverside habitats, which is predicted to significantly boost biodiversity.

On 31 March 2023, the EU announced a grant of EUR40 million to Uganda under the Forest Partnership Agreement.²⁶²⁵ Co-financed by Italy, the grant will be used to protect and restore forests in Uganda, as well as to promote forestry governance and value chains.

The European Union has complied with its commitment to mobilise resources from all sources and to substantially increase national and international funding for nature by 2025 to support the implementation of an ambitious global framework. The European Union has created domestic legislation and programmes and has proven to keep member countries accountable for environmental breaches. The EU has also made strong efforts internationally through bilateral partnerships and agreements, as well as active multilateral participation in international organisations and summits. The European Union has successfully provided expertise and funding for international environmental initiatives and projects. While the European Union's resources for its efforts came from different public sources, the EU has also acknowledged the need for more private funding and has joined pledges to increase funding from private investments.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁶²¹ UN Water Conference: EU joins efforts to address the global water crisis and ensure water security for all by 2050, European Commission (Brussels) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1790

²⁶²² North Macedonia: EU provides €70 million investment grant for largest environmental protection project, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-147-eu-provides-eur70-million-investment-grant-for-largest-environmental-protection-project-in-north-macedonia>

²⁶²³ Portugal: EIB lends €100 million to EGF for financing urban waste management investment, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-149-eib-lends-eur100-million-to-egf-for-financing-urban-waste-management-investment-in-portugal>

²⁶²⁴ Luxembourg: Biodiversity and climate change adaptation – EU finances ecological restoration of Alzette river network, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-160-luxembourg-biodiversite-et-adaptation-au-changement-climatique-un-financement-europeen-pour-la-renaturation-de-l-alzette>

²⁶²⁵ EU provides Uganda EUR 152m to empower women and girls, and to protect forests, European Union External Action Service (Kampala) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uganda/eu-provides-uganda-eur-152m-empower-women-and-girls-and-protect-forests_en

10. Food and Agriculture: Resilience

“We will ensure that our response to the current challenges also strengthens the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and Glasgow Pact, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity, including via increasing our support to smallholder farmers.”

G7 Elmau Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75 (88%)		

Background

With the adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, strengthening agriculture and food systems, both in terms of resilience and sustainability, has gained increasing importance as a global priority. However, political unrest, in combination with climate change, has posed major challenges to realizing the goals outlined in the SDGs such as “[ending] hunger, [achieving] food security and [improving] nutrition and [promoting] sustainable agriculture.”

Furthermore, G7 members have remarked that the ongoing invasion of Ukraine has yielded significant repercussions to global food and agriculture systems, disrupting major trade lines in manners such as the “blocking of export routes for Ukraine’s grain.” Additionally, G7 members have concluded that the “loss of biodiversity, climate change and ongoing global economic uncertainty,” as well as lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, are weakening global food security. With food and agriculture security at risk, the Sustainable Development Goals remain difficult to attain, resulting in increased global malnutrition and famine. G7 Members have committed to make “food available” as a precautionary strategy to keep global markets stable and have called on other countries “with large food stockpiles” and the private sector to follow suit.

At the 1987 Venice Summit, G7 members identified risks to food security and imbalances of trade in food and agricultural products as a result of “further stimulating production of agricultural commodities in surplus.” Members committed to “allow market signals to influence agricultural production” while giving consideration to “food security, environmental protection and overall employment.”

At the 1988 Toronto Summit, G7 members reiterated the importance of “[reducing] all direct and indirect subsidies” in order to make the “agricultural sector more responsive to market signals.” Members also recognized the impacts of “over intensive use of resources” and “preventing desertification” on agriculture and the environment.

At the 1989 Paris Summit, G7 members emphasized the need for the agricultural sector to help prevent “water pollution, soil erosion and desertification,” thus supporting the “mutually reinforcing” nature of economic growth and good environmental policies.

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to “a fair and market-oriented agricultural trading system.” Members continued to recognize that market-oriented economies were the “best

means for successful environmental protection.” During the summit, members further confirmed their readiness to begin negotiations in regard to “curb[ing] deforestation, protect biodiversity ... and address threats to the world’s forests.”

At the 1991 London Summit, G7 members agreed on basic principles for the “management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forest” and announced support for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

At the 1992 Munich Summit, G7 members urged other countries to ratify “the Climate Change Convention,” otherwise known as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The ratification of the UNFCCC laid the basis for the Paris Agreement, a legally binding treaty on climate change enacted in 2016.

At the 1993 Tokyo Summit, G7 members verbally acknowledged the ratification of the “Framework Convention on Climate Change” and discussed the “negotiation of a convention on desertification.” Members did not go into length about ways to ensure food security, sustainability or identify any actions to be taken for desertification or the preservation of diversity.

At the 1994 Naples Summit, G7 members continued to acknowledge the ratification of the Convention on Desertification with no other actions taken for the sustainability of agriculture and food systems.

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 members reaffirmed their commitments to the UNFCCC and affirmed their commitment to ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. Additionally, members identified the need for access to “adequate food supplies and to increase “training in agricultural science” as a solution to addressing malnourishment and food insecurity.

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 members committed to establishing “food and nutrition security scholars programs to expand training in agricultural science.” These programs would allow local farmers to raise “agricultural productivity in an environmentally sustainable way consistent with local needs.”

At the 2008 Hokkaido Summit, G8 members encouraged the need for “the development of an international forest monitoring network” to combat deforestation and forest degradation, which can lead to desertification. Members also promised to support “country-led” efforts to combat desertification and the “conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.” Additionally, members committed to promoting “agricultural research and development” that is “locally adapted and sustainable farming technologies.”

At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, G8 members committed to stimulating food production growth by “promoting increased investment in agriculture” with attention paid to “small-hold farmers.” They also welcomed commitments made by non-G8 members to a “goal of mobilizing USD 20 billion over three years” intended for “sustainable agricultural development.”

At the 2012 Camp David Summit, G8 members committed to launch a “New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition” which would accelerate “private capital to African agriculture ... and other innovation that can increase sustainable agricultural productivity.”

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 members announced support for the development of “good practices for global food security and nutrition that are in line with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.”

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 members stated that the United States was in the process of “reviewing its policies on climate change and on the Paris Agreement,” therefore reaching a non-consensus on issues related to climate change and sustainability.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 members committed to enacting policies that “encourage sustainable production, the protection, conservation and the regeneration of ecosystems and the sequestration of carbon.”

Members also reaffirmed their commitment to the “Broad Food Security and Nutrition Development Approach” made in the 2015 Elmau Summit, to support the second goal of the SDGs.

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 members committed to “sustainably increas[ing] the availability of agricultural products.” Building upon the conventions of the Paris Agreement and other policies, it is the first summit of its kind where members have identified the close relationship between climate change and the sustainability and resilience of agriculture and food systems. It represents a paradigm shift from agriculture as a product of economic growth to agriculture as a product of sustainable practices.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to: “[ensuring] that our response to the current challenges also strengthens the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and Glasgow Pact, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity, including via increasing our support to smallholder farmers.” This commitment consists of three fundamental pillars: (i) strengthening the long-term resilience of agriculture and food systems, (ii) strengthening the long-term sustainability of agriculture and food systems, (iii) and increasing support to smallholder farmers.

“Ensure” is understood as “to make something certain to happen.”²⁶²⁶ In the context of this commitment, members should aim to ensure that responses to food and agricultural crises also strengthen long-term resilience and sustainability.

“Current challenges” refers to the issues being faced with regard to current agriculture and food systems. This includes, most directly, the insecurity created by Russia’s ongoing war on Ukraine and the challenges presented by the climate crisis.

“Strengthen” is understood as “to make or become stronger.”²⁶²⁷

“Sustainable Development Goals” or “SDGs” is understood to mean the Sustainable Development Goals that were outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²⁶²⁸ There are 17 SDGs that this commitment refers to: 1) end poverty; 2) end hunger; 3) good health and well-being; 4) quality education; 5) gender equality; 6) clean water and sanitation; 7) affordable and clean energy; 8) decent work and economic growth; 9) industry, innovation and infrastructure; 10) reduced inequalities; 11) sustainable cities and communities; 12) responsible consumption and production; 13) climate action; 14) life below water; 15) life on land; 16) peace, justice and strong institutions; and 17) partnerships for the goals.²⁶²⁹

“The Paris Agreement” is understood to be a “a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016.”²⁶³⁰ The agreement’s main goal is to “limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels. To achieve this long-term temperature goal, countries aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible to achieve a climate neutral world by mid-century.”

²⁶²⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 2 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁶²⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 2 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁶²⁸ Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

²⁶²⁹ The 17 Goals, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 21 January 2022. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

²⁶³⁰ The Paris Agreement, United Nations Climate Change (New York) n.d. Access Date: 18 January 2023. <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>

“Glasgow Pact” is understood as “a doubling of finance to support developing countries in adapting to the impacts of climate change and building resilience.”²⁶³¹

“The Convention to Combat Desertification” is understood as “a Convention addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found. Parties to the Convention meet at COPs every two years, as well as in technical meetings throughout the year, to advance the aims and ambitions of the Convention and achieve progress in its implementation.”²⁶³²

“The Convention on Biological Diversity” is understood as “a Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is the international legal instrument for the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources that has been ratified by 196 nations.”²⁶³³

“Long-term” is understood as pertaining to “any commitment with a delivery date of over five years.”

“Resilience” is understood as “the capacity of [systems] potentially exposed to hazards to resist, adapt and recover.”

“Sustainability” is understood as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

“Agriculture and food systems” refer to “the sum of actors and interactions along the food value chain – from input supply and the production of ... agricultural commodities to transportation, processing, retailing, wholesaling and preparation of foods for consumption and disposal.”

“Increase” is understood as to contribute additional efforts to a prior commitment.

“Support” is understood as acts of providing aid or assistance.

“Smallholder farmers” refer to “small-scale farmers, pastoralists, forest keepers, fishers who manage areas varying from less than one hectare to 10 hectares; [they are] characterized by family-focused motives such as favoring the stability of the farm household system, using mainly family labor for production and using part of the produce for family consumption.”

Examples of strong actions may include, but are not limited to: loan or grant issuance, financial subsidy programs, other non-financial contributions intended for smallholder farmers; foreign direct investment or other financial contributions issued by an executive or a national legislature; the creation of new policy or the amelioration of current initiatives. Executive or legislative policy proposals which fail or have yet to be implemented will still count as strong actions. Examples of weak actions may include, but are not limited to, verbal support for one of the pillars under the commitment.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong action in at least two of the following three pillars: (i) strengthening the long-term resilience of agriculture and food systems, (ii) strengthening the long-term sustainability of agriculture and food systems, (iii) and increasing support to smallholder farmers.

²⁶³¹ COP 26: Together for our planet, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 18 January 2023.

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop26>

²⁶³² United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, United Nations Women (New York) n.d. Access Date: 18 January 2023.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/how-we-work/intergovernmental-support/climate-change-and-the-environment/united-nations-convention-to-combat-desertification>

²⁶³³ Convention on Biological Diversity, key international instrument for sustainable development, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 18 January 2023. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day/convention>

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be given to G7 members that take strong action in one of the following three pillars: (i) strengthening the long-term resilience of agriculture and food systems, (ii) strengthening the long-term sustainability of agriculture and food systems, (iii) and increasing support to smallholder farmers. Even if a G7 member takes weak action in two of the pillars, it will still only receive partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be given to G7 members that does not take any strong action in the following three pillars: 1) strengthening the long-term resilience of agriculture and food systems, 2) strengthening the long-term sustainability of agriculture and food systems, and 3) increasing support to smallholder farmers.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has taken action to ensure food and agriculture security, sustainability and resilience in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in less than TWO of the following dimensions: (i) sustainable development goals (ii) climate change (iii) biodiversity (iv) desertification (v) smallholder farmers.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to ensure food and agriculture security, sustainability and resilience in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in at least TWO of the following dimensions: (i) sustainable development goals (ii) climate change (iii) biodiversity (iv) desertification (v) smallholder farmers OR less than strong steps in at least three dimensions.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to ensure food and agriculture security, sustainability and resilience in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in at least FOUR of the following dimensions: (i) sustainable development goals (ii) climate change (iii) biodiversity (iv) desertification (v) smallholder farmers.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 12 July 2022, the Government of Canada released a sector-by-sector overview of its 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan.²⁶³⁴ To meet Canada's 2030 emissions reduction target and achieve net zero emissions by 2050, Canada pledged to provide CAD470 million to the Agricultural Climate Solutions: On-Farm Climate Action Fund and extend the program's end date. The fund aims to increase support to key climate mitigation practices and help farmers adopt practices that align with the fertilizer emissions target and Global Methane Pledge. Additionally, Canada pledged CAD150 million for "a resilient agricultural landscapes program to support carbon sequestration, adaptation and address other environmental co-benefits," CAD330 million for the Agricultural Clean Technology program and CAD100 million towards an investment in "transformative science for a sustainable sector in an uncertain climate and net-zero economy for 2050."

On 22 July 2022, the federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture reached a new five-year agreement which will direct CAD500 million towards the five-year Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.²⁶³⁵ The ministers agreed to allocate CAD250 million towards the Resilient Agriculture Landscape Program. This new agreement "includes stronger targets such as a 3-5 [metric ton] reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increasing sector competitiveness, revenue and exports, and increased participation of Indigenous

²⁶³⁴ 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan – Sector-by-sector overview, Environment and Natural Resources (Ottawa) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview/emissions-reduction-2030/sector-overview.html>

²⁶³⁵ Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Agriculture reach new partnership agreement and inject new funds to support the sector, Agri-Food Canada (Saskatoon) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/07/federal-provincial-and-territorial-ministers-of-agriculture-reach-a-new-partnership-agreement-and-inject-new-funds-to-support-the-sector.html>

Peoples, women and youth.” It will help different regions in the country leverage their strengths to combat challenges posed by climate change while “ensuring that efforts to reduce emissions from fertilizer or other agricultural sources do not impede Canada’s ability to contribute to domestic and global food security, now or into the future.”

On 15 August 2022, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau and Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants Kody Blois announced a CAD8.5 million investment under a five-year plan called the On-Farm Climate Action Fund.²⁶³⁶ This plan is intended to support farmers in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador in the adoption of sustainable farming practices to increase resilience against climate change. Adopting innovative and sustainable agricultural practices will also help Canadian producers reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

On 17 August 2022, the federal government, in conjunction with the province of British Columbia, pledged more than CAD1 million to fund 10 new projects to help fight climate change and encourage the adoption of regenerative agricultural practices through the British Columbia Agri-Innovation Program.²⁶³⁷ These projects will help farmers leverage technology to make agriculture more sustainable, help achieve the emissions reduction target, mitigate the effects of climate change and boost food security.

On 28 August 2022, the government announced a new funding stream added to a Canada-British Columbia program called the Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program (KTTP), which allows agriculture producers and processors in British Columbia to submit applications for funding.²⁶³⁸ This is intended to “increase the competitiveness, resiliency and innovation of British Columbia’s agriculture and food sector through facilitated knowledge and technology sharing.” The Canadian Agricultural Partnership funds the KTTP projects as part of a CAD3 billion five-year commitment aimed at strengthening and growing Canada’s agri-food and agri-products sectors.

On 30 August 2022, Minister Bibeau established a Livestock Tax Deferral for designated regions in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba which faced extreme weather conditions.²⁶³⁹ This tax deferral “allows livestock producers who are forced to sell a significant amount of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding to defer a portion of their income from sales until the following tax year.” This provision aims to help producers increase their resilience to the uncertainties created by extreme weather conditions.

On 21 September 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau participated in the Global Food Security Summit and discussed Canada’s efforts in addressing the global food security crisis.²⁶⁴⁰ Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Canada would allocate CAD245 million in humanitarian funding to the UN as well as other Canadian, and international organizations that tackle food insecurity. He further noted the impact of Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine on the global food system as well as drought-induced famines.

²⁶³⁶ Government of Canada invests \$8.5 million to help farmers in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador adopt sustainable practices, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Kings County) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-85-million-to-help-farmers-in-nova-scotia-and-newfoundland-and-labrador-adopt-sustainable-practices.html>

²⁶³⁷ Agriculture innovations help fight climate change, protect food security, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Victoria) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/agriculture-innovations-help-fight-climate-change-protect-food-security.html>

²⁶³⁸ Regenerative agriculture funding stream added to revitalized Canada-B.C. program, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Victoria) 28 August 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/regenerative-agriculture-funding-stream-added-to-revitalized-canada-bc-program.html>

²⁶³⁹ Tax relief for Prairie livestock producers facing the impacts of extreme weather, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/08/tax-relief-for-prairie-livestock-producers-facing-the-impacts-of-extreme-weather.html>

²⁶⁴⁰ Prime Minister delivers action at the United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (New York City) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/09/21/prime-minister-delivers-action-united-nations-general-assembly>

On 27 September 2022, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada announced a CAD67,000 pilot project in British Columbia to station livestock emergency response trailers in the Fraser Valley and East Kootenays.²⁶⁴¹ These trailers aim to help capture and contain animals, safeguarding them from dangerous conditions. In doing so, producers will be able to access tools and equipment during extreme weather events, while protecting the welfare of animals.

On 11 October 2022, Minister Bibeau and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced the launch of a new Environmental Farm Plan platform for Manitoba.²⁶⁴² The platform serves as an online, voluntary self-assessment tool prepared by farm families that helps “assess the features and management practices of a farm in order to develop an action plan to mitigate the identified risks.” This tool intends to help farms adapt to changing climate conditions and promote resilience by providing farmers with greater access to the resources needed to implement and prioritize best management practices.

On 13 October 2022, Minister Bibeau traveled to Prince Edward Island to see how Hurricane Fiona affected farm operations, families and livelihoods.²⁶⁴³ Minister Bibeau highlighted the business risk management programs available to producers and encouraged them to register for interim benefits. These programs help producers mitigate the risks that threaten their farm operations and provide them with assistance to manage pressing financial challenges. The Government of Canada committed to “continue to respond to the immediate needs of people impacted by the storm and support the long-term recovery of the agricultural sector.”

On 14 October 2022, Minister of Official Languages and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Ginette Petitpas Taylor contributed CAD4.2 million to nine businesses in Prince Edward Island.²⁶⁴⁴ This investment was intended to boost the sustainable development of the sector and build resilience against potato wart, as it posed a serious threat to 5,000 people in the industry when it was discovered in 2021. This support helps “ensure a strong recovery and increased resilience for the industry.”

On 16 October 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan delivered a statement on World Food Day that reaffirmed Canada’s commitment to continue to work with “partners in developing countries to develop longer-term solutions for greater food system resilience with an emphasis on climate-smart agriculture, fertilizers, sustainable agri-food value chains, inclusive food system governance and productive safety nets.”²⁶⁴⁵ He noted that it is crucial to include smallholder farmers, two thirds of which are women, in decision making processes and developing solutions. This verbal commitment calls for strengthening the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems.

On 12 November 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault reaffirmed Canada’s intention of funding a CAD10 million initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on Adaptation and Agriculture Day at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations

²⁶⁴¹ Livestock emergency response trailers going to Lower Mainland, Kootenays, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Vancouver) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/09/livestock-emergency-response-trailers-going-to-lower-mainland-kootenays.html>

²⁶⁴² Governments of Canada and Manitoba Announce Launch of Province’s New Online Environmental Farm Plan Platform, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Winnipeg) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/10/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-announce-launch-of-provinces-new-online-environmental-farm-plan-platform.html>

²⁶⁴³ Minister Bibeau and Minister Compton tour Prince Edward Island Farms affected by Hurricane Fiona, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Charlottetown) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/10/minister-bibeau-and-minister-compton-tour-prince-edward-island-farms-affected-by-hurricane-fiona.html>

²⁶⁴⁴ Federal initiative building resilience in the P.E.I. potato sector, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (Souris) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/news/2022/10/federal-initiative-building-resilience-in-the-pei-potato-sector0.html>

²⁶⁴⁵ Statement by Minister Sajjan on World Food Day, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2022. Access Date: 26 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/statement-by-minister-sajjan-on-world-food-day.html>

Framework Convention on Climate Change.²⁶⁴⁶ This initiative “aims to promote climate-smart agriculture and agriculture biodiversity practices to help rural communities in Aswan, Beheira, and Kafr El Sheikh, Egypt, expand their capacity to adapt to climate change.”

On 18 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau concluded his participation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Thailand, where he announced that a CAD38.1 million investment would establish the first Canadian agriculture office in the region and expand “supply chain resilience in the Indo-Pacific to benefit people in the region and Canada alike.”²⁶⁴⁷

On 3 December 2022, Minister Bibeau discussed the Government of Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy with agriculture stakeholders at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan.²⁶⁴⁸ They discussed the announcement of the Indo-Pacific Agriculture and Agri-Food Office (IPAAO). The IPAAO will help Canada expand supply chain resilience while promoting resilience and security as well as the creation of “a sustainable and green future.”

On 11 January 2023, Minister Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced CAD17.6 million in funding for crop-related research in 2023, which will be invested through Saskatchewan’s Agriculture Development Fund.²⁶⁴⁹ This investment will fund research projects that focus on enhancing agricultural sustainability and innovation during a time when farmers’ livelihoods are threatened by climate change and severe weather conditions.

On 16 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau announced CAD44.8 million in funding to support “new initiatives focused on biodiversity, climate resilience, and disaster preparedness and recovery to support CARICOM in addressing the climate crisis.”²⁶⁵⁰ Of this funding, CAD15 million will be allocated towards the World Food Programme’s Disaster READY Project, which “aims to improve comprehensive disaster management in the Caribbean by building capacity and strengthening disaster response and social protection system.” Another CAD8 million will go towards the Caribbean Organizations for a Resilient Environment Project under the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, which will help environmental and women’s rights organizations working in the area of agriculture to enhance Caribbean communities’ resilience to climate change.

On 24 February 2023, Minister Bibeau announced an investment of up to CAD2.7 million under the Adoption Stream of the Agricultural Clean Technology (ACT) Program for four new projects related to the adoption of clean technologies by agri-businesses in Quebec.²⁶⁵¹ This investment will help producers adopt sustainable farming practices that reduce their carbon footprint while enhancing their competitiveness.

On 1 March 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) for Ontario, a five-year agreement between the governments of Canada of

²⁶⁴⁶ Canada supporting developing countries to adapt to climate change at COP27, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Sharm El-Sheikh) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/11/canada-supporting-developing-countries-to-adapt-to-climate-change-at-cop27.html>

²⁶⁴⁷ Prime Minister strengthens relations with the Indo-Pacific region at the APEC Economic Leader’s Meeting, Prime Minister of Canada (Bangkok) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/18/prime-minister-strengthens-relations-indo-pacific-region-apec>

²⁶⁴⁸ Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy to support growth and prosperity for the agriculture and agri-food sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Regina) 3 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/12/canadas-indo-pacific-strategy-to-support-growth-and-prosperity-for-the-agriculture-and-agri-food-sector.html>

²⁶⁴⁹ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \$17.6 Million in Crop Research, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Saskatoon) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/01/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-invest-176-million-in-crop-research.html>

²⁶⁵⁰ Canada announces \$44.8 million in new funding to support the CARICOM in addressing the climate crisis, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Naussau) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/02/16/canada-announces-448-million-new-funding-support-caricom-addressing>

²⁶⁵¹ Government of Canada supports the adoption of clean technologies in Quebec, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Napierville) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-supports-the-adoption-of-clean-technologies-in-quebec.html>

Ontario that will inject up to CAD1.77 billion into the agri-food sector.²⁶⁵² The Sustainable CAP will include the launch of the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, which is “a funding initiative to mitigate climate change and support the agricultural sector in better addressing sustainability outcomes.”

On 2 March 2023, Minister Bibeau announced a CAD24.1 million investment under the ACT Program that will support “new projects for the development and adoption of clean technologies by agricultural businesses in Ontario.”²⁶⁵³ This investment will help farmers in Ontario adopt sustainable farming practices and develop new green technologies that reduce their carbon footprint while enhancing their competitiveness.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Bibeau announced a CAD1.6 million investment under the ACT Program that will support four new clean technology projects in British Columbia.²⁶⁵⁴ This investment will help farmers “increase their competitiveness and reduce their carbon footprints while allowing innovators to develop new technologies with a positive environmental impact.”

On 20 March 2023, Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings announced the Sustainable CAP for Saskatchewan, a five-year agreement that will inject CAD485 million sponsored by the federal government into Saskatchewan’s strategic agricultural initiatives.²⁶⁵⁵ The Sustainable CAP will enhance the environmental sustainability of the agriculture sector and help to ensure the resilience of supply chains.

On 27 March 2023, Minister Bibeau and Quebec Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food André Lamontagne announced the Sustainable CAP for Quebec, a five-year agreement between the governments of Canada and Quebec that will inject an estimated CAD955 million sponsored by the federal government into the province’s agri-food sector.²⁶⁵⁶ The agreement will help equip Quebec pursue sustainable agriculture objectives and develop a resilient bio-food sector.

On 28 March 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced the Sustainable CAP for Alberta, a five-year agreement between the governments of Canada and Alberta that will inject CAD508 million sponsored by the federal government into the province’s agri-food sector.²⁶⁵⁷ Alberta’s programs under the Sustainable CAP will continue to protect plant and animal health and welfare and manage risks to natural resources.

On 31 March 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced that the Sustainable CAP will officially come into effect on 1 April 2023.²⁶⁵⁸ The agreement sets CAD1 billion in federal programs and activities and CAD2.5

²⁶⁵² Governments reach landmark agreement to strengthen Ontario’s agri-food sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Vineland Station) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/governments-reach-landmark-agreement-to-strengthen-ontariosagri-food-sector0.html>

²⁶⁵³ Government of Canada supports the development and adoption of clean technologies in Ontario, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Burlington) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-supports-the-development-and-adoption-of-clean-technologies-in-ontario.html>

²⁶⁵⁴ Government of Canada supports the development and adoption of clean technologies in British Columbia, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Burnaby) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-supports-the-development-and-adoption-of-clean-technologies-in-british-columbia.html>

²⁶⁵⁵ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan partner to invest \$485 million in Saskatchewan under the new five-year Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Regina) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-partner-to-invest-485-million-in-saskatchewan-under-the-new-five-year-sustainable-canadian-agricultural-part.html>

²⁶⁵⁶ Canada and Quebec sign a new \$995 million agreement over 5 years to support Quebec’s agricultural sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Quebec City) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/canada-and-quebec-sign-a-new-955-million-agreement-over-5-years-to-support-quebecs-agricultural-sector.html>

²⁶⁵⁷ Supporting sustainability in agriculture, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Edmonton) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/supporting-sustainability-in-agriculture.html>

²⁶⁵⁸ Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership launches April 1, 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership-launches-april-1-20230.html>

billion in cost-shared programs, which “will help position Canada for continued success as a global leader in sustainable agriculture, economically, environmentally and socially.”²⁶⁵⁹

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Canada has expressed verbal support for strengthening the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems, and provided humanitarian funding in response to risks of famine brought on by the war in Ukraine. The government has also implemented several programs to uphold this commitment, targeting smallholder farmers and promoting resilience against climate change. These programs also emphasize the importance of agricultural practices that increase biodiversity.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lara Ground

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 22 June 2023, Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Marc Fesneau implemented a flash mission to facilitate the first estimates of agricultural damage and provide assistance to affected farmers.²⁶⁶⁰ This mission will also help identify short-term and medium-term adaptations needed to become more resilient.

On 23 June 2022, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Marc Fesneau gathered private stakeholders in the private sector to mobilize support of the international initiative FARM (Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission) to address the food crisis caused by the Russo-Ukraine War.²⁶⁶¹ One of FARM’s objective is to develop sustainable agricultural production capabilities, particularly in Africa.

On 26 July 2022, France and the World Food Programme (WFP) launched a plan through the European Food and Agricultural Resilience Mission initiative that will “support countries worst hit by the global food crisis by boosting sustainable agricultural production and ensuring that the most vulnerable countries have equitable access to supplies of agricultural commodities at a fair price.”²⁶⁶²

On 31 August 2022, the first Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) Strategic Plans of EU countries was formally approved by the European Commission.²⁶⁶³ France’s CAP plan aims to promote “farm diversification, preservation of permanent grasslands, plant protein production, agroecology and organic farming” by combining “national and regional elements, providing support to farmers and rural areas by taking into account

²⁶⁵⁹ Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership launches April 1, 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/03/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership-launches-april-1-20230.html>

²⁶⁶⁰ Grêle : Marc Fesneau lance une mission flash pour évaluer les dégâts dans le monde Agricole, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 22 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/grele-marc-fesneau-lance-une-mission-flash-pour-evaluer-les-degats-dans-le-monde-agricole>

²⁶⁶¹ FARM initiative: Launch of a global coalition of private stakeholders for international food resilience, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/farm-initiative-launch-of-a-global-coalition-of-private-stakeholders-for>

²⁶⁶² France and WFP launch FARM solidarity mechanism, World Food Programme (Paris) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.wfp.org/news/france-and-wfp-launch-farm-solidarity-mechanism>

²⁶⁶³ CAP Strategic Plans by Country, European Commission (Brussels) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans-country_en

regional specificities.”²⁶⁶⁴ This plan supports the European Unions’ Green New Deal and helps the transition towards a sustainable and resilient agricultural sector that ensures long-term food security—along with many other strengthened environmental ambitions.

On 19 October 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs reaffirmed its commitment to France’s International Strategy for Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture.²⁶⁶⁵ This strategy intends to contribute to “strengthening global governance of food security and nutrition and developing sustainable food systems by promoting agro-ecological practices.” It also aims to combat undernourished young children and pregnant or breastfeeding women in developing countries and enhance the resilience of vulnerable populations to agricultural shocks.

On 26 November 2022, President Emmanuel Macron announced a contribution of EUR6 million towards the WFP to transport and distribute Ukrainian grain to Yemen and Sudan.²⁶⁶⁶ WFP offers both emergency food relief and technical and development assistance, such as strengthening resilience against climate change.

On 30 November 2022, the Ministry for Agriculture and Food Sovereignty met with representatives of France’s Overseas Territories to discuss the agro-ecological transition and efforts to increase food resilience to climate change.²⁶⁶⁷ The Ministry for Agriculture announced a EUR3 million increase in aid to the Overseas Ministry to be directed towards ecological improvements in food production.

On 14 December 2022, the National Agricultural and Rural Development Programme (PNDAR) announced its funding of 50 research and development projects, totalling EUR20 million in aid.²⁶⁶⁸ The projects intend to aid France’s agro-ecological transition, with emphasis placed on reduction of greenhouse gases, preservation of agrobiodiversity and adaptation to climate hazards.

On 19 January 2023, Minister Marc Fesneau and the Spanish Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Luis Planas signed a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation at the 27th bilateral summit held in Barcelona.²⁶⁶⁹ The general treaty addresses agricultural issues, such as collaboration on developing sustainable agriculture and fisheries.

On 31 January 2023, the National Agricultural and Rural Development Program (PNDAR) announced a new wave of calls for projects in 2023 to finance the actions of agricultural and rural development actors towards

²⁶⁶⁴ At a glance: France’s CAP STRATEGIC PLAN, European Commission (Paris) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-09/csp-at-a-glance-france_en_0.pdf

²⁶⁶⁵ Food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture – France’s strategy, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/news/2019/article/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture-france-s-strategy-22-oct-19>

²⁶⁶⁶ Food security – France continues to take action to strengthen global food security (26 november 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 26 November 2022. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/food-security-france-continues-to-take-action-to-strengthen-global-food>

²⁶⁶⁷ Le gouvernement trace les perspectives d’adaptation de l’agriculture ultramarine à la transition agroécologique, à la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique et vers la souveraineté alimentaire, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 30 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/outre-mer-le-gouvernement-trace-les-perspectives-dadaptation-de-lagriculture-ultramarine-la>

²⁶⁶⁸ Programme national de développement agricole et rural : le ministère finance 50 projets à hauteur de 20 millions d’euros en 2022, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/pndar-le-ministere-finance-50-projets-hauteur-de-20-millions-deuros-en-2022>

²⁶⁶⁹ Spain and France strengthen their agricultural cooperation ties in favour of sustainable and sufficient food production, President of the Government of Spain and the Council of Ministers (Barcelona) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/lang/en/Paginas/index.aspx>

priority objectives for French agriculture.²⁶⁷⁰ The PNDAR targets priority objectives such as preservation of agrobiodiversity and adaptation to climatic hazards.

France has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. France has expressed verbal support for strengthening the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems, and has met with overseas representatives to further these aims. The government has taken strong action in launching the PNDAR, which is aimed at promoting biodiversity and resilience against climate change. However, it has not taken any steps to support smallholder farmers or combat desertification. Additionally, it has taken steps to support smallholder farms through aid and recognized desertification by promoting the implementation of practices that limit soil erosion as seen in the CAP Strategic Plan.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Anurag Choudhury

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 30 June 2022, German state-directed KfW Development Bank launched the InsuResilience Investment Fund (IIF) initiative.²⁶⁷¹ The IIF aims to reduce the vulnerability of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises to extreme weather events and climate change. The initiative has issued loans totalling more than USD95 million and has made equity investments amounting to more than USD40 million. The fund currently invests in 26 partners across four continents and has reached more than 40 million beneficiaries.

On 30 June 2022, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development created a Global shield to provide better protection against climate risks.²⁶⁷² One of the Global shield projects, the African Risk Capacity (ARC), offers African countries insurance against droughts, dry lands and hurricanes for farmers who faced lost harvests. Madagascar, Zambia and Malawi received a payment of more than USD31,200,000 after droughts and a hurricane. The ARC strengthened the long-term resilience of the agriculture and food systems via financial aid.

On 8 July 2022, Minister of Food and Agriculture Cem Özdemir acknowledged the achievements of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) in plant protection, food security and animal health.²⁶⁷³ Minister Özdemir pledged EUR150,000 in funding to the STDF, stating that the development of sustainable food systems in the Global South is essential to global food security.

²⁶⁷⁰ Programme national de développement agricole et rural: le ministère finance 62 projets à hauteur de 25 millions d'euros en 2022, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 31 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/pndar-le-ministere-finance-62-projets-hauteur-de-25-millions-deuros-en-2022>

²⁶⁷¹ InsuResilience Investment Fund (IIF), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/climate-risk-insurance/insuresilience-investment-fund-59560>

²⁶⁷² A Global Shield against Climate Risks: Germany's G7 proposal for tackling climate-related losses and damages in developing countries, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) June 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. [bmz-infopapier-globaler-schutzschirm-en-data.pdf](https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/climate-risk-insurance/insuresilience-investment-fund-59560)

²⁶⁷³ Özdemir: Widerstandskraft der Ernährungssysteme des globalen Südens stärken, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 8 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2022/96-stdf.html>

On 26 July 2022, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture launched a project to reduce the use of peat in commercial horticulture by 2030.²⁶⁷⁴ The project aims to fund research to develop less carbon-heavy alternatives and generate sustainable initiatives to encourage private gardening agencies to adopt alternative fertilization materials.

On 14 August 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that Germany would make EUR1.5 billion available annually for international biodiversity conservation starting in 2025 to promote food security.²⁶⁷⁵ This doubles the EUR750 million per year invested on average from 2017 to 2021, making Germany the largest international donor.

On 20 September 2022, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development implemented the InsuResilience Solutions Fund (ISF).²⁶⁷⁶ The ISF aims to enhance the resilience of vulnerable agricultural businesses against extreme weather events and provides advisory services for climate risk insurance products, intending to cover 1.25 million people by 2025. The fund signed a support agreement with the Rwandan Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and K. M. Dastur & Company Limited to give smallholder farmers improved and broader access to agricultural insurance.

On 12 October 2022, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture drafted the Act on Animal Husbandry Labelling to increase the transparency in how animals are kept on farms.²⁶⁷⁷ Farmers will receive financial remuneration giving animals particularly humane and sustainable husbandry conditions and converting the housing for their livestock accordingly. Financial support to farmers will be given if they transition toward animal welfare, environmental protection and climate change mitigation.

On 4 November 2022, the Global Alliance for Food Security, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the World Bank Group launched the Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard as a key tool to fast-track a rapid response to the unfolding global food security crisis.²⁶⁷⁸ The Nutrition Security Dashboard is designed to store up-to-date data on food crisis severity, track global food security financing and make global and country-level research and analysis available to improve coordination of the policy and financial response to the crisis.

On 14 November 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced Germany's contribution of EUR170 million to the Global Shield.²⁶⁷⁹ This contributes to the organisation's ability to gather activities in the field of climate risk finance and help other developing countries to access assistance in improving farming methods.

On 17 November 2022, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Environment Minister for Environment Steffi Lemke announced that Germany would increase its contribution to the International Adaptation Fund

²⁶⁷⁴ Tofffrei gärtnern, Klima schützen, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 26 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2022.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2022/107-torfmaendigungsstrategie.html>

²⁶⁷⁵ Important signal for preserving biodiversity at the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/a-strong-partner-in-global-nature-conservation-germany-to-increase-international-biodiversity-finance-to-15-billion-euros-per-year-by-2025>

²⁶⁷⁶ InsuResilience Solutions Fund (ISF), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/climate-risk-insurance/insuresilience-solutions-fund-59558>

²⁶⁷⁷ Cabinet Adopted Draft Act on Animal Husbandry Labelling, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 12 October 2022. Access date: 06 April 2023. <https://www.bmel.de/EN/topics/animals/animal-welfare/state-run-animal-welfare-label-pigs.html>

²⁶⁷⁸ New dashboard to track food and nutrition security and global response, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/tool-to-track-food-and-nutrition-security-and-global-response-127792>

²⁶⁷⁹ Global Shield against Climate Risks. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/global-shield-against-climate-risks>

by EUR60 million.²⁶⁸⁰ This contribution further supports smallholder farmers in developing countries against turbulent weather changes caused by climate change. The financial contribution supports new innovative projects that combine climate adaptation and biodiversity protection, safeguarding vital natural resources and agricultural goods simultaneously.

On 2 January 2023, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development announced the Transformation of Agricultural and Food Systems initiative.²⁶⁸¹ The initiative prioritizes the rapid and fundamental transformation of the agricultural and food systems by shifting towards sustainable and climate-friendly growing and processing methods that conserve biodiversity. The initiative also seeks to assist over two million people to adapt to climate change, restore 1.7 million hectares of degraded land and forests and improve the incomes of 3.2 million small-holder farming families.

On 9 January 2023, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, along with IIF committed to about EUR67 million to help Pakistan rebuild key agricultural resistance to counter recent flooding.²⁶⁸² With Germany's support, Pakistani farmers can combine micro-loans for livestock purchases with microinsurance.

On 21 January, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture hosted the 2023 edition of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture.²⁶⁸³ The forum focused on the transformation of agri-food systems as a means of responding to the multiple crises facing global food security. These include climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine.

On 6 March, State Secretary Jochen Flasbarth announced that the Development Ministry would increase its support for the world's poorest countries by EUR200 million.²⁶⁸⁴ It acknowledges the need to build resilient infrastructure and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Germany has taken strong action to address its commitment to sustainable development by funding key projects that help food systems withstand the impacts of climate change. In addition, Germany has taken strong action to protect biodiversity through investment schemes and provided support for smallholder farmers. However, Germany has not taken any actions towards desertification.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ada Davidrajub

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

²⁶⁸⁰ Germany increases funding for global adaptation fund by 60 million euro, The Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry for the Environment (Berlin) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/germany-increases-funding-for-global-adaptation-fund-by-60-million-euro-the-federal-foreign-office-and-the-federal-ministry-for-the-environment-are-increasing-their-contribution-to-the-international-adaptation-fund-by-30-million-euro-each>

²⁶⁸¹ Transformation of Agricultural and Food Systems, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 2 January 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/food-security/transformation-of-agricultural-and-food-systems>

²⁶⁸² Germany provides support for Pakistan's post-flood recovery. Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-provides-support-for-pakistans-post-flood-recovery-136114>

²⁶⁸³ Leveraging urban and local agrifood systems for sustainable transformation, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 24 March 2022. <https://gffa-berlin.de/en/berliner-agrarministerkonferenz/#results>

²⁶⁸⁴ German Development Ministry increases support for poorest countries, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-ministry-increases-support-for-poorest-countries-146562>

On 3 August 2022, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture released an agenda to support the sustainable transition of the livestock sector, aligning with the European Commission's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity 2030 Strategies.²⁶⁸⁵ The plan intends to promote the development of a sustainable breeding model, animal welfare improvement and initiatives to curb the rise of antimicrobial resistance in livestock.

On 19 September 2022, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation pledged EUR2.5 million and aid credits equivalent to EUR50 million towards sustainable development in the Caribbean.²⁶⁸⁶ The funds will focus on new infrastructure and the effects of a changing climate in agriculture, among other industries.

On 30 November 2022, the government released an inter-ministerial decree on animal welfare following the State-Regions Conference.²⁶⁸⁷ The decree prioritized the sustainability of livestock and farming practices, and was intended to supplement Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

On 5 December 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture announced the "Sustainable Production and Utilization of Agro-natural Resources (SPUAR)" project with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO).²⁶⁸⁸ The initiative was funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). The project aims to address desertification, a changing climate, and the effects of water shortages on Jordanian agriculture.

On 22 December 2022, the Ministry of the Environment announced its agreement with the World Bank pledging EUR10 million to developing countries to aid in climate change adaptation projects, including strengthening food and agricultural sustainability and resilience.²⁶⁸⁹ The funds will be processed through the Paris Agreement Adaptation Fund and will target regions vulnerable to droughts, floods and desertification to foster sustainable development practices.

On 26 February 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation funded the SFS-MED Platform initiative to support the development of food systems in Albania, Jordan, and Morocco.²⁶⁹⁰ This initiative, overseen by the FAO, seeks to improve sustainability in the Mediterranean region as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. The funds will go towards increasing capacity and research, alongside sharing and collaborating resources within the region.

On 28 March 2023, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry Francesco Lollobrigida pledged through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albanian Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Frida Krifca to collaborate on agriculture.²⁶⁹¹ Specifically, the agreement focused on sustainable food systems and the development of ocean industries in both countries.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Italy has taken action in launching

²⁶⁸⁵ Firmato decreto da 144 milioni per aiuti straordinari a comparto zootecnico, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/144mln-zootecnica>

²⁶⁸⁶ UN: Sereni in New York attends signing ceremony of Italy-Caribbean Development Bank agreement (New York) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/onu-sereni-presenza-alla-firma-dellintesa-tra-italia-e-banca-di-sviluppo-caraibica-a-new-york/

²⁶⁸⁷ The State-Regions Conference approves the Ministerial Decree amending the National Livestock Quality System, Edizioni Pubblicità Italia (Rome) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.pubblicitaitalia.com/en/carne/news/la-conferenza-stato-regioni-approva-il-dm-di-modifica-del-sistema-di-qualita-nazionale-zootecnica>

²⁶⁸⁸ Italy and FAO launch project to increase resilience of vulnerable communities in Southern Jordan (Amman) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.fao.org/neareast/news/view/en/c/1508021/>

²⁶⁸⁹ Dal MASE 10 milioni per progetti di adattamento ai cambiamenti climatici nei Paesi in via di sviluppo, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 22 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/comunicati/dal-mase-10-milioni-progetti-di-adattamento-ai-cambiamenti-climatici-nei-paesi-di>

²⁶⁹⁰ Albania, Jordan, and Morocco: FAO project to accelerate food systems transformation pathways (Amman/Rabat/Rome/Tirana) 26 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.fao.org/neareast/news/view/en/c/1632028/>

²⁶⁹¹ Il ministro Lollobrigida in Albania, firmato accordo per cooperazione, promozione delle attività commerciali e di investimento (Rome) 28 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://www.politicheagricole.it/missione_Albania

initiatives that address its commitments to promote sustainable development, protect biodiversity and combat climate change through legal and financial mechanisms. However, it has not taken any steps to support smallholder farmers and counteract desertification.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analysts: Isabella Liu and Eliza Yip

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 20 September, the Asian Development Bank and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries of Japan signed a memorandum of cooperation to strengthen partnership between the two organizations in promoting sustainable and resilient agri-food systems in Asia and the Pacific.²⁶⁹²

On 14 October 2022, the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries released an annual report on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas in Japan. In the report, the government outlines efforts taken in line with its Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems, which focuses on the establishment of sustainable food systems through changes in procurement, production, processing, distribution and consumption practices.²⁶⁹³ It highlighted the use of small hydroelectric power generation to “achieve energy saving in agricultural irrigation facilities.” These advancements are in part due to a revision of the Land Improvement Act, which ensures that the costs for implementing smart agriculture do not fall solely on the farmers. It further discusses the use of rural land or agriculture via different types of agricultural management to take advantage of specific rural characteristics. This entails a focus on hilly and mountainous farming areas, which contributes between 70 per cent and 40 per cent productivity relative to flat farming areas respectively.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It has implemented measures in line with the UN sustainable development goals and provided support to smallholder farmers. However, it has not taken any action to promote the protection of biodiversity, combat climate change or resist desertification.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Anurag Choudhury

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 30 June 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Rural Payments Agency introduced the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) to reward farmers who manage their land in a way that improves food production in a more environmentally sustainable way.²⁶⁹⁴ To get GBP20 per hectare of eligible land, the farmer has to complete a soil assessment and then produce a soil management plan meeting certain preconditions. The SFI will provide an annual health and welfare review to eligible livestock farmers, and the funding will cover the cost of the vet.

²⁶⁹² ADB, Japan’s Agriculture Ministry to Strengthen Food Systems Partnership (Manila) 6 September 2022. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-japan-agriculture-ministry-strengthen-food-systems-partnership>

²⁶⁹³ Summary of the Annual Report on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas in Japan, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Tokyo) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.maff.go.jp/e/data/publish/attach/pdf/index-69.pdf>

²⁶⁹⁴ The SFI arable and horticultural soils standard, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the Rural Payments Agency (London) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-sfi-arable-and-horticultural-soils-standard#how-the-arable-and-horticultural-soils-standard-will-improve-the-environment>

On 20 July 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, the Welsh government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs confirmed that the exclusion to the Internal Market Act on single-use plastics had received Parliamentary approval.²⁶⁹⁵ This exclusion prohibits the sale of single-use plastics and is intended to help fight the growing concern surrounding microplastics found in food as well as increases the quality of produce.

On 17 August 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Rural Payments Agency and the Environment Agency relaxed rules to help farmers deal with the impacts of some of the driest weather for decades. The changes come into effect 7 November and last until the end of 2022.²⁶⁹⁶ The new rules will help increase smallholder farmers' access to bedding, fodder, grazing or forage in ways that limit its environmental impact.

On 22 September 2022, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs introduced the Health and Welfare Framework.²⁶⁹⁷ This framework provides a set of practical principles that will help protect against animal disease in the farming sector. It outlines measures to ensure that the harmful byproducts of the farming industry do not threaten the health of animals nor the quality of the human food chain. It also promotes the use of information and intelligence sharing and improves the partnership work between local authorities and APHA.

On 31 October 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs introduced the Genetic Technology Bill concerning the environmental release and marketing of genetically modified organisms.²⁶⁹⁸ The bill seeks to encourage new genetic technologies that increase yields, make food more nutritious and make crops more resistant to disease and weather extremes. To help farmers with this change, the bill will establish a proportionate regulatory system to ensure animal welfare is safeguarded and will not introduce new changes until this system is in place.

On 7 November 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs opened the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund 2023.²⁶⁹⁹ The fund's purpose is to allow farmers and landowners to work together, and share knowledge to protect and enhance the local environment. The GBP2.5 million fund encourages efforts to improve the environment and create cleaner, greener landscapes, leading to healthier food and produce.

On 13 December 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs introduced a new funding package worth GBP12.5 million for agriculture, horticulture automation and robotics.²⁷⁰⁰ Under this scheme,

²⁶⁹⁵ Reforms to the Packaging Waste Recycling Note (PRN) and Packaging Waste Export Recycling Note (PERN) Systems and Operator Approval, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, the Welsh government, and the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (London) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1114183/PRN_Reform_Consultation_-_Summary_of_responses_and_government_response.pdf

²⁶⁹⁶ Press release: Support for farmers on dry weather impacts, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Rural Payments Agency, and Environment Agency (London) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-farmers-on-dry-weather-impacts>

²⁶⁹⁷ Policy paper: Animal Health and Welfare Framework, Animal & Plant Health Agency and Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (London) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-health-and-welfare-framework-2018/animal-health-and-welfare-framework>

²⁶⁹⁸ Policy paper: Genetic Technology Bill to take on most pressing environmental problems of our time, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/genetic-technology-bill-to-take-on-most-pressing-environmental-problems-of-our-time>

²⁶⁹⁹ Press release: Government fund to support collaboration in farming communities opens, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-fund-to-support-collaboration-in-farming-communities-opens>

²⁷⁰⁰ Press release: New funding for agriculture and horticulture automation and robotics. Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 13 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-for-agriculture-and-horticulture-automation-and-robotics>

farmers, growers, businesses and researchers are invited to apply for a share of GBP12.5 million, with grants for projects worth between GBP500,000 and GBP1.5 million available. These projects are intended to encourage cutting-edge agriculture and horticulture innovation, and create more sustainable farming practices. With this action, the UK has strengthened the long-term resilience of agriculture and food systems and increased support to smallholder farmers by giving grants to encourage research.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The country has made numerous efforts to help smallholder farmers by introducing more funds. These opportunities not only increase yield but to make farms more eco-friendly. The UK has also made laws to help improve the sustainability of agriculture and food, systems and protect biodiversity. These laws entail banishing plastic use, improving scientific innovations for crops, and collaborating with different actors. Additionally, it is noticed that the government managed to respond quickly to changing weather patterns without comprising environmental agreements. However, it has not taken concerted action to combating desertification.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ada Davidrajub

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 12 August 2022, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) committed USD80 million to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to combat food insecurity and malnutrition in Afghanistan.²⁷⁰¹ The initiative provides Afghan smallholder farmers with an increased availability of nutritious seeds and resources to pursue crop diversification and other sustainable farming practices.

On 21 September 2022, President Joe Biden pledged USD2.9 billion in new financial assistance to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program before the UN General Assembly.²⁷⁰² The government also encourages private donors to contribute to the initiative as well.

On 21 September 2022, President Biden pledged USD783 million in global development assisting funding.²⁷⁰³ USD140 million will be specifically allocated towards supporting smallholder farmers, both domestic and abroad, by investing in new agricultural technologies, tools and production methods through the US Feed the Future program. USD220 million will be funded through the US Department of Agriculture to build new school feeding projects in Africa and East Asia. USD178 million will be funded through the Department of Agriculture to promote sustainable agricultural practices and address migration issues in Central America.

²⁷⁰¹ United States Announces \$80 Million Commitment to United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to Improve Food Security and Nutrition for Vulnerable Afghans, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-12-2022-united-states-announces-80-million-commitment-united-nations-food-security-nutrition-vulnerable-afghans>

²⁷⁰² FACT SHEET: At United Nations General Assembly, President Biden Announces \$2.9 Billion in Additional Funding to Strengthen Global Food Security, The White House (Washington, D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/21/fact-sheet-at-united-nations-general-assembly-president-biden-announces-2-9-billion-in-additional-funding-to-strengthen-global-food-security/>

²⁷⁰³ FACT SHEET: At United Nations General Assembly, President Biden Announces \$2.9 Billion in Additional Funding to Strengthen Global Food Security, The White House (Washington, D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/21/fact-sheet-at-united-nations-general-assembly-president-biden-announces-2-9-billion-in-additional-funding-to-strengthen-global-food-security/>

On 29 September 2022, USAID provided USD44 million to Nigeria in support of food security and resilience in the wake of climate risks.²⁷⁰⁴ The initiative allocates USD25 million in direct humanitarian assistance and USD9 million in agricultural market and development investment. An additional USD10 million aims to improve Niger's governance practices in food security.

On 19 October 2022, USAID launched the Global Food Security Research Strategy in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, aiming to build resilience to challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, water security, climate change and violent conflict.²⁷⁰⁵ The strategy establishes three domains of research that will guide the US Government's global food security partnerships through 2026: climate-smart agricultural innovations, improved nutrition through high-quality, affordable diets and genetic improvement of resilient crops and livestock.

On 15 December 2022, President Biden committed USD2.5 billion as part of broader efforts by the United States to coordinate efforts with the African Union towards addressing food insecurity across the region.²⁷⁰⁶ This support will target the immediate and long-term resilience of African food systems and supply chains, especially as they have been affected by a dry spell and supply disruptions from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Department of Agriculture and University of Missouri also announced a collaboration with West African researchers on adapting crops to a changing climate in 2023.

On 22 December 2022, USAID announced the Food Safety for Food Security Partnership (FS4FS).²⁷⁰⁷ The FS4FS will allocate USD15 million over five years to boost accessibility to safe food sources and thereby reduce hunger and malnutrition in low and middle-income countries.

On 19 January 2023, USAID announced that Bayer, a private sector partner, has donated vegetable seeds to Ukrainian farmers.²⁷⁰⁸ USAID estimates that the first delivery will assist as many as 25,000 families and smallholder farms as part of future deliveries to support Ukraine's agriculture industry.

On 1 February 2023, the Special Envoy for Global Food Security at the State Department partnered with the African Union and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to establish the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils.²⁷⁰⁹ This initiative aims to address challenges to food systems by climate change across the continent in the medium to long term. Specifically, this initiative will target improving soil health and the adaptation of its most nutritious seeds in light of a changing climate.

On 6 February 2023, Vice President Harris announced the Central America Forward plan, which included a goal to advance the resilience of the agriculture sector as part of increasing economic growth in northern Central

²⁷⁰⁴ United States Announces Additional Support To Address Food Insecurity And Strengthen Resilience In Niger, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/09-29-2022-united-states-announces-additional-support-to-address-food-insecurity-and-strengthen-resilience-in-niger>

²⁷⁰⁵ USAID And USDA Announce The Global Food Security Research Strategy To Fight Hunger And Build Sustainable Systems, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-19-2022-usaid-and-usda-announce-global-food-security-research-strategy-fight-hunger-build-sustainable-systems>

²⁷⁰⁶ FACT SHEET: U.S.- Africa Partnership to promote Food Security and Resilient Food Systems (Washington, D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/15/fact-sheet-u-s-africa-partnership-to-promote-food-security-and-resilient-food-systems/>

²⁷⁰⁷ U.S. Agencies Forge Partnership to Improve Food Safety Standards Globally, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-22-2022-us-agencies-forge-partnership-improve-food-safety-standards-globally>

²⁷⁰⁸ USAID and Bayer Partner to Supply Seeds to Ukrainian Farmers in Advance of the Planting Season (Washington, D.C.) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-19-2023-usaid-and-bayer-partner-supply-seeds-ukrainian-farmers-advance-planting-season>

²⁷⁰⁹ Special Envoy Fowler Keynote Address on the launch of the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/special-envoy-fowler-keynote-address-on-the-launch-of-the-vision-for-adapted-crops-and-soils/>

America.²⁷¹⁰ The plan established the goal to raise the earnings of 125,000 farmers and mitigate the risk of natural disasters for 200,000 farmers in the next four years.

On 2 March 2023, USAID partnered with the businesses Grain Alliance, Kernel and Nibulon to cumulatively invest more than USD44 million in Ukraine's agriculture industry.²⁷¹¹ The USAID Agriculture Resilience Initiative-Ukraine will be providing USD8 million of the total investment. These investments will specifically go towards depots and infrastructure to support an expected 3.35 million tons more exports. This partnership seeks to remedy global food shortages and Ukraine's agriculture constraints caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 8 March 2023, the State Department pledged more than USD64 million at the Our Ocean Conference.²⁷¹² This pledge focuses on developing sustainable food systems in ocean industries, especially in developing countries. The funds will target energy sources, ecosystem management and industry development. USD1.4 million of the funds will go towards female fishers in the shellfish industry.

On 20 March 2023, the United States committed USD10 million to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.²⁷¹³ The program focuses on developing resilient and sustainable food systems in low-income countries, particularly supporting smallholder farmers.

On 30 March 2023, Vice President Harris announced USD8.4 million and USD16 million towards the Heshimu Bahari (Respect the Ocean) Program and Kilimo Tija (Agricultural Productivity) Launch respectively.²⁷¹⁴ The Heshimu Bahari Program will focus on developing the resilience and sustainability of Tanzania's ocean industries and ecosystems. The Kilimo Tija Launch will provide Tanzanian farmers, especially female and young farmers, to improve harvests, market access and climate-change adaptation. Both initiatives are overseen by USAID.

On 31 March 2023, USAID announced almost USD10 million towards developing weather station infrastructure with 10 African governments.²⁷¹⁵ Its improved forecasts, among other goals, seek to assist food systems in becoming more resilient and adapting to the climate change's volatile effects.

²⁷¹⁰ FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Launches Next Phase of Public-Private partnership for Northern Central America (Washington, D.C.) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/06/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-launches-next-phase-of-public-private-partnership-for-northern-central-america/>

²⁷¹¹ USAID Announces New Private Sector Partnerships to Help Ukraine Continue Feeding the World (Washington, D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-02-2023-usaid-announces-new-private-sector-partnerships-help-ukraine-continue-feeding-world>

²⁷¹² United States Announces \$800 Million in International Commitments for Protecting Our Ocean (Washington, D.C.) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-announces-800-million-in-international-commitments-for-protecting-our-ocean/>

²⁷¹³ Global Agriculture and Food Security Program Provides New Funding for Countries to Strengthen the Resilience of Smallholder Farmers (Washington, D.C.) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2023/03/20/global-agriculture-and-food-security-program-provides-new-funding-for-countries-to-strengthen-the-resilience-of-smallhol>

²⁷¹⁴ FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces Initiatives to Deepen the U.S. Partnership with Tanzania (Washington, D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/30/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-initiatives-to-deepen-the-u-s-partnership-with-tanzania-2/>

²⁷¹⁵ FACT SHEET: Vice President Announces Over \$7 Billion in Private Sector and U.S. Government Commitments to Promote Climate Resilience, Adaptation, and Mitigation across Africa (Washington, D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/31/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-over-7-billion-in-private-sector-and-u-s-government-commitments-to-promote-climate-resilience-adaptation-and-mitigation-across-africa/>

On 31 March 2023, the US Africa Development Fund (USADF) pledged a maximum of USD1.5 million towards developing energy infrastructure across Africa.²⁷¹⁶ Energy improvements, among other goals, seek to support local agriculture, especially for marginalized and impoverished communities.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The United States has consistently contributed to strengthening resilience against climate change and sustainability in global food systems through investing in new technologies, research and development. The United States has committed to assisting smallholder farmers through funded projects, pledges, and practices. It has also promoted sustainable agricultural practices to protect the environment. However, it has not taken any steps towards combating desertification.

Thus, the United States earns a score of +1.

Analysts: Isabella Liu and Eliza Yip

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On 5 August 2022, the European Commission approved a EUR110 million Austrian scheme to support primary agricultural producers affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.²⁷¹⁷ Eligible beneficiaries will be able to receive direct grants, and "the measure will be open to companies of all sizes active in the primary agricultural sector, which have been affected by the price increase of energy, fertilizers and other raw materials."

On 24 August 2022, Water for Food Grand Challenge (WE4F) Southern and Central Africa Regional Innovation Hub, a joint international initiative partially funded by the European Union, announced the launch of the second Southern and Central Africa Call for Innovations. The initiative intends to encourage innovation and enhance food security in the region, which will "support up to 30 organizations working on innovative technologies and business model solutions to provide more sustainable water or energy solutions for climate-resilient agriculture."²⁷¹⁸ The selected organizations can include smallholder farms, and they will receive USD200,000 as well as technical, investment, legal, policy and regulatory assistance that will enable them to "foster the transition to sustainable, climate-resilient agricultural sectors."

On 31 August 2022, the European Commission approved the first package of European Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plans for Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Poland, Portugal and Spain. EUR270 billion will be allocated towards the CAP for the 2023-2027 period, and the seven plans approved have a budget of over EUR120 billion.²⁷¹⁹ The CAP will "shape the transition to a sustainable, resilient and modern European agricultural sector" and the new policy will distribute funding more fairly to small and medium-sized family farms and young farmers.

On 12 September 2022, Malawi's Minister of Agriculture Lobin Lowe, First Capital Bank CEO Spyridon Georgopoulos and Vice President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Thomas Östros unveiled a EUR25

²⁷¹⁶ FACT SHEET: Vice President Announces Over \$7 Billion in Private Sector and U.S. Government Commitments to Promote Climate Resilience, Adaptation, and Mitigation across Africa (Washington, D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/31/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-over-7-billion-in-private-sector-and-u-s-government-commitments-to-promote-climate-resilience-adaptation-and-mitigation-across-africa/>

²⁷¹⁷ State aid: Commission approves €110 million Austrian scheme to support agricultural producers in context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4827

²⁷¹⁸ Southern and Central Africa Regional Innovation Hub Announces its Second Call for Innovations, Water and Energy for Food (Pretoria) 24 August 2022. Access Date 2 November 2022. <https://we4f.org/program-news/sca-cfi-2022-2>

²⁷¹⁹ Common Agricultural Policy 2023-2027: the Commission approves the first CAP strategic plans, European Commission (Brussels) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5183

million investment under the Kulima Agriculture support program that will help smallholder farmers and rural cooperatives across Malawi.²⁷²⁰ The investment will better equip smallholders to “tackle recent drought and extreme rainfall” and create business opportunities over the long term.

On 13 September 2022, the European Commission approved the second package of CAP Strategic Plans for Austria and Luxembourg.²⁷²¹ The two plans have a budget of over EUR6.2 billion.

On 24 September 2022, the European Commission announced the allocation of EUR600 million from the European Development Fund to “finance immediate humanitarian food aid, food production and resilience of food systems in the most vulnerable countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific (ACP).”²⁷²² This decision will help these vulnerable countries manage the consequences of Russia’s war against Ukraine, which include the food security crisis.

On 6 October 2022, the European Commission announced the launch of the new European CAP Network that will start on 1 January 2023.²⁷²³ The CAP aims to help the European agricultural sector become more sustainable and resilient by “playing a key role in supporting Europe’s agricultural sector as well as strengthening the efforts of European farmers to tackle climate change and protect the environment.”

On 13 October 2022, the EIB proposed a loan of EUR150 million for a project that will assist Egypt in building resilience against agricultural shortages as a result of climate change or inflation by modernising their storage and logistics infrastructure.²⁷²⁴ Specific objectives of the project include “strengthening the resilience of Egypt’s food supply system by increasing the storage capacity for wheat in modern silos, thus reducing losses in grain storage and handling” and “contributing to immediate food security by addressing cereal supply shortages and replenishing the country’s strategic reserves.”

On 25 October 2022, the EIB proposed a loan of EUR150 million for a project that will work to alleviate the current grain price spike caused by the war in Ukraine and strengthen the capacity of Tunisia’s cereal supply chains.²⁷²⁵ Additionally, the project aims to help Tunisia build resilience in response to food shortages caused by climate change or spikes in food prices “by increasing and modernising their cereal storage and logistics infrastructure.”

On 25 October 2022, the European Commission adopted a EUR115 million program to “support the ecological, inclusive and innovative development of Morocco’s agricultural and forestry sectors.”²⁷²⁶ This

²⁷²⁰ Malawi: Malawian smallholders to benefit from EUR 25 million (25 billion MWK) agriculture investment scheme launched by First Capital Bank and Team Europe, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-368-malawian-smallholders-to-benefit-from-eur-25-million-25-billion-mwk-agriculture-investment-scheme-launched-by-first-capital-bank-and-team-europe>

²⁷²¹ Common Agricultural Policy 2023-27: the Commission approves the CAP strategic plans for Austria and Luxembourg, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/common-agricultural-policy-2023-27-commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-austria-and-luxembourg-2022-09-13_en

²⁷²² Food security: EU allocates funds to the most vulnerable African, Caribbean and Pacific countries hit by food crisis, European Commission International Partnerships (Brussels) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/food-security-eu-allocates-funds-most-vulnerable-african-caribbean-and-pacific-countries-hit-food-2022-09-24_en

²⁷²³ Implementing the new Common Agricultural Policy: launch of EU CAP Network, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/implementing-new-common-agricultural-policy-launch-eu-cap-network-2022-10-06_en

²⁷²⁴ Egypt Food Resilience, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220523>

²⁷²⁵ Strengthening Tunisia Food Resilience, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220488>

²⁷²⁶ EU-Morocco Green Partnership: Commission adopts a key programme to support the agricultural and forestry sectors in Morocco, European Commission (Brussels) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6362

program will contribute to Morocco's Green Generation and Moroccan Forests national strategies, which cover the period from 2020-2030. One objective of the program is to support sustainable agricultural value chains through the Food and Resilience Facility, which aims to support solutions to optimize agricultural output and sustainable methods among producers.

On 26 October 2022, the EIB Board of Directors approved EUR11.2 billion in funds “to accelerate business investment, clean energy and climate action, health, education and sustainable transport across Europe and around the world.”²⁷²⁷ The board also approved new initiatives that target financing to promote agricultural resilience in at-risk countries.

On 28 October, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Croatia, Slovenia and Sweden.²⁷²⁸ The three plans have a budget of close to EUR9 billion. Sweden “[allocated] EUR806 million for farmers to continue sustainable agricultural practice in areas where conditions for farming are challenging, such as mountains, forest-dominated areas or northern areas,” which will strengthen the resiliency of agriculture and food systems.

On 7 November 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plan for Hungary.²⁷²⁹ The Hungarian plan has a budget of EUR8.4 billion, with EUR2 billion “dedicated to environmental and climate objectives and eco-schemes.”

On 9 November 2022, the European Commission, in acknowledging the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine on food security, reaffirmed the European Union's commitment “to continue to address the root causes of hunger, including conflict and insecurity, climate change, and economic shocks.”²⁷³⁰ The Commission expressed its intention to work with “international partners and Member States to support the enhancement of local production capacities and the creation of sustainable and resilient food systems in the most fragile contexts.”

On 11 November 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Estonia and Latvia.²⁷³¹ The two plans have a budget of EUR3.8 billion. Estonia's plan “will use around [EUR]456 million of its total CAP budget to support environmental and climate objectives, focusing on carbon sequestration, biodiversity and valuable grasslands, as well as increasing knowledge about sustainable production,” and Latvia's plan will focus on “climate change mitigation, pollution reduction, biodiversity conservation and sustainable forestry,” setting high targets for environmental and climate actions.

On 14 November 2022, the European Commission released a EUR210 million humanitarian aid package for 15 countries to combat food insecurity, reduce the risk of famine and respond to Russia's war in Ukraine, which has affected the global food supply.²⁷³²

²⁷²⁷ EIB approves €11.2 billion for clean energy, business, climate action, sustainable transport, health, education and urban investment, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-418-eib-approves-eur-11-2-billion-for-clean-energy-business-climate-action-sustainable-transport-health-education-and-urban-investment>

²⁷²⁸ The Commission approves CAP strategic plans for Croatia, Slovenia and Sweden, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-croatia-slovenia-and-sweden-2022-10-28_en

²⁷²⁹ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plan for Hungary, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plan-hungary-2022-11-07_en

²⁷³⁰ Food security: the Commission addresses the availability and affordability of fertilisers in the EU and globally, European Commission (Brussels) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

²⁷³¹ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plans of Estonia and Latvia, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-estonia-and-latvia-2022-11-11_en

²⁷³² G20: €210 million in food assistance for most vulnerable countries worldwide, European Commission (Brussels) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6448

On 16 November 2022, the EIB announced support for Egypt’s green transition at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which includes support for agricultural adaptation.²⁷³³ The EIB “is currently working on projects that contribute to agriculture adaptation, climate action and environmental sustainability objectives” in response to the food security challenge in Egypt and will “support Egypt in building resilience to food shortages due to climate change or to food price spikes.”

On 21 November 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Germany, Greece and Lithuania.²⁷³⁴ Germany’s plan has a budget of EUR30.5 billion, Greece’s plan has a budget of EUR13.4 billion and Lithuania’s plan has a budget of EUR3.9 billion. Germany’s plan will focus on ensuring the resilience of farms and rural areas, Greece’s plan “will improve the viability of small- and medium-sized holdings,” and Lithuania’s plan will allocate EUR3 billion “for income support with a redistributive payment for small- and medium-sized farms.”

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Czechia and Slovakia.²⁷³⁵ Czechia’s plan has a budget of EUR5.6 billion and Slovakia’s plan has a budget of EUR3.3 billion. Czechia’s plan will focus on the protection of natural resources and biodiversity and Slovakia’s plan will focus on agricultural resilience, the protection of natural resources and redistributive support for small- and medium-sized holdings.

On 30 November 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plan for Malta, which has a budget of EUR122 million, with EUR47 million allocated towards environmental and climate objectives and eco-schemes, including the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.²⁷³⁶

On 2 December 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Cyprus and Italy.²⁷³⁷ Cyprus’ plan has a budget of EUR373 million and Italy’s plan has a budget of EUR26.61 billion. The Cypriot plan will focus on resilience in the agricultural sector and “invest in irrigation and encourage farmers to adopt more sustainable agricultural practices.” The Italian plan will provide about 800,000 farmers with funding of almost EUR3 billion “to participate in risk management tools so they better cope with the growing impact of adverse climate events.”

On 5 December 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for two Belgian regions, Flanders and Wallonia, with a budget of EUR1.3 billion for Flanders and EUR1.5 billion for Wallonia.²⁷³⁸ In the Flemish Plan, “Flanders allocates [EUR]85 million, more than half of its rural development budget, to environmental and climate-related objectives, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing soil and water quality and strengthening of biodiversity.” The Walloon Plan “dedicates 26 [per cent] of its direct payments budget

²⁷³³ COP27: EIB announced new support for Egypt’s own green transition, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/news/cop27-eib-announces-new-support-for-egypt-s-own-green-transition>

²⁷³⁴ The Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans of Germany, Greece and Lithuania, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-germany-greece-and-lithuania-2022-11-21_en

²⁷³⁵ The Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans of Czechia and Slovakia, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels), 24 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-czechia-and-slovakia-2022-11-24_en

²⁷³⁶ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plan of Malta, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels), 30 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plan-malta-2022-11-30_en

²⁷³⁷ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plans of Cyprus and Italy, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-cyprus-and-italy-2022-12-02_en

²⁷³⁸ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plans of Belgium (Flanders and Wallonia), European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-belgium-2022-12-05_en

to eco-schemes, and 56 [per cent] of its rural development budget to interventions protecting the environment, climate and biodiversity” and provides redistributive payments for small- and medium-sized farms.

On 5 December 2022, the EIB announced the proposal of a EUR500 million food security loan to the International Fund for Agricultural Development which will “finance investments that boost agricultural production and reinforce the food value chains to generate resilience” for low- and middle-income countries.²⁷³⁹ The projects financed by the EIB will strengthen food production systems and their related policies and institutions.

On 7 December 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plans for Bulgaria and Romania.²⁷⁴⁰ Bulgaria’s plan has a budget of EUR5.6 billion and Romania’s plan has a budget of EUR14.9 billion. In Bulgaria, the plan will support small- and medium-sized farms with a redistributive payment and improve soil quality. In Romania, the plan will “support the development of renewable energy sources” and provide farms of less than 50 hectares with a redistributive payment.

On 13 December 2022, the European Commission approved the CAP Strategic Plan for the Netherlands.²⁷⁴¹ This plan “represents a total EU budget of more than [EUR]4 billion, including [EUR]1.4 billion dedicated to environmental and climate objectives and eco-schemes, and [EUR]107 million to young farmers.”

On 14 December 2022, the European Commission announced the approval of 28 Strategic Plans, marking the start of the new Common Agricultural Policy, which will begin on 1 January 2023.²⁷⁴² EUR264 billion in funding will be allocated towards supporting “European farmers in the transition towards a sustainable and resilient agricultural sector.” Additionally, “[co-financing] and complementary national financing will bring the total public budget dedicated to farmers and rural communities to [EUR]307 billion for the 2023-2027 period.”

On 20 December 2022, the EIB announced the financing of a sustainable land-based salmon farm.²⁷⁴³ The SEK530 million provided for the project will “enable sustainable production, processing, distribution and consumption of salmon and reduce food waste.” It will also “reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the use of renewable sources in the production process.”

On 20 December 2022, the EIB signed a EUR32 million finance contract with Carraro Finance to support the Carraro Group’s projects concerning electrification technologies for agricultural machinery.²⁷⁴⁴ The loan “will help to promote environmental sustainability and decarbonization of the agricultural sector.”

On 10 January 2023, the European Commission launched a public consultation that invited comments on its draft proposal for guidelines pertaining to sustainability agreements in agriculture “using the novel exclusion

²⁷³⁹ IFAD – Food Security Loan, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220287>

²⁷⁴⁰ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plans of Bulgaria and Romania, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plans-bulgaria-and-romania-2022-12-07_en

²⁷⁴¹ The Commission approves the CAP Strategic Plan of the Netherlands, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-approves-cap-strategic-plan-netherlands-2022-12-13_en

²⁷⁴² New Common Agricultural Policy: set for 1 January 2023, European Commission (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7639

²⁷⁴³ Sweden: EIB backs groundbreaking in-land salmon farm, providing SEK 530 million for greener, sustainable food production, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-565-sweden-eib-backs-groundbreaking-in-land-salmon-farm-providing-sek-530-million-for-greener-sustainable-food-production>

²⁷⁴⁴ Italy: EIB lends €32 million to Carraro to support decarbonisation of the agricultural sector, European Investment Bank (Brussels) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-564-eib-lends-eur32-million-to-carraro-to-support-decarbonisation-of-the-agricultural-sector>

from EU competition rules introduced during the recent reform of the common agricultural policy (“CAP”).²⁷⁴⁵ The guidelines define and outline the scope of the sustainability objectives and set requirements for sustainability standards. The draft proposal aims to ensure that operators in the agri-food sector can work on sustainability initiatives that tackle sustainability challenges relating to biodiversity, natural resources, and climate change while respecting competition rules.

On 12 January 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR40 million Croatian scheme “to support companies processing agricultural products in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.”²⁷⁴⁶ This scheme promotes resilience by mitigating “the impact of the exceptionally severe increases of energy prices on companies processing agricultural products, which cannot be passed on to final consumers or with which they are unable to cope.”

On 23 February 2023, the European Council released a statement acknowledging the one-year mark of Russia’s war against Ukraine, noting that Russia “has weaponized food,” which has affected many countries by impacting food and commodity prices.²⁷⁴⁷ The statement expressed verbal support for Ukraine through its commitment to “continue to work with partners to mitigate these effects and to provide assistance to the countries and people most in need.”

On 28 February 2023, the EIB and the European Commission signed agreements that amounted to EUR4 billion to support business in African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries until 2027.²⁷⁴⁸ A Guarantee Agreement under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus, which supports investments in sustainable agriculture, will loan EUR3.5 billion to support green transitions in EU partner countries among other sustainable development goals.

On 20 March 2023, Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski verbally supported the pigmeat sector’s transition to more sustainable production after hearing the European Pigmeat Reflection Group’s final report to the European Commission. The report contained 26 recommendations, some of which address environmental and climate challenges.²⁷⁴⁹ Minister Wojciechowski announced an additional EUR36 million to support the promotion of sustainable agriculture practices that are beneficial for the climate, the environment, animal welfare and the consumption of sustainably produced agri-food products. The Commission will also allocate EUR28 million in 2023 to campaigns promoting organic farming and sustainable production.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of agriculture and food systems in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The European Union has financed several projects designed to withstand climate disasters and improve biodiversity. The European Union is also increasing support to smallholder farms through investments and international partnerships. Furthermore, it has promoted the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices in line with sustainable development goals. However, it has not taken any steps towards combating desertification.

²⁷⁴⁵ Antitrust: Commission invites comments on draft Guidelines for sustainability agreements in agriculture, European Commission (Brussels) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_102

²⁷⁴⁶ State aid: Commission approves €40 million Croatian scheme to support companies processing agricultural products in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/state-aid-commission-approves-eu40-million-croatian-scheme-support-companies-processing-agricultural-2023-01-12_en

²⁷⁴⁷ Statement by the Members of the European Council, European Council (Brussels) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/23/statement-by-the-members-of-the-european-council>

²⁷⁴⁸ Global Gateway: EIB and European Commission sign agreement to boost private sector investments in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (Brussels) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-079-global-gateway-eib-european-commission-sign-agreement-to-boost-private-sector-investment-in-african-caribbean-and-pacific-countries>

²⁷⁴⁹ Commission supports pigmeat sector’s move to more sustainable production, European Commission Agriculture and rural development (Brussels) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-supports-pigmeat-sectors-move-more-sustainable-production-2023-03-20_en

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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11. Digital Economy: Empowering Citizens

“We affirm our commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.”

G7 Leaders' Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75 (88%)		

Background

The digital economy was first introduced as an issue area at the 2000 Okinawa Summit with the milestone introduction of the Digital Opportunities Task Force (DOT force).²⁷⁵⁰ The digital economy has been described through various terms including ‘information technology’ (IT), ‘information and communications technology’ (ICT), ‘the Internet’ and ‘cyberspace.’ Over the last two decades, the importance of commitments in this issue area has remained consistent. The G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000 recognised the role that IT played in the process of globalisation and IT’s ability to empower, benefit and link the global population. The Communiqué also stated the large potential of IT to expand economies, enhance public welfare, promote stronger social cohesion and flourish democracy. The Communiqué determined that access to digital opportunities must be open to all, creating a goal to bridge the international information and knowledge divide by maximising the benefits of IT and ensuring its availability to people with limited access. On 13 June 2021, the Cornwall Summit communiqué emphasised the importance of the digital economy for economic recovery, jobs and future frontiers.²⁷⁵¹ The 2016 Ise-Shima Summit reiterates the importance of cyberspace being accessible, open, interoperable, reliable and secure as a key pillar for economic growth and prosperity as well as freedom, democracy and respect for privacy and human rights.²⁷⁵²

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders committed to spreading IT to locations with limited internet access with the help of the private sector including the World Economic Forum’s Global Digital Divide Initiative and the Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce (GBDe).²⁷⁵³ Leaders also committed to setting up the DOT force, which would research and recommend global action that would bridge the international information and knowledge divide.

²⁷⁵⁰ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

²⁷⁵¹ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communication.html>

²⁷⁵² G7 Ise-Shima Leaders' Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

²⁷⁵³ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 leaders began to refer to IT as ICT and tasked the DOT force with training teachers on best practices and strengthening education strategies using ICT.²⁷⁵⁴ Leaders also called on the private sector to seek new investment opportunities in ICT and learning materials.

At the 2011 Deauville Summit, G8 leaders committed to an annual e-G8 Internet meeting with leading internet players.²⁷⁵⁵ The meetings would establish imperatives and duties in terms of security, intellectual property and digital taxation that are compatible with developing innovation and maintaining the free and open nature of the Internet.

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders committed to supporting the global economy by completing an expanded Information Technology Agreement to help support and encourage consistency with current and future multilateral deals.²⁷⁵⁶

At the 2015 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders tasked nations and societies with promoting good governance and respect for human rights by confronting the proliferation of hatred and intolerance through the internet.²⁷⁵⁷ The promotion of good governance would combat the spread of hateful ideology and extremism online.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders stated that an accessible, open, interoperable, reliable and secure cyberspace is a key pillar for economic growth and prosperity that also supports freedom, democracy and respect for privacy and human rights.²⁷⁵⁸ Leaders committed to cooperating with each other to prevent the malicious use of cyberspace by states and non-state actors. Leaders also reaffirmed the applicability of international law in cyberspace and committed to promoting a strategic framework to apply existing international law to state behavior in international cyberspace. Additionally, leaders reaffirmed that countries should not conduct or knowingly support theft of intellectual property that is enabled by ICT. Leaders also committed to supporting an open, transparent, free, fair, and equally accessible cyberspace while respecting privacy, data protection, and cyber security. Finally, leaders committed to maximising the potential of the digital economy, addressing global challenges, bridging digital divides and realizing inclusive development.

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders recognised the Next Production Revolution's (NPR) ability to provide the benefits of innovation and digitalization for people across all sectors and regions and support women's opportunities in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.²⁷⁵⁹ The NPR aims to inform governments of science and technology-driven innovations that can be used to create economic opportunities.²⁷⁶⁰

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders committed to addressing the use of the internet as a tool for terrorism, including recruitment, training, propaganda and financing, by working with partners including the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism.²⁷⁶¹ Leaders recognised that digitalization of the economy impacted the international tax system and welcomed the interim analytical report by the Organisation for

²⁷⁵⁴ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommuniqu.html>

²⁷⁵⁵ The G8 Deauville Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 May 2011. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-sarkozy-0526-en.html>

²⁷⁵⁶ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

²⁷⁵⁷ Leaders' Declaration: G7 Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2015. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en.html>

²⁷⁵⁸ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders' Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

²⁷⁵⁹ G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communiqu.html>

²⁷⁶⁰ Enabling the Next Production Revolution, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.oecd.org/sti/ind/next-production-revolution.htm>

²⁷⁶¹ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communiqu.html>

Economic Co-operation and Development on the impact of digitalization of the economy on the international tax system. Leaders also committed to seeking a consensus-based solution for this issue by 2020. Leaders also endorsed the Charlevoix Commitment to End Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Abuse and Harassment in Digital Contexts with the goal of protecting individuals' human rights online.

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, G7 leaders recognised artificial intelligence's (AI) transformation of societies, the global economy and the future of work in positive capacities regarding human wellbeing and in negative capacities regarding the economy, privacy and data protection, and implications for democracy.²⁷⁶² Leaders also acknowledged the need for responsible AI development grounded in human rights and innovation.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders committed to preserving an open, interoperable, reliable and secure internet which innovates and supports freedom, trust, and empowerment of people.²⁷⁶³ Leaders committed to cooperate to further a shared understanding of existing international law applications to cyberspace. Leaders also committed to collaboratively address the rising shared threat from criminal ransomware networks.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.” This commitment can be interpreted as having one main target, which is empowering citizens through their use of the internet and digital technologies. This target includes two dimensions: empowering “vulnerable groups” and ensuring that citizens can use the internet and digital technologies “safely” and “securely.”

“Empower” is understood to mean giving official authority or legal power to an entity.²⁷⁶⁴ In the context of this commitment, it refers to promoting the self-actualization of citizens through their use of the internet and digital technologies.

“Vulnerable groups” is understood to mean a body of people who are at a greater disadvantage or at a greater risk of being harmed relative to the general population.²⁷⁶⁵ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the inexperienced group of people who face a greater risk of harm online because they are only now gaining access to the internet or will soon do so.²⁷⁶⁶ This particularly includes low-income users.

“Digital technologies” refers to electronic tools, systems and devices that generate, store, or process data.²⁷⁶⁷ Examples of digital technologies include, but are not limited to: mobile phones, computers, social media, automated banking machines and AI.

“Safely” and “securely” are understood to mean protected from danger or harm.²⁷⁶⁸ In the context of this commitment, it refers to protecting citizens' digital technologies and internet networks against unauthorized access or attack.²⁷⁶⁹ On the one hand, cyber safety refers to citizens' safe practices while using the internet to

²⁷⁶² Biarritz Strategy for an Open, Free and Secure Digital Transformation, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/biarritz-strategy-for-digital-transformation.html>

²⁷⁶³ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communiqué.html>

²⁷⁶⁴ Empower, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/empower>

²⁷⁶⁵ Vulnerable, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/vulnerable>

²⁷⁶⁶ Global Risks Report 2022: Chapter 3. Digital Dependencies and Cyber Vulnerabilities, World Economic Forum (Geneva) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.weforum.org/reports/global-risks-report-2022/in-full/chapter-3-digital-dependencies-and-cyber-vulnerabilities/>

²⁷⁶⁷ Digital Technology, Dictionary.com (Detroit) n.d. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/digital>

²⁷⁶⁸ Secure, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/secure>

²⁷⁶⁹ Cybersecurity, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cybersecurity>

protect against online harm.²⁷⁷⁰ On the other hand, cyber security refers to the collection of tools and safeguards that protect the “cyber environment.”²⁷⁷¹

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that demonstrate strong action in fulfilling both dimensions of the target to empower citizens through their use of the internet and digital technologies. G7 members must ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies and empower vulnerable groups. Strong actions may include developing secure networks, improving infrastructure that increases access to a reliable internet connection, reducing the cost of digital services, creating new committees or funding existing committees that are dedicated to improving cyber security, promoting safe practices to bolster cyber safety and joining international organizations dedicated to expanding internet access.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that demonstrate strong action in one of the target dimensions while demonstrating weak or no action in the other dimension. This may include strong action in empowering vulnerable groups but weak action in ensuring the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies or vice versa. Weak actions may include attending meetings that speak on the importance of increasing cyber security, reaffirming the commitment to empower vulnerable groups and denouncing countries, organizations or individuals that engage in cyber-attacks.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member demonstrates weak action in both dimensions or fails to demonstrate any action in both dimensions.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken any action to empower vulnerable groups or to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies OR has only taken weak action in empowering vulnerable groups and ensuring the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to empower vulnerable groups but has taken weak or no action to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies OR the G7 member has taken strong action to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies but has taken weak or no action to empower vulnerable groups.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to empower citizens and vulnerable groups AND to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 19 August 2022, Public Safety Canada concluded an eight-week public consultation on Canada’s approach to cyber security in advance of the renewal of Canada’s National Cyber Security Strategy.²⁷⁷² Conducted via email, the survey sought to realize public attitudes relating to the following three goals: (1) secure and resilient Canadian systems; (2) an innovative and adaptive cyber ecosystem; and (3) effective leadership, governance and collaboration.

²⁷⁷⁰ Cybersafety, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cybersafety>

²⁷⁷¹ Definition of Cybersecurity, International Telecommunication Union (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/com17/Pages/cybersecurity.aspx>

²⁷⁷² Consulting on Canada’s Approach to Cyber Security, Public Safety Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cnslttns/cnsltng-cnd-pprch-cbr-scrt/index-en.aspx>

On 3 August 2022, the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) released guidelines in response to the threat posed by quantum computers to network accessible data confidentiality.²⁷⁷³ Information with a long lifespan in transit could be “collected, stored, then read” in the future by quantum computers immune to current methods of cryptography. The CCCS recommends organizations evaluate information lifespan and sensitivity, review IT lifecycle management plans and budget for updates and determine when and how to incorporate quantum-safe cryptography in said plan.

On 19 September 2022, Statistics Canada completed a study on the use of blockchain (distributed ledger technology) to authenticate data from the Statistics Canada Website.²⁷⁷⁴ The study aimed to identify the feasibility and benefit of this method for Canadians, as well as its environmental impact, public perception and lack of regulations. The study urges the undertaking of a pilot project allowing both online and offline users to authenticate their data.

On 26 October 2022, Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings and Ontario’s Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure Amarjot Sandhu announced several high-speed internet projects funded by both levels of government and delivered by Bell Canada and Cogeco Connexion Inc.²⁷⁷⁵ The two levels of government expect to provide high-speed internet access to more than 16,000 homes in rural eastern Ontario by investing over CAD56 million into the projects.

On 4 November 2022, the Department of National Defense and the Canadian Armed Forces offered a research grant of up to CAD1.5 million over three years to stimulate the application of advances in 5G technologies to defence and security problems.²⁷⁷⁶ Led by Canadian universities, innovators would assemble a multidisciplinary group of researchers to collaborate on research within the 5G domain with applications relevant to cyber security.

On 7 November 2022, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne launched phase two of the Accessible Technology Program (ATP) alongside a CAD5.8 million investment into the program.²⁷⁷⁷ The ATP seeks projects that are aiming to develop assistive and adaptive digital technologies that can improve accessibility to the digital economy for Canadians with disabilities.

On 2 December 2022, Shared Services Canada (SSC) announced the successful administration of Canada’s first digital census.²⁷⁷⁸ This project included powering over 700 servers to support census collection, data processing and dissemination; equipping 22 virtual offices for census staff; and establishing six virtual call centres. In collaboration with Statistics Canada and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, the SSC ensured the reliability and security of the census infrastructure in order to protect against cyber threats.

²⁷⁷³ Research Security Information Update – July 2022, Public Safety Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/2022-06-rsiu/index-en.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁴ Investigating the Use of Blockchain to Authenticate Data from the Statistics Canada Website, Statistics Canada (Ottawa) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-633-x/11-633-x2022007-eng.htm>

²⁷⁷⁵ Governments of Canada and Ontario invest over \$56 million to bring high-speed Internet access to over 16,000 rural homes in eastern Ontario, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/10/governments-of-canada-and-ontario-invest-over-56-million-to-bring-high-speed-internet-access-to-over-16000-rural-homes-in-eastern-ontario.html>

²⁷⁷⁶ Faster, Stronger, More Secure: Advancing 5G capabilities and concepts for defense and security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/defence-ideas/element/innovation-networks/challenge/advancing-5g-capabilities.html>

²⁷⁷⁷ Making digital technologies more accessible to Canadians with disabilities, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/11/making-digital-technologies-more-accessible-to-canadians-with-disabilities.html>

²⁷⁷⁸ 2021-22 Departmental Results Report, Shared Services Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/shared-services/corporate/publications/departmental-results-report-2021-22.html>

On 2 December 2022, the SSC announced the successful establishment of secure “cloud to ground connectivity” for 18 partners in the interest of safeguarding Canadian data.²⁷⁷⁹ As the government hosts increasing amounts of data in the cloud, securing cloud connectivity becomes a necessary step in ensuring cyber security.

On 19 December 2022, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser announced funding of up to CAD31 million through the Universal Broadband Fund to the municipality of Pictou County.²⁷⁸⁰ The funding aims to provide high-speed internet access to more than 4,700 homes in the rural communities of Nova Scotia. This investment is in line with the government’s goal of ensuring that 98 per cent of Canadians have access to high-speed internet by 2026 and 100 per cent by 2030.

On 2 March 2023, the Government of Canada announced more than CAD48 million in federal and provincial funding to bring high-speed internet access to more than 3,800 homes in 31 Ontario communities.²⁷⁸¹ The project is part of an existing partnership between Ontario and Canada that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 280,000 rural and remote houses across the province.

On 3 March 2023, the Government of Canada and the Ontario provincial government announced an investment of over CAD61 million for six projects by Bell Canada, the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre and Keewaytinook Okimakanak that aims to provide high-speed internet access to more than 16,000 homes in 47 rural Ontario communities and three First Nations communities in Northern Ontario.²⁷⁸²

On 8 March 2023, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) imposed an immediate 10 per cent reduction on wholesale internet rates.²⁷⁸³ The CRTC also launched a further consultation to identify additional ways of promoting competition in the internet services market and lower consumer costs.

On 13 March 2023, Minister Champagne announced a CAD17.6 million investment in digital literacy skill training to help Canadians get online.²⁷⁸⁴ The Canadian government will allocate the funding to 23 organizations that will help reduce barriers for Canadians looking to access valuable information and resources online.

On 17 March 2023, Minister Hutchings announced an investment of up to CAD37 million in funding for projects that aim to bring high-speed internet access and mobile connectivity to several communities in

²⁷⁷⁹ 2021-22 Departmental Results Report, Shared Services Canada (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 28 December 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/shared-services/corporate/publications/departmental-results-report-2021-22.html>

²⁷⁸⁰ Government of Canada invests up to \$31 million to bring high-speed Internet access to over 4,700 households in Nova Scotia, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-up-to-31-million-to-bring-high-speed-internet-access-to-over-4700households-in-nova-scotia0.html>

²⁷⁸¹ Governments of Canada and Ontario invest over \$48 million to bring high-speed Internet access to more than 3,800 homes in Ontario, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2023/03/governments-of-canada-and-ontario-invest-over-48-million-to-bring-high-speed-internet-access-to-more-than-3800-homes-in-ontario0.html>

²⁷⁸² Governments of Canada and Ontario invest over \$61 million to bring high-speed Internet access to more than 16,000 homes in Ontario, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2023/03/governments-of-canada-and-ontario-invest-over-61-million-to-bring-high-speed-internet-access-to-more-than-16000-homes-in-ontario.html>

²⁷⁸³ CRTC launches review of approach to Internet services competition and lowers some wholesale rates effectively immediately, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (Ottawa) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/radio-television-telecommunications/news/2023/03/crtc-launches-review-of-approach-to-internet-services-competition-and-lowers-some-wholesale-rates-effectively-immediately.html>

²⁷⁸⁴ Government of Canada announces funding for training to help thousands of Canadians get online, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-training-to-help-thousands-of-canadians-get-online.html>

Saskatchewan.²⁷⁸⁵ The projects will cover over 5,000 homes across the province, including 2,700 homes in Indigenous communities.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. Canada has taken action to identify areas of concern within the realm of cyber security, open internet and digital infrastructure. It has also taken steps to ensure accessibility and safety for vulnerable groups.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mary Ditta

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 13 September 2022, Minister of Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire and Minister Delegate for Digital Transition and Telecommunications Jean-Noël Barrot renewed their “digital ambition” and support for the “cloud ecosystem,” citing its importance as a major pillar of France’s digital sovereignty.²⁷⁸⁶ Ministers Le Maire and Barrot urged the European Commission to validate the Important Project of Common European Interest cloud, a EUR5 billion project supporting the invention of an upgraded cloud in Europe — the “cloud of tomorrow.”

On 4 October 2022, Secretary of State to the Prime Minister Charlotte Caubel and Minister of National Education and Youth Pap Ndiaye launched a campaign to promote free crisis response lines to children and teenagers at risk.²⁷⁸⁷ The phone number 30 18 seeks to support young victims or witnesses of cyberbullying, such as webcam blackmail, identity theft or exposure to violent content.

On 28 October 2022, Minister Barrot announced the support of 17 projects through the “national acceleration strategy for cyber security.”²⁷⁸⁸ The government will allocate EUR39 million to the projects to develop innovative cyber security solutions.

On 2 March 2023, the National Assembly adopted legislation requiring social media platforms to block access to those under the age of 15 without authorization from a guardian.²⁷⁸⁹ Failure to do so will result in fines of up to one per cent of the platform’s annual global turnover. The legislation also requires that proposed technical implementations of age verification systems are approved by audio visual and privacy regulators Arcom and the Commission nationale de l’informatique et des libertés.

²⁷⁸⁵ Government of Canada invests up to \$37 million to bring high-speed Internet and mobile connectivity to economic regions across Saskatchewan, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Meadow Lake) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-up-to-37-million-to-bring-high-speed-internet-and-mobile-connectivity-to-economic-regions-across-saskatchewan.html>

²⁷⁸⁶ De nouveaux dispositifs en faveur de la stratégie nationale pour le cloud, Government of France (Paris) 13 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/de-nouveaux-dispositifs-en-faveur-de-la-strategie-nationale-pour-le-cloud>

²⁷⁸⁷ Harcèlement, agressions, violences : trois numéros pour aider les enfants en danger, Government of France (Paris) 4 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/harcèlement-agressions-violences-trois-numeros-pour-aider-les-enfants-en-danger>

²⁷⁸⁸ France 2030 soutient 17 projets pour la cybersécurité, Government of France (Paris) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/france-2030-soutient-17-projets-pour-la-cybersécurité>

²⁷⁸⁹ Instaurer une majorité numérique et à lutter contre la haine en ligne, Assemblée nationale (Paris) 2 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/dossiers/majorite_haine_ligne?etape=16-SN1

France has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. The country has taken action to support the goals of developing and ensuring cyber safety and supporting projects dedicated to improving cyber security.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mary Ditta

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 13 July 2022, Minister of Digital Affairs and Transport Volker Wissing announced the Gigabit Strategy, which aims to achieve widespread coverage of fiber optic networks and the latest mobile communications standard where people work, live and travel by 2030.²⁷⁹⁰ The government plans to triple fiber optic connections by the end of 2025.

On 27 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet adopted the first comprehensive start-up-strategy, which prioritizes giving start-ups access to funding and financing without “unnecessary bureaucracy” to promote young and innovative companies.²⁷⁹¹ A component of the start-up-strategy enables the possibility to set up companies entirely digitally within 24 hours.

On 31 August 2022, the government approved its new Digital Strategy to advance digitalization in Germany.²⁷⁹² With this plan, the government seeks to focus on promoting a connected digital sovereign society, an innovative economy and a learning digital government while ensuring secure data exchanges and confidential communication.

On 5 September 2022, the Ministry of Digital Affairs and Transport made funding of up to EUR300 million available until 2024 to promote innovative technologies in the mobile communications sector.²⁷⁹³ The funding particularly aims to assist innovative SMEs in developing a more diverse range of mobile communications services through accelerated network rollouts and increased competition.

On 30 November 2022, Minister Wissing appointed 19 representatives from industry, academia and the public to the Digital Strategy Germany Advisory Board.²⁷⁹⁴ The goal of the advisory board is to support ministries in their implementation of the government’s Digital Strategy, particularly by analyzing its results, identifying any obstacles and ensuring its transparency.

On 20 December 2022, the Ministry of Digital Affairs and Transport and the Federal Network Agency launched a new Gigabit Register as part of the Gigabit Strategy.²⁷⁹⁵ The purpose of this register is to establish a digital data hub that offers a comprehensive and user-friendly overview of the gigabit network rollout status, which plays a role in accelerating the implementation of fiber optic and 5G networks.

²⁷⁹⁰ Gigabitstrategie der Bundesregierung, The Federal Government (Berlin) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/digitaler-aufbruch/gigabitstrategie-2017464>

²⁷⁹¹ Facilitating company foundations, strengthening funding, The Federal Government (Berlin) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/start-up-strategy-2066026>

²⁷⁹² The Federal Government’s new Digital Strategy, Federal Foreign Office (Meseberg) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/ausserpolitik/digital-strategy/2551972>

²⁷⁹³ 300 million euros for innovations in mobile communications, Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Berlin) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2022/060-300-million-euros-mobile-communications.html>

²⁷⁹⁴ Wissing: Making Germany fit for the digital future, Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Berlin) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2022/089-wissing-digital-future.html>

²⁷⁹⁵ Wissing: New Gigabit Register for Germany, Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Berlin) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2022/096-wissing-new-gigabit-register-for-germany.html>

On 17 February 2023, Minister Wissing and his counterparts from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania announced plans to create an Innovation Club to facilitate faster decision-making and coordinate efforts in digitalization, innovation funding, new standards and barrier elimination.²⁷⁹⁶ The Innovation Club will also act as a forum for the four countries to coordinate on how to support technology-neutral and progressive regulation in Europe.

On 23 February 2023, the Ministry for Digital and Transport began a consultation process with representatives from various sectors, including civil society, research and industry to establish an international digital policy for Germany.²⁷⁹⁷ The ministry aims to develop the International Digital Strategy with stakeholder and federal ministerial feedback in mind.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. The government has established initiatives such as the Gigabit Register to help citizens and new businesses access and use the internet safely. It has also taken measures to ensure the safety and security of digital technologies through initiatives like the Digital Strategy.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Michael Lecchino

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 14 December 2022, the National Cybersecurity Agency and the Government of Montenegro discussed international cooperation for cyberspace protection.²⁷⁹⁸ Both parties agreed on the importance of joint efforts and cooperation to counter cyber threats and the need to create a competent workforce in the cyber sector.

On 19 December 2022, the government launched a new cyber security campaign, which, among other things, promotes the value of personal data, recognizes the risks of social networks and notes the dangers to user privacy during use of new digital technologies.²⁷⁹⁹ The campaign seeks to promote digital literacy and increase users' awareness of legislation that protects their rights concerning their personal data online.

On 10 January 2023, the National Cybersecurity Agency announced that it will be in charge of validating and qualifying cloud services and infrastructures starting 19 January 2023.²⁸⁰⁰ The new rules set by the Agency aim to ensure the secure processing and storage of personal and sensitive data.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. The country has taken strong action to empower vulnerable groups in using digital technologies safely. However, it has not taken strong action to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies.

²⁷⁹⁶ Wissing will establish Innovation Club with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania / Faster rail connections to the Baltic states, Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Berlin) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2023/014-wissing-establish-innovation-club.html>

²⁷⁹⁷ BMDV launches process for International Digital Strategy, Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (Berlin) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/EN/PressRelease/2023/015-wissing-international-digital-strategy.html>

²⁷⁹⁸ Italy-Montenegro: joint efforts to respond to cyber threat, Agenzia Per La Cybersicurezza Nazionale (Rome) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.acn.gov.it/en/news/content/rispondere-alla-minaccia-cyber-grazie-a-sforzi-congiunti-incontro-tra-italia-e-montenegro>

²⁷⁹⁹ Communication campaign "Privacy by your side," Italian Government (Rome) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/node/21341>

²⁸⁰⁰ To build a safer place for Italian data, Agenzia Per La Cybersicurezza Nazionale (Rome) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.acn.gov.it/en/news/content/rispondere-alla-minaccia-cyber-grazie-a-sforzi-congiunti-incontro-tra-italia-e-montenegro>

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Pengyu Chen

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 5 July 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced plans to investigate and conduct trials on methods of constructing and expanding “Web 3.0 creator economies.”²⁸⁰¹ The ministry acknowledged that the current legal framework on this increasingly prevalent digital sphere is vague and that they must identify any obstacles that ordinary users may face while accessing the sphere.

On 15 July 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry set up the Web 3.0 Policy Office.²⁸⁰² The office will collect information from relevant business entities and work with the Digital Agency to establish projects related to Web 3.0.

On 21 September 2022, Japan announced that it plans to strengthen cyber security standards for defense contractors.²⁸⁰³ The government based the new standards on the cyber security guidelines adopted by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology.

On 30 October 2022, the Defense Ministry announced plans to boost its cyber defense personnel up to 5,000 by 2027 to address cyberattacks targeting Japanese institutions.²⁸⁰⁴ This move is in response to China’s increasing efforts to bolster “cyberwarfare capabilities.”

On 31 October 2022, Japan signed a memorandum of cooperation with the UK to deepen ties on digital government transformation and digital service promotion.²⁸⁰⁵ The memorandum brings together Japan’s Digital Agency with the UK’s Government Digital Service.

On 9 February 2023, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications Matsumoto Takeaki and the Philippines’s Secretary for Foreign Affairs Enrique Manalo reaffirmed the Memorandum of Cooperation in the ICT Field between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and Philippines’s Department of Information and Communications Technology.²⁸⁰⁶ The memorandum was originally signed in 2017 and includes themes of 5G/Beyond 5G, the IoT, Big data, AI and broadcasting.

On 24 February 2023, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission held a Policy Dialogue

²⁸⁰¹ Research Project on Constructing Web-3.0-Era Creator Economies to Be Launched, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0705_002.html

²⁸⁰² Web 3.0 Policy Office Established in the Minister’s Secretariat as a Cross-Departmental Internal Organization, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Tokyo) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0715_002.html

²⁸⁰³ Japan to boost cybersecurity for defense contractors, Nikkei Asia (Tokyo) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Aerospace-Defense/Japan-to-boost-cybersecurity-for-defense-contractors>

²⁸⁰⁴ Japan plans to boost cyberdefense personnel to 5,000 by fiscal 2027, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/10/30/national/japan-cyber-defense/>

²⁸⁰⁵ UK and Japan strengthen cooperation in the area of digital government, Government Digital Service (London) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-japan-strengthen-cooperation-in-the-area-of-digital-government>

²⁸⁰⁶ Signing of Memorandum of Cooperation in the ICT Field between MIC and the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Republic of the Philippines, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/pressrelease/2023/2/09_01.html

announcing efforts to continue and deepen cooperation on the digitization of society.²⁸⁰⁷ Themes discussed included AI, smart cities, 5G and beyond, cybersecurity, and safe and fair online environments.

On 1 March 2023, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications announced a public solicitation for proposals for government-subsidized research and development projects in new ICT equipment.²⁸⁰⁸ The ministry aims to “bridge the digital divide” by enhancing ICT access to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. The country has taken strong action to ensure the safety and security of the internet and digital technologies. However, it has not taken strong action to empower vulnerable groups in using digital technologies safely.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Joy Chan

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 27 July 2022, Deputy Commander Strategic Command Lieutenant General Tom Copinger-Symes and Germany’s Chief of Cyber and Information Domain Service Vice Admiral Thomas Daum signed a bilateral agreement on cyber cooperation.²⁸⁰⁹ The aim of this agreement is to enhance cyber capacities and safety, share information and experiences and learn from each other’s strengths.

On 29 September 2022, the UK Government released GBP200,000 for organizations to bid to research and assess the cyber resilience of popular smart devices used by the country’s businesses.²⁸¹⁰ The successful bidder organization will assess the strength of existing cyber security measures and guidance for smart device cyber threats.

On 20 October 2022, the Ministry of Defence’s Strategic Command began work with the US Cyber Command and other partners on a cooperative initiative to “improve interoperability and strengthen cyber resilience.”²⁸¹¹ The initiative aims to strengthen the capacity to detect threats that could endanger internal cyber systems of all parties.

On 31 October 2022, the UK Government signed a memorandum of cooperation with Japan to deepen ties on digital government transformation.²⁸¹² The memorandum brings together the Government Digital Service with Japan’s Digital Agency.

²⁸⁰⁷ Results of 28th Japan-EU ICT Policy Dialogue, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/pressrelease/2023/2/28_04.html

²⁸⁰⁸ Public Solicitation of Proposals for R&D of New ICT Equipment, etc. for the Elderly and People with Disabilities as a Government-Subsidized R&D Project in Technologies to Bridge Digital Divide, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/pressrelease/2023/3/01_01.html

²⁸⁰⁹ Cyber Co-operation with Germany Strengthens, Ministry of Defence (London) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cyber-co-operation-with-germany-strengthens>

²⁸¹⁰ Up to £200,000 available to test security of smart devices used by nearly all UK businesses, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/up-to-200000-available-to-test-security-of-smart-devices-used-by-nearly-all-uk-businesses>

²⁸¹¹ Collaborating with U.S. on Cyber, Ministry of Defence (London) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 30 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/collaborating-with-us-on-cyber>

²⁸¹² UK and Japan strengthen cooperation in the area of digital government, Government Digital Service (London) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-japan-strengthen-cooperation-in-the-area-of-digital-government>

On 1 November 2022, the UK Government provided a GBP6.35 million support package to improve Ukraine's cyber defences from malicious cyber-attacks that target its national infrastructure.²⁸¹³ The funding, among other things, allows Ukrainian citizens to access vital information and prevents malicious actors from accessing certain information.

On 8 November 2022, the UK Government and industry senior leaders chaired a new National Cyber Advisory Board and discussed the ways in which they will protect and promote the country's interests in cyberspace.²⁸¹⁴ The board aims to ensure that senior leaders "challenge, support and inform the UK's strategic approach" to issues in the cyberspace, including the protection of the public from cybercrime such as fraud.

On 30 November 2022, the UK Government announced plans to update its cyber laws to improve resilience against cyber-attacks.²⁸¹⁵ Specifically, the government confirmed the strengthening of the Network and Information Systems Regulations to protect the country's everyday service infrastructure, such as computing, from cyber-attacks. This legislative change is a part of the government's GBP2.6 billion National Cyber Strategy, an initiative that aims to improve cyber resilience for at-risk businesses and to secure the UK's digital economy.

On 9 December 2022, the UK Government announced plans to work with app store operators and developers over a nine-month period to develop new privacy and security rules for app stores to protect consumers from malicious apps that can steal data and funds.²⁸¹⁶ This measure sets a new code of practice for developers, establishes a process in which security experts can report software vulnerabilities and ensures that security and privacy information is available to users in an easy-to-understand way.

On 13 December 2022, the UK Government announced an investment of GBP110 million in a research and development (R&D) package to improve the country's telecommunications infrastructure.²⁸¹⁷ The package includes funding for R&D on 5G and 6G technologies, as well as measures to strengthen the security and resilience of the UK's telecommunications networks. The funding will support research into secure supply chains, open radio access networks and other security measures.

On 6 January 2023, the UK Government amended Building Regulations 2010 statute to ensure that newly constructed homes in England are connected to the infrastructure necessary to receive gigabit broadband internet access.²⁸¹⁸ This amendment seeks to prevent the need for expensive and disruptive installation of the necessary infrastructure for people moving into new homes.

On 19 January 2023, the UK Government announced that it provided a grant of GBP36 million to Wildanet, a broadband provider in Cornwall, to expand broadband connectivity to numerous remote rural areas in the

²⁸¹³ UK boosts Ukraine's cyber defences with £6 million support package, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boosts-ukraines-cyber-defences-with-6-million-support-package>

²⁸¹⁴ New National Cyber Advisory Board meets to protect UK's interests, Cabinet Office (London) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-national-cyber-advisory-board-meets-to-protect-uks-interests>

²⁸¹⁵ Cyber laws updated to boost UK's resilience against online attacks, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cyber-laws-updated-to-boost-uks-resilience-against-online-attacks>

²⁸¹⁶ New rules for apps to boost consumer security and privacy, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-for-apps-to-boost-consumer-security-and-privacy>

²⁸¹⁷ UK to accelerate research on 5G and 6G technology as part of £110 million telecoms R and D package, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-accelerate-research-on-5g-and-6g-technology-as-part-of-110-million-telecoms-r-and-d-package>

²⁸¹⁸ Millions of homeowners and tenants to get better access to faster broadband, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-of-homeowners-and-tenants-to-get-better-access-to-faster-broadband>

region.²⁸¹⁹ The funding is part of the government’s initiative to extend broadband services to areas that are difficult to access in the UK. The project is expected to create employment opportunities, enhance the local economy and enhance the quality of life for residents in rural areas who have been underserved by existing broadband providers.

On 22 February 2023, the UK Government announced an investment of GBP18.9 million to enhance the cyber security industry in Northern Ireland to create a new “Cyber-AI Hub” to help startups and businesses in exploring new opportunities.²⁸²⁰

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens through the digital economy. The government has improved internet safety and security by signing bilateral treaties with Germany and the United States to enhance its cyber security capacities. The government has also invested GBP6.5 million to support the UK-Ukraine cyber security programme against cyber threats.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pengyu Chen

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 12 July 2022, the Department of the Treasury released a notice requesting public comment on the risks and opportunities for developments in the digital assets space.²⁸²¹ This constitutes a part of its work under President Joe Biden’s digital assets Executive Order 14067 that seeks to ensure the “responsible development of digital assets.”

On 9 August 2022, President Biden signed the CHIPS [Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors] and Science Act into law.²⁸²² The Act is designed to boost US competitiveness and international security. It allows for development in leading edge technologies like quantum computing, artificial intelligence and nanotechnology, all uniquely important to the advancement of the digital economy.²⁸²³

On 14 September 2022, the Office of Management and Budget issued guidance to ensure that government agencies are using digital technologies that are in line with common cyber security practices.²⁸²⁴ This guidance is built on President Biden’s executive order on “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity” and seeks to protect the security and reliability of the government’s digital services so that Americans can safely access them.

²⁸¹⁹ Major broadband rollout for Cornwall with £36 million awarded to Wildanet to connect thousands of rural premises, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 16 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-broadband-rollout-for-cornwall-with-36-million-awarded-to-wildanet-to-connect-thousands-of-rural-premises>

²⁸²⁰ Minister of State announces UKG investment for NI’s Cyber Security industry, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-of-state-announces-ukg-investment-for-nis-cyber-security-industry>

²⁸²¹ Treasury Releases Request for Comment on Risks and Opportunities and Presented by Digital Assets, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0861>

²⁸²² FACT SHEET: CHIPS and Science Act Will Lower Costs, Create Jobs, Strengthen Supply Chains, and Counter China, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/09/fact-sheet-chips-and-science-act-will-lower-costs-create-jobs-strengthen-supply-chains-and-counter-china/>

²⁸²³ The CHIPS and Science Act: Here’s what’s in it, McKinsey & Company (New York City) 4 October 2022 Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-and-social-sector/our-insights/the-chips-and-science-act-heres-whats-in-it>

²⁸²⁴ Enhancing the Security of the Software Supply Chain to Deliver a Secure Government Experience, The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/briefing-room/2022/09/14/enhancing-the-security-of-the-software-supply-chain-to-deliver-a-secure-government-experience/>

On 20 September 2022, the Department of the Treasury published its Action Plan to Address Illicit Financing Risks of Digital Assets.²⁸²⁵ The Department announced seven areas of focus to enhance regulatory compliance in the digital assets space: monitoring emerging risks, improving global regulation and enforcement, updating regulations on anti-money laundering and the combating of the financing of terrorism, strengthening supervision of virtual asset activities, holding illicit actors accountable for misconduct, engaging with the private sector and supporting US leadership in financial technology.

On 22 September 2022, the US Department of Agriculture announced it is awarding USD502 million in loans and grants to provide high-speed internet access to residents and businesses in rural areas in 20 states.²⁸²⁶ The department plans to make additional investments in the near future with some of the funds coming from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

On 3 October 2022, the Financial Stability Oversight Council released the Report on Digital Asset Financial Stability Risks and Regulation in response to President Biden's Executive Order 14067.²⁸²⁷ The report reviews the financial stability risks and regulatory gaps related to several digital assets and provides recommendations for how to address these risks.

On 14 December 2022, at the US-Africa Business Forum, President Biden announced the launch of the Digital Transformation with Africa (DTA) initiative, which seeks to expand digital literacy and access as well as strengthen the digital ecosystem across Africa.²⁸²⁸ The DTA initiative intends to invest over USD350 million and facilitate over USD450 million in financing for Africa.

On 30 January 2023, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the awarding of 12 grants as part of the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program.²⁸²⁹ This entailed more than USD33.5 million in "Internet for All" grants to 12 colleges and universities.

On 1 February 2023, NTIA recommended policy changes to boost competition in mobile app markets.²⁸³⁰ NTIA assessed the current mobile app store model as harmful to consumers and developers. NTIA's report and recommendations aim to promote innovation and competition and to level the economic playing field in the digital realm.

On 8 February 2023, the Department of the Treasury launched an interagency Cloud Services Steering Committee to bolster regulatory and private sector cooperation.²⁸³¹ The Treasury has developed

²⁸²⁵ Fact Sheet: Action Plan to Address Illicit Financing Risks of Digital Assets, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Fact-Sheet-Action-Plan-to-Address-Illicit-Financing-Risks-of-Digital-Assets.pdf>

²⁸²⁶ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$502 Million for High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/09/22/biden-harris-administration-announces-502-million-high-speed>

²⁸²⁷ PRESS RELEASE: Financial Stability Oversight Council Releases Report on Digital Asset Financial Stability Risks and Regulation, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 9 November 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0986>

²⁸²⁸ FACT SHEET: New Initiative on Digital Transformation with Africa (DTA), The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/14/fact-sheet-new-initiative-on-digital-transformation-with-africa-dta/>

²⁸²⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$33.5 Million in Internet for All Grants to 12 Minority-Serving Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.). 30 January 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/01/biden-harris-administration-announces-more-335-million-internet-all>

²⁸³⁰ NTIA calls for Changes to Boost Competition in Mobile App Markets, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.). 1 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/02/ntia-calls-changes-boost-competition-mobile-app-markets>

²⁸³¹ New Treasury Report Assesses Opportunities, Challenges Facing Financial Sector Cloud-Based Technology Adoption, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.). 8 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1252>

recommendations that may assist the financial sector in realizing the benefits of cloud services when increasing visibility, staff support and cyber security incident response engagement.

On 9 February 2023, the US Government, in coordination with the UK, sanctioned members of Russia-based Trickbot cybercrime gang.²⁸³² This disruption of Russian cybercrime and ransomware works to promote increased cyber security on global levels through international cooperation.

On 2 March 2023, the US Government released the National Cybersecurity Strategy.²⁸³³ The Strategy is designed to position the US and its allies and partners to build a digital ecosystem that is defensible, resilient and aligned with their shared values.

On 13 April 2023, the Department of the Treasury announced the approval of federal funding to connect 127,000 California homes and businesses to affordable, high-speed internet as part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda.²⁸³⁴ The approval of USD540.2 million for high-speed internet projects in California under the American Rescue Plan's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) facilitates an increase in the potential of growth in the digital economy sphere.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. Agencies have committed to plans that advance legal and economic reforms to advance the digital assets space. Government monetary and infrastructure contributions have also expanded access to the internet both domestically and abroad. Policies are on the way to protect citizens' data.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kaamilah Moola

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely.

On 29 June 2022, the European Council created the European Single Access Point (ESAP).²⁸³⁵ The ESAP is a digital hub that provides free and user-friendly access to financial and sustainability related information by European companies that can help facilitate the decision-making process for investors. By increasing the digital use of this information, the ESAP also takes steps in meeting the objectives of the Digital Finance Strategy.

On 30 June 2022, the European Council and the European Parliament reached an agreement on the "markets in crypto-assets" (MiCA) proposal, a regulatory framework for crypto-assets, crypto-asset issuers and crypto-asset service providers.²⁸³⁶ The MiCA proposal aims to protect consumers from the risks associated with investing in crypto-assets, such as fraudulent schemes.

²⁸³² United States and United Kingdom Sanction Members of Russia-Based Trickbot Cybercrime Gang, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.). 9 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1256>

²⁸³³ Deputy Secretary Graves Statement on the Release of the National Cybersecurity Strategy, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.). 2 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/03/deputy-secretary-graves-statement-release-national-cybersecurity>

²⁸³⁴ Treasury Department Announces Approval of Federal Funding to Connect 127,000 California Homes and Businesses to Affordable, High-Speed Internet as Part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of the Treasury (San Bernardino) 13 April 2023. Access Date: 13 April 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1409>

²⁸³⁵ Easy access to corporate information for investors: Council agrees its position on the European Single Access Point (ESAP), European Council (Brussels) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/29/easier-access-to-corporate-information-for-investors-council-agrees-its-position-on-a-single-access-platform/>

²⁸³⁶ Digital finance: agreement reached on European crypto-assets regulation (MiCA), European Council (Brussels) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/30/digital-finance-agreement-reached-on-european-crypto-assets-regulation-mica/>

On 14 July 2022, the European Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the 2030 policy programme “Path to the Digital Decade.”²⁸³⁷ The programme outlines digital targets in the areas of digital literacy, secure and sustainable digital infrastructure and goals of digitalizing public services that the EU aims to meet by 2030.

On 18 July 2022, the European Council announced its final approval on new rules through the Digital Markets Act (DMA), which ensures a fair and competitive digital sector.²⁸³⁸ The DMA’s goal is to ensure a “level playing field” in the digital sphere by regulating large online platforms to protect both companies and consumers.

On 4 October 2022, the European Council approved the Digital Services Act (DSA).²⁸³⁹ The goal of the DSA is to protect the digital sphere from the dissemination of illegal content while protecting users’ rights online. To do this, the DSA, among other things, prohibits targeted advertising based on minors’ personal data, bans misleading interfaces and counters illegal content.

On 28 November 2022, the European Council adopted the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA).²⁸⁴⁰ The adoption of DORA seeks to mitigate cyber threats and strengthen IT security for financial entities such as banks by setting standards for network security and stability to keep financial services resilient through service disruptions.

On 28 November 2022, the European Council adopted legislation for a “high common level of cybersecurity” across the EU with the “NIS2” directive.²⁸⁴¹ The legislation aims to improve cyber resilience in both the public and private sector across the EU by setting standards for cyber security measures and a regulatory framework that ensures effective cooperation among the relevant authorities.

On 30 November 2022, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the EU Agency for Cybersecurity signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a cooperative framework between the two bodies.²⁸⁴² They agreed to design, develop and deliver capacity building and awareness-raising activities concerning cyber security and data protection efforts.

On 15 December 2022, the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission signed the “European declaration on digital rights and principles for the digital decade.”²⁸⁴³ The declaration aims to

²⁸³⁷ Policy Programme “Path to the Digital Decade”: The Council and the European Parliament reach a provisional agreement, European Council (Brussels) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/14/policy-programme-path-to-the-digital-decade-the-council-and-the-european-parliament-reach-a-provisional-agreement/>

²⁸³⁸ DMA: Council gives final approval to new rules for fair competition online, European Council (Brussels) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/18/dma-council-gives-final-approval-to-new-rules-for-fair-competition-online/>

²⁸³⁹ DSA: Council gives final approval to the protection of users’ rights online, Council of the European Union and the European Council (Brussels) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/04/dsa-council-gives-final-approval-to-the-protection-of-users-rights-online/>

²⁸⁴⁰ Digital finance: Council adopts Digital Operational Resilience Act, European Council (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/digital-finance-council-adopts-digital-operational-resilience-act/>

²⁸⁴¹ EU decides to strengthen cybersecurity and resilience across the Union: Council adopts new legislation, European Council (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/eu-decides-to-strengthen-cybersecurity-and-resilience-across-the-union-council-adopts-new-legislation/>

²⁸⁴² Pairing up Cybersecurity and Data Protection efforts: EDPS and ENISA sign Memorandum of Understanding, European Data Protection Supervisor (Brussels) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. https://edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/press-releases/2022/pairing-cybersecurity-and-data-protection-efforts-edps-and-enisa-sign-memorandum-understanding_en

²⁸⁴³ Declaration on digital rights and principles: EU values and citizens at the centre of digital transformation, European Council (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/15/declaration-on-digital-rights-and-principles-eu-values-and-citizens-at-the-centre-of-digital-transformation/>

put “people at the centre of digital transformation” by ensuring connectivity, digital literacy and increasing cyber safety and security.²⁸⁴⁴

On 20 February 2023, the European Council issued conclusions on the EU’s priorities in UN human rights for 2023.²⁸⁴⁵ Within the conclusions, the EU committed to promoting human rights and democratic principles in the digital space and to advocate for a human rights-based approach to new technologies like AI. The EU will work with UN partners to implement the UN Secretary General’s Roadmap on Digital Cooperation and advocate for an open, free and secure internet. Additionally, the EU will work to protect online civic space, enhance data protection and combat disinformation and cybercrime.

On 2 March 2023, the European Council agreed to a negotiating stance regarding financial services contracts that are concluded remotely.²⁸⁴⁶ The EU’s new directive aims to update and improve current legislation by ensuring a fair and internal market for such services while also increasing consumer protection measures for finances in the digital age.

On 7 March 2023, the European Council and European Parliament agreed on a European Year of Skills, where the objective is to promote more reskilling and upskilling to address labour shortages in sectors crucial to the green and digital transition.²⁸⁴⁷

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to empower citizens, especially vulnerable groups to use the Internet and digital technologies safely and securely. The EU has played an important role in successfully creating legislation to protect and empower citizens in the digital economy. The EU is also taking a proactive approach to the digital transition by creating policies and programmes to ensure that digital technologies can be used safely and securely.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Michael Lecchino

²⁸⁴⁴ Declaration on digital rights and principles: EU values and citizens at the centre of digital transformation, European Council (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/15/declaration-on-digital-rights-and-principles-eu-values-and-citizens-at-the-centre-of-digital-transformation/>

²⁸⁴⁵ Council conclusions on EU priorities in UN human rights fora 2023, European Council (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/council-conclusions-on-eu-priorities-in-un-human-rights-fora-2023/>

²⁸⁴⁶ Council agrees negotiating position on financial services contracts concluded at a distance, European Council (Brussels) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/02/council-agrees-negotiating-position-on-financial-services-contracts-concluded-at-a-distance/>

²⁸⁴⁷ Council and Parliament pave the way for a European Year of Skills, European Council (Brussels) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/07/council-and-parliament-pave-the-way-for-a-european-year-of-skills/>

12. Gender: Access to Education

“We commit to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls’ access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.75 (88%)	

Background

COVID-19 has deepened pre-existing gender inequalities across multiple spheres. In regards to education, the impact of the pandemic has highlighted the disproportionate issues that are aggravating the “existing global learning crisis” and hampering the ability to provide “inclusive quality education for all.”²⁸⁴⁸ As stated in the G7 Declaration on girls’ education: recovering from COVID-19 and unlocking agenda 2030, “the learning losses from [the pandemic] may equal the gains made by girls over the last two decades,” making it imperative to address the global setbacks concerning women’s education.²⁸⁴⁹

At the 2006 St Petersburg Summit, G8 leaders committed to “provide affordable, quality education and professional training accessible for all, regardless of ... sex.”²⁸⁵⁰ Members also pledged to cooperate in order to achieve gender equality at all levels of education by 2015.²⁸⁵¹

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G7 members committed to supporting the Education for All initiative in African and developing countries. This strategy mainly focused on “[improving] access to primary education, strengthening institutional capacity (including through teacher training programs) and improving gender equality in education.”²⁸⁵²

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, the G7 committed to striving towards achieving gender equality by taking action to increase women’s education and employment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Through the adoption of the “G7 Guiding Principles for Capacity Building of Women and Girls

²⁸⁴⁸ Declaration on girls’ education: recovering from COVID-19 and unlocking agenda 2030, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 May 2021. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/g7-foreign-and-development-ministers-meeting-may-2021-communicue/declaration-on-girls-education-recovering-from-covid-19-and-unlocking-agenda-2030>

²⁸⁴⁹ Declaration on girls’ education: recovering from COVID-19 and unlocking agenda 2030, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 May 2021. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/g7-foreign-and-development-ministers-meeting-may-2021-communicue/declaration-on-girls-education-recovering-from-covid-19-and-unlocking-agenda-2030>

²⁸⁵⁰ Education: Gender Disparities, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2007. Access Date: 22 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2006compliance_final/11-2006_g8compliance_gender.pdf

²⁸⁵¹ Education: Gender Disparities, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2007. Access Date: 22 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2006compliance_final/11-2006_g8compliance_gender.pdf

²⁸⁵² Education, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 June 2010. Access Date: 3 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/accountability/mar_annex56.pdf

Towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Equitable Growth and Peace,” leaders aimed to work towards eliminating “gender disparities and reduc[ing] gender stereotypes and biases in education.”²⁸⁵³

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, the G7 committed to “implementing and monitoring the measures and actions agreed upon in the ... Roadmap for a Gender-Responsive Economic Environment.”²⁸⁵⁴ Among pledges, G7 leaders stated the goal of “promoting the participation of women and girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM) education and careers,” as well as other sections in which they are underrepresented.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, the G7 reaffirmed their commitment to improving education for girls. The ‘Quality Education for Girls, Adolescent Girls and Women in Developing Countries’ declaration came as a recommendation from the newly formed G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council, which recognized the necessity to support education through “development and humanitarian assistance that ... achieves gender equality.”²⁸⁵⁵ The commitment served as a reminder of the G7’s aim to achieve quality education as means to eliminate gendered obstacles for girls and women.

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, the G7 agreed to “endeavor to work together with developing countries to promote access of girls and women to quality education.”²⁸⁵⁶ Ensuring they have greater access to STEM education by working alongside developing countries affirmed their overall goal of reducing gender discrimination and inequality.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, the G7 introduced new targets that aimed to “value the individual and promote equality.”²⁸⁵⁷ This commitment came from recommendations made by the G7 Gender Equality Advisory, which called for urgent actions following the “potential global setback with respect to gender equality posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.” This included linking their commitments with the Global Sustainable Development Goal on Education (SDG4) target to support 40 million more girls entering into education, as well as culminating up to USD2.75 billion for the Global Partnership of Education.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau summit, leaders committed to “promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls’ access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies.”²⁸⁵⁸ “Girls” is understood to mean female individuals below the age of 18 years.²⁸⁵⁹ “Women” is understood to mean female individuals aged 18 years or more.

“Promoting” is understood to mean supporting or renewing old efforts or creating new efforts in the area. It is not necessary for it to be a brand new initiative.²⁸⁶⁰

²⁸⁵³ Gender: Women’s Initiative in Developing STEM Careers, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 May 2017. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2016compliance-final/2016-g7-compliance-final.pdf>

²⁸⁵⁴ G7 Ministerial Meeting on Gender Equality: Declaration of the Minister Taormina, Italy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/gender/2017-gender-quality.html>

²⁸⁵⁵ Charlevoix Declaration on Quality Education for Girls, Adolescent Girls and Women in Developing Countries, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/education-commitment.html>

²⁸⁵⁶ Gender: STEM Education, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 14 December 2020. Access Date: 22 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2019compliance-final/07-2019-G7-final-compliance-stem.pdf>

²⁸⁵⁷ Gender: Education Equality, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 3 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2021compliance-final/13-2021-G7-final-compliance-education-equality.pdf>

²⁸⁵⁸ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, 2022 Elmau Summit (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

²⁸⁵⁹ Convention on the Rights of the Child, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva) 20 November 1989. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CRC.aspx>

²⁸⁶⁰ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

“Gender Equality” is understood to refer “to the equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities of women and men and girls and boys.” This means that “women’s and men’s rights, responsibilities and opportunities will not depend on whether they are born male or female.”²⁸⁶¹ For this commitment, G7 members must address gender inequalities in the sphere of education, promoting gender-equitable education systems.

“Empowerment” is “the granting of the power, right, or authority to perform various acts or duties.”²⁸⁶² In respect to education, this means granting power and autonomy to women and girls through policy making and government action, with the intent to provide more access to learning and academic institutions.

“Supporting” is defined as “the action, or act of providing aid, assistance, or backing up an initiative, or entity.”²⁸⁶³

“Access” is understood to mean the right to obtain or make use of the entity in reference.²⁸⁶⁴ “Education” can be defined as the process of “receiving or giving instruction,” most commonly at a school or university.²⁸⁶⁵ In terms of the commitment, the United Nations Women stresses the use of “equal access” in reference to the ability to access educational and academic related public goods, services and resources which are “crucial to achieving gender equality and sustainable development.”²⁸⁶⁶ The commitment therefore requires providing, funding, and aiding girls in being able to receive instruction from academic institutions.

“Implementing” is understood to mean “taking steps forward.”²⁸⁶⁷ While announcements may be a part of a longer-term initiative and actions on it may continue into the prolonged future, steps need to be taken in the near future to be considered as implementation.

The concept of “gender mainstreaming” is “a globally accepted strategy for promoting gender equality.”²⁸⁶⁸ According to United Nations Women, mainstreaming specifically “involves ensuring that gender perspectives and attention to the goal of gender equality are central to all activities - policy development, research, advocacy/dialogue, legislation, resource allocation, and planning, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects.” In the context of education, this means looking at domestic or international actions that are focused on promoting gender equality within education related policy making.

Actions under this commitment can be divided into three key spheres concerning the strengthening of 1) rights, 2) resources, and 3) opportunities that support and increase women and girls’ access to education.

Strong actions that fit the “Rights” sphere include, but are not restricted to, enacting policies that address gender stereotypes and unconscious biases at all levels of schooling, working to guarantee girls’ and women’s right to education without discrimination; amending restrictive policies or legislation which prevent girls from thriving in school; implementing initiatives that support safe and accessible environments for girls to learn; developing gender-sensitive curricula and learning materials; eradicating sexual and gender-based violence at

²⁸⁶¹ Gender Equality, United Nations Women (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/conceptsanddefinitions.html>

²⁸⁶² Empowerment, Merriam-Webster English Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/empowerment>

²⁸⁶³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁸⁶⁴ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁸⁶⁵ Education, Merriam-Webster English Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/education>

²⁸⁶⁶ Gender Equality, United Nations Women (New York) 5 March 2001. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/conceptsanddefinitions.htm>

²⁸⁶⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁸⁶⁸ “Women’s equitable access to services, goods and resources,” United Nations Women (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/un-women-strategic-plan-2022-2025/goods-services-and-resources>

schools; working with other G7 members and multilateral institutions to remove obstacles to education that stand in women’s way.

Strong actions that fit the “Resources” sphere include, but are not restricted to, providing financial support to domestic and/or international programs such as the UN Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGED); mobilizing technical resources, such as to reduce the gender digital divide; dismantling costs for girls as they progress through education (such as providing scholarship and stipend programs), and allocating monetary resources to address women’s educational needs.

Strong actions that fit the “Opportunities” sphere include, but are not restricted to, expanding girls’ access to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET); increasing their participation in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields; scaling up early literacy programmes for girls, and supporting the participation of women and girl-led groups in education decision-making processes.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that demonstrate strong action, either nationally or internationally, in all three spheres (Rights, Resources and Opportunities) concerning the promotion of gender equality and empowerment within the context of girls’ access to education.²⁸⁶⁹

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be awarded to G7 members who demonstrate strong action, nationally or internationally, in at least one of the three commitment spheres (Rights, Resources and Opportunities); or to members that take weak action in all three spheres. Weak actions include initiatives that are less substantial, such as verbal reaffirmations of existing commitments, attendance at international conferences, and participation in meetings/events that discuss gender inequality in the context of education.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, will be assigned to G7 members that fail to take strong action in any of the commitment’s spheres (Rights, Resources and Opportunities).

Scoring Guidelines

–1	The G7 member has NOT taken strong action to support girls’ access to education in ANY of the three commitment spheres (Rights, Resources NOR Opportunities).
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to support girls’ access to education in at least ONE of the commitment spheres (Rights, Resources OR Opportunities), OR member has taken weak action in ALL three spheres.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls through supporting girls’ access to education in ALL spheres (Rights, Resources AND Opportunities).

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Lead Analyst: Vanessa Mabelle*

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls’ access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies.

On 29 June 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced the Project to Support Gender-Sensitive and Equitable Health Services.²⁸⁷⁰ This project is aimed at improving the sexual health and well-being of young and adolescent girls in Côte d’Ivoire through training educators to implement a curriculum according to a gender-based lens and providing comprehensive sexual education.

²⁸⁶⁹ G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

²⁸⁷⁰ Project Profile — Project to Support Gender-Sensitive and Equitable Health Services (Ottawa) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010344001>

On 13 July 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced the Brighter Outcomes Ethiopia: Strengthening CSOs (Civil Society Organization) for Displaced Children’s Education project.²⁸⁷¹ To enhance equitable learning outcomes among refugees, with a focus on young girls, training will be delivered to educators on gender and inclusion. Additionally, the project will fund refugee-led organizations to ensure learning environments are safe and responsive to gender.

On 22 July 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced the Refugee Education and Development project, which aims to bolster inclusive learning outcomes among refugees, particularly young girls, in Cameroon and Niger.²⁸⁷² The primary initiative is to strengthen local refugee-led organizations through the provision of consistent funding in order to promote the capacity for gender-transformative development and gender equality in refugee education.

On 9 August 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced the project Geared for Success, which aims to enhance equitable learning outcomes for refugees, particularly young and adolescent girls, in South Sudan and Uganda.²⁸⁷³ This project aims to do so by providing small grants and technical support to refugee-led organizations, and overcome institutional gaps.

On 12 August 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced the project EMPOWER, which aims to enhance literacy and life skills among internally displaced people, with an emphasis on women and girls, in Mali.²⁸⁷⁴ This project is centered around enhancing the capacity of women-led organizations in Mali, and will provide grants to such organizations in order to deliver equitable education to women and girls. Additionally, the project will develop awareness campaigns to dismantle stereotypes that prevent girls from receiving equitable educational opportunities.

On 19 August 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit Sajjan announced CAD5 million in funding to UN Women to ensure that women are equipped with the skills to enter and engage in decision-making in civil and political spaces in Lebanon.²⁸⁷⁵

On 11 November 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced Project Lakana, which aims to better protect the boys and girls of Mali against sexual and gender-based violence.²⁸⁷⁶ In order to better support governmental and societal actors in fighting against child sexual violence, this project will develop appropriate educational materials and provide courses in schools on the prevention of and advocacy against sexual violence.

On 15 November 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly announced that the United Nations General Assembly’s Third Committee adopted a resolution to end forced child marriage, which was a resolution co-led

²⁸⁷¹ Project Profile — Brighter Outcomes Ethiopia: Strengthening CSOs for Displaced Children’s Education (Ottawa) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010570001>

²⁸⁷² Project Profile — Refugee Education and Development (Ottawa) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010575001>

²⁸⁷³ Project Profile — Geared For Success (Ottawa) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010580001>

²⁸⁷⁴ Project Profile — EMPOWER (Ottawa) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010580001>

²⁸⁷⁵ Minister Sajjan concludes trip to Lebanon and announces \$5 million in international assistance for UN Women (Beirut) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-sajjan-concludes-trip-to-lebanon-and-announces-5million-in-international-assistance-for-un-women.html>

²⁸⁷⁶ Project Profile — Lakana — Mali’s Girls and Boys Better Protected Against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (Ottawa) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P009563001>

by Canada and Zambia.²⁸⁷⁷ The minister re-affirmed the importance of the resolution and the steps that it will take toward providing education to all young and adolescent girls.

On 1 December 2022, Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings announced up to CAD1.6 million in funding to four organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador.²⁸⁷⁸ This funding will bolster the capacity of such organizations to provide education aimed at preventing gender-based violence against Indigenous women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 2 December 2022, Member of Parliament Patrick Weiler announced up to CAD1.1 million in funding for Women's Studies Online and the Native Courtworker and Counseling Association of British Columbia.²⁸⁷⁹ Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 5 December 2022, Global Affairs Canada announced that Canada and the European Union will co-host the upcoming International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants.²⁸⁸⁰ This conference will emphasize how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the difficulties faced by Venezuelan refugees, and particularly women and girls. Facilitating access to education for such refugees will be a primary initiative among attending countries.

On 5 December 2022, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien announced up to CAD2.2 million for the implementation of five projects in collaboration with women-focused and Indigenous-focused organizations in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia.²⁸⁸¹ Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 5 December 2022, Minister Ien announced CAD682,000 in funding for two organizations in British Columbia.²⁸⁸² Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 5 December 2022, Minister Ien announced up to CAD982,000 in funding to three organizations in Ontario.²⁸⁸³ Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

²⁸⁷⁷ Canada and Zambia Lead on UN Resolution to End Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (Ottawa) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-and-zambia-lead-on-un-resolution-to-end-child-early-and-forced-marriage.html>

²⁸⁷⁸ Government of Canada announces funding for 4 organizations supporting Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Newfoundland and Labrador (Long Range Mountains) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-4-organizations-supporting-indigenous-women-and-2slgbtqia-people-in-newfoundland-and-labrador.html>

²⁸⁷⁹ Government of Canada Announces Funding for Two Indigenous Women's and 2SLGBTQIA+ Organizations in British Columbia (Ottawa) 2 December 2022. Access Date: December 20 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-two-indigenous-womens-and-2slgbtqia-organizations-in-british-columbia.html>

²⁸⁸⁰ Canada and EU to co-host the next International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants (Ottawa) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/canada-and-eu-to-co-host-the-next-international-conference-in-solidarity-with-venezuelan-refugees-and-migrants.html>

²⁸⁸¹ Government of Canada announces five projects to prevent gender-based violence in the Atlantic Region (Fredericton) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-five-projects-to-prevent-gender-based-violence-in-the-atlantic-region.html>

²⁸⁸² Government of Canada announces two projects to prevent gender-based violence in British Columbia (Victoria) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-two-projects-to-prevent-gender-based-violence-in-british-columbia.html>

²⁸⁸³ Government of Canada announces three projects to prevent gender-based violence in Ontario (Toronto) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-three-projects-to-prevent-gender-based-violence-in-ontario.html>

On 5 December 2022, Minister Ien announced up to CAD4 million in funding to 12 organizations in Quebec.²⁸⁸⁴ Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 5 December 2022, Minister Ien announced up to CAD482,000 in funding for Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre in Nunavut.²⁸⁸⁵ Part of this funding will aim to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 9 December 2022, Minister Ien announced CAD2 million in funding for six Indigenous-led organizations in Alberta.²⁸⁸⁶ This funding will bolster the capacity of such organizations to provide education aimed at preventing gender-based violence against Indigenous women and girls in schools and related professional contexts.

On 21 December 2022, along with several other countries, the foreign minister of Canada issued a statement on the decision of the Taliban to ban women from universities.²⁸⁸⁷ The statement strongly condemned the choice to bar women from receiving a university education and urged the Taliban to abandon these measures and reverse the existing prohibition of girls from attending secondary school.

On 21 December 2022, the Foreign Ministers of the G7 and Australia, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Switzerland condemned the Taliban's decision to ban women from universities and girls from secondary school in Afghanistan. The statement noted that the restrictions placed upon women and girls deny them their fundamental rights and freedoms and urged the Taliban to reverse its decision.²⁸⁸⁸

On 27 January 2023, Minister of International Development Harjit Sajjan announced a loan of CAD120 million to help strengthen the education sector in Jordan.²⁸⁸⁹ In particular, this funding will go towards equitable education initiatives for girls and refugees.

On 16 February 2023, Minister Sajjan announced CAD87.5 million in funding to Education Cannot Wait (ECW).²⁸⁹⁰ This funding will support over 20 million young and adolescent girls in fragile and conflict-affected regions to access quality education.

²⁸⁸⁴ Government of Canada announces 13 projects to prevent gender-based violence in Quebec (Quebec City) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-13-projects-to-prevent-gender-based-violence-in-quebec3.html>

²⁸⁸⁵ Government of Canada announces a project to prevent gender-based violence in Nunavut (Iqaluit) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-announces-a-project-to-prevent-gender-based-violence-in-nunavut.html>

²⁸⁸⁶ Preventing gender-based violence that targets Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons in Alberta (Edmonton) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/12/preventing-gender-based-violence-that-targets-indigenous-women-and-2slgbtqqia-persons-in-alberta.html>

²⁸⁸⁷ Statement from foreign ministers on Taliban decision to ban women from universities (Ottawa) 21 December 2022. Access Date: December 23 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-taliban-decision-to-ban-women-from-universities.html>

²⁸⁸⁸ Joint Statement from Foreign Ministers on Taliban Decision to Ban Women from Universities, Federal Office (Berlin) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2570710>

²⁸⁸⁹ Minister Sajjan signs \$120-million sovereign loan agreement and announces funding for projects in Jordan (Ottawa) 27 January 2023. Access Date: March 5 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-sajjan-signs-120-million-sovereign-loan-agreement-and-announces-funding-for-projects-in-jordan.html>

²⁸⁹⁰ Canada announces funding to support quality education for children in emergency and crisis situations worldwide (Ottawa) 16 February 2023. Access Date: March 2023.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Ien announced CAD4 million in funding for eight Indigenous-led organizations in Saskatchewan.²⁸⁹¹ This funding will bolster the capacity of such organizations to help Indigenous women and girls overcome the unique barriers they face in educational environments.

On 6 March 2023, Minister Ien and Parliamentary Secretary Jenna Suds announced that they will be leading the Canadian delegation at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW).²⁸⁹² The theme of the UNCSW will center around achieving gender equality in education and Minister Ien intends to emphasize Canada's commitment to making gains in equitable access to digital technology and education for all women and girls.

On 8 March 2023, Minister Sajjan announced CAD10 million in funding to a project that aims to improve access to equitable, gender-responsive education for marginalized children and adolescents in Bangladesh.²⁸⁹³

On 8 March 2023, Minister Sajjan announced CAD3.4 million in funding to empower youth and adolescent girls to exert control over their position in their communities, their rights, and their sexual and reproductive health. This will be accomplished by strengthening access to services and education.²⁸⁹⁴

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies. Canada has demonstrated strong action in working to guarantee an equitable and gender-sensitive education for women and girls domestically and abroad. Canada has also gender mainstreamed in three policy spheres and taken strong action with respect to enhancing opportunities for women and girls in health, security, and economic participation.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia MacDonald

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies.

On 26 August 2022, the Minister of National Education and Youth Pap Ndiaye presented the plan to tackle inequalities for the 2022-2023 school year.²⁸⁹⁵ This objective aims to provide various career paths for all genders,

²⁸⁹¹ Minister Marci Ien announces funding for organizations advancing gender equality in Saskatchewan (Ottawa) 28 February 2023. Access Date: March 5 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-announces-funding-to-support-quality-education-for-children-in-emergency-and-crisis-situations-worldwide.html><https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2023/02/minister-marci-ien-announces-funding-for-organizations-advancing-gender-equality-in-saskatchewan.html>

²⁸⁹² Minister Marci Ien and Parliamentary Secretary Jenna Suds lead Canadian Delegation to the 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (Ottawa) 6 March 2023. Access Date: March 7 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2023/03/minister-marci-ien-and-parliamentary-secretary-jenna-suds-lead-canadian-delegation-to-the-67th-session-of-the-united-nations-commission-on-the-sta.html>

²⁸⁹³ Backgrounder: Minister Sajjan announces \$157.6 million in development and humanitarian funding as he concludes visits to Bangladesh, the Phillipines and Qatar (Ottawa) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/backgrounder-minister-sajjan-announces-1576-million-in-development-and-humanitarian-funding-as-he-concludes-visits-to-bangladesh-the-philippines-an.html>

²⁸⁹⁴ Backgrounder: Minister Sajjan announces \$157.6 million in development and humanitarian funding as he concludes visits to Bangladesh, the Phillipines and Qatar (Ottawa) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/backgrounder-minister-sajjan-announces-1576-million-in-development-and-humanitarian-funding-as-he-concludes-visits-to-bangladesh-the-philippines-an.html>

²⁸⁹⁵ 2022-2023 School Year: Build An Engage School Together!, Ministry of National Education and Youth (Paris) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.education.gouv.fr/annee-scolaire-2022-2023-construisons-ensemble-une-ecole-engagee-342475>

and improve sexual education to prevent sexist and sexual violence and implement the Girls-Boys Equality label in response to them.

On 26 September 2022, the Ministry of National Education and Youth released their EUR59 billion budget which included funding to build more schools that promote student success in an equitable and inclusive learning space.²⁸⁹⁶ The plan will aim to develop more trained education personnel, provide financial assistance for vulnerable families, and support the launch of the initiative, the School of the Future.

On 11 October 2022, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, the Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships, took part in events promoting political and civil participation among young women as part of International Day of the Girl Child. She also reaffirmed that France had continued its financial commitment towards a fund supporting feminist organizations.²⁸⁹⁷

On 13 November 2022, the Minister of National Education and Youth Pap Ndiaye announced a new strategy to “make 2023 the year of promotion of mathematics at school.”²⁸⁹⁸ The strategy includes a detailed outline for each education level to make the French school system more inclusive and targets to achieve gender equality by 2027. Additionally, it aims to encourage more girls to participate in STEM classes through initiatives to challenge gender stereotypes and promote female role models.

On 21 December 2022, the Foreign Ministers of the G7 and Australia, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Switzerland condemned the Taliban’s decision to ban women from universities and girls from secondary schools in Afghanistan.²⁸⁹⁹ The statement noted that the restrictions placed upon women and girls deny them their fundamental rights and freedoms and urged the Taliban to reverse its decision.

On 7 March 2023, the French government published an inter-ministerial plan for equality between women and men 2023-2027.²⁹⁰⁰ Section 4 proposes its objective to promote equality in and outside of school through teacher training and by developing and providing resources and media content to fight against gender-based violence and gender stereotypes. It also includes actions for greater diversity to support female representation in STEM fields through improved skills development, financial resources and networking opportunities.

France has partially complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering all women and girls’. The Ministry of National Education and Youth acknowledges their lack of representation and has made efforts to address and break existing gender stereotypes and promote gender equality and social diversity in and outside of schools. Although the implementation outcomes and effectiveness are yet to be measured, a few strategies introduced aim to support education and provide more resources and opportunities for women and girls.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ga Vin Park

²⁸⁹⁶ Finance Bill 2023, Ministry of National Education and Youth (Paris) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.education.gouv.fr/projet-de-loi-de-finances-2023-342934>

²⁸⁹⁷ International Day of the Girl Child (October 11, 2022), Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/feminist-diplomacy/news/article/international-day-of-the-girl-child-10-11-22>

²⁸⁹⁸ Reconciling All Students With Mathematics And Promoting Excellence: A New Strategy From The Start Of The 2023 School Year, Ministry of National Education and Youth (Paris) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.education.gouv.fr/reconcilier-tous-les-eleves-avec-les-mathematiques-et-promouvoir-l-excellence-une-nouvelle-strategie-343423>

²⁸⁹⁹ Joint Statement from Foreign Ministers on Taliban Decision to Ban Women from Universities, Federal Office (Berlin) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2570710>

²⁹⁰⁰ Interministerial plan for equality between women and men 2023-2027, Government News (Paris) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/dossier-de-presse/plan-interministeriel-pour-legalite-entre-les-femmes-et-les-hommes-2023-2027>

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies.

On 14 July 2022, the German government committed EUR40 million to support a three-year humanitarian project to assist people in Nigeria.²⁹⁰¹ The project will be used to provide education, livelihood opportunities, and nutrition to children and adolescent girls in Borno and Yobe states.

On 22 July 2022, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, through KfW Development Bank, delivered a EUR13 million agreement to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).²⁹⁰² This contribution will go toward an ongoing digitization initiative for Palestinian refugees in Gaza and Jordan. The EUR13 million will be used to facilitate the digitization of UNRWA's health and education programmes in order to improve access, quality, and efficiency of said services for refugees. Additionally, the proceeds will be used to enhance internet access for students in Gaza and Jordan.

On 25 September 2022, Development Minister Svenja Schulze declared that Germany would donate another EUR10 million to "Education Cannot Wait."²⁹⁰³ Education Cannot Wait is a United Nations organization actively providing educational measures to girls and boys in Ukraine. Since the conflict began, thousands of schools have been attacked, and hundreds have been completely demolished, depriving Ukrainian children of their right to an education. This brings the total German contribution to EUR330 million, which will be used to help children by guaranteeing consistent access to education and psychological support.

On 11 November 2022, following a visit to the Gaza Strip by Oliver Owczar, Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah to Gaza, two new agreements totaling more than EUR36 million were signed for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) through the KfW Development Bank.²⁹⁰⁴ The first investment, worth EUR18 million, will be used to create short-term employment opportunities for Palestinian refugees in Gaza, including 3,000 women, and will also go towards repairing and maintaining infrastructure like schools and hospitals. The second arrangement, also at EUR18 million, would help UNRWA provide educational and health services to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan.

On 15 November 2022, the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) scholarship programme marked its thirtieth anniversary, with the German government serving as the main donor.²⁹⁰⁵ Over the past three decades, the programme has provided scholarships to refugees pursuing post-secondary education in order to not only foster independence in the students, but also to enable them to contribute to the economies of their host countries as well as their own communities. Thousands of students throughout the Middle East and Africa have benefited from the DAFI programme, which maintains its target of gender parity

²⁹⁰¹ Nigeria: New UN resilience project paves 'pathway to peace and sustainable development', UN Geneva, 14 July 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/news/2022/07/nigeria-new-un-resilience-project-paves-pathway-peace-and-sustainable>

²⁹⁰² Germany Contributes Eur 28 Million to Support Digital Transformation of Unrwa Education and Health Programmes, as well as Camp Improvement Interventions in Gaza and Jordan. UNRWA. (East Jerusalem). 11 August 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/germany-contributes-eur-28-million-support-digital-transformation-unrwa>

²⁹⁰³ Development Minister Schulze promises children and young people in Ukraine concrete support. BMZ. (Germany) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 19 October 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/schulze-sagt-kindern-jugendlichen-in-ukraine-unterstuetzung-zu-121974>

²⁹⁰⁴ German Delegation Visits Unrwa in Gaza and Signs Projects Totaling Eur 36 Million in Support of Palestine Refugees. UNRWA. (East Jerusalem). 11 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/german-delegation-visits-unrwa-gaza-and-signs-projects-totaling-eur-36>

²⁹⁰⁵ Celebrations mark 30 years of DAFI scholarship programme in Pakistan. UNHCR. (Islamabad). 15 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.unhcr.org/pk/15527-celebrations-mark-30-years-of-dafi-scholarship-programme-in-pakistan.html>

by offering greater support to women and girls. Over the course of 2022, half of all scholarships awarded in Pakistan were granted to women, and a new two-year science and technology programme for women was introduced.

On 21 December 2022, Foreign Minister Anna Baerbock condemned the Taliban's decision to ban women from universities and girls from secondary schools in Afghanistan.²⁹⁰⁶ The Foreign Minister stated that the restrictions placed upon women and girls deny them their fundamental rights and freedoms and urged the Taliban to reverse its decision.

On 23 December 2022, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development announced that Germany would collaborate with UNICEF and sign a new EUR35 million commitment to aid conflict-affected children and families in Ukraine.²⁹⁰⁷ This contribution will be used to provide support and assistance to children, such as enhanced child protection, access to drinking water, and sanitation services, and ensuring that children can safely return to their schools and pursue their education. The funding will also go towards supporting children through youth empowerment, which will aid them in garnering their self-confidence and ensuring they have healthy coping mechanisms.

On 17 February 2023, Germany revealed that it would be donating another EUR210 million to Education Cannot Wait (ECW).²⁹⁰⁸ The statement was made at a summit in Geneva, when Germany and other nations announced that they would be donating a total of EUR770 million to children in need around the world. The funds will be distributed to ECW partners on the ground rather than directly to governments, and they will be used to establish educational institutions, supply learning materials, ensure children have meals, and provide them with psychological and social support. Germany's contribution makes it the single largest donor to the ECW fund.

On 24 February 2023, the Federal Government of Germany announced that it would contribute EUR5 million to a project to repair and rebuild schools in Ukraine.²⁹⁰⁹ According to Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science, over three thousand schools have been damaged or destroyed during the conflict, affecting nearly five million children. Germany's contribution will specifically go toward rebuilding 12 schools in five districts, allowing over three thousand children to return to school. The funds will also be used by the project to promote resilience building and green recovery.

On 2 March 2023, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Jochen Flasbarth attended the inauguration of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Gaza Preparatory Girls' School A & B, which was funded by the Federal Republic of Germany.²⁹¹⁰ The school was built as part of the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Living Conditions of Palestine Refugee Camps (REPAC), and Germany contributed EUR5 million to the programme through KfW. The school will provide three thousand Palestinian refugee girls with a safe learning environment that includes a green area, a playground, solar panels, and elements that will shade them from the sun. This EUR5 million contribution is in addition to the EUR180 million Germany committed in 2022.

²⁹⁰⁶ Joint Statement from Foreign Ministers on Taliban Decision to Ban Women from Universities, Federal Office (Berlin) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2570710>

²⁹⁰⁷ Government of Germany, through KfW, partners with UNICEF to support social services for Ukrainian children. UNICEF. (Ukraine) 23 December 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023. <https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/en/press-releases/government-germany-through-kfw-partners-unicef-support-social-services-ukrainian>

²⁹⁰⁸ Germany is biggest donor to a UN education fund, Deutschland (Geneva) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.deutschland.de/en/news/germany-is-biggest-donor-to-a-un-education-fund>

²⁹⁰⁹ Germany earmarks EUR 5 million to rebuild schools in Ukraine, United Nations Development Programme (Kyiv) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/press-releases/germany-earmarks-eur-5-million-rebuild-schools-ukraine>

²⁹¹⁰ High – Level German Delegation Inaugurates Unrwa School In Gaza, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Gaza) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/news-releases/high-%E2%80%93-level-german-delegation-inaugurates-unrwa-school-gaza>

On 14 March 2023, UNICEF declared that thanks to funding from the German Government, it could now provide radio learning lessons to vulnerable children in Nigeria.²⁹¹¹ The radio lessons and radio clubs are intended for the fifty six percent of out-of-school children in north-east Nigeria who are unable to pursue their education owing to poverty or displacement. The courses are delivered by Nigeria's Universal Basic Education Boards and collaborators like the Restoration of Hope Initiative, and the program's objective is for the children to be enrolled in formal schools after nine months. The programme also promotes girls' education by assisting with their school enrollment.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies. Germany has supported girls' fundamental right to an education by providing resources and opportunities, as well as endorsing their rights.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Divya Jagpal

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies.

On 4 July 2022, the Ministry of Education and Soroptimist International of Italy signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed to promote the advancement of girls and combat gender discrimination and inequality in schools.²⁹¹² Over the next three years, this will be accomplished through awareness campaigns against gender-based violence and discrimination in schools, as well as promoting respect and equal opportunities for girls in the classroom.

On 8 August 2022, Minister of Education Patrizio Bianchi announced the approval of EUR2.1 billion for the 4.0 School Plan, which explicitly aims to engage female students in the classroom.²⁹¹³ Of the approved funds, EUR424 million will be allocated to creating scientific laboratories geared towards promoting the development of advanced technical and digital skills. The Plan also intends to craft teaching methodologies and learning environments that are better suited to the unique needs of female students.

On 11 August 2022, EUR267.8 million of funding was allocated to innovative teaching environments for kindergarteners.²⁹¹⁴ The goal of this funding will be to enhance problem-solving and technological and mathematical literacy among young boys and girls.

²⁹¹¹ Radio Learning Brings Hope and Education to Displaced Children like Awana in North-East Nigeria, United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (Nigeria) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.unicef.org/nigeria/stories/radio-learning-brings-hope-and-education-displaced-children-awana-north-east-nigeria>

²⁹¹² Memorandum of Understanding Mi-Soroptimist International Italy — "Promote the advancement of the condition of women ... in the school environment" 4 July 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/protocollo-d-intesa-mi-soroptimist-international-italia-promuovere-l-avanzamento-della-condizione-femminile-in-ambito-scolastico-1>

²⁹¹³ PNRR, the "4.0 School Plan" is underway: 2.1 billion for 100,000 innovative classes and laboratories for the digital professions of the future. Bianchi: "The biggest transformative intervention of the education system is underway. With PNRR and European resources 4.9 billion on digitization (Rome) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/pnrr-al-via-il-piano-scuola-4-0-2-1-miliardi-per-100-000-classi-innovative-e-laboratori-per-le-professioni-digitali-del-futuro-bianchi-in-atto-il-piu->

²⁹¹⁴ Kindergarten, rankings published: 267.8 million for innovative teaching environments (Rome) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 1 December 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/scuola-dell-infanzia-pubblicata-le-graduatorie-267-8-mln-per-ambienti-didattici-innovativi-1>

On 21 December 2022, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, along with several other countries, released a formal statement on the decision of the Taliban to ban women from universities in Afghanistan.²⁹¹⁵ This statement strongly condemned the action and urged a reversal of this initiative as well as of a previous decision to prohibit young girls from accessing secondary education.

On 6 February 2023, Minister Tajani reaffirmed Italy's commitment to the elimination of female genital mutilation so that women and girls are able to fully assert themselves into their community and reach their full educational and societal potential.²⁹¹⁶

On 8 March 2023, the Ministry of Education announced the STEM month initiative, which aims to enhance equitable technological and scientific education while also dismantling gender stereotypes in schools.²⁹¹⁷

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. Italy has demonstrated some strong actions in working towards expanding the opportunities afforded to girls and ensuring that their learning environment is safer and gender-responsive. However, Italy has failed to take either strong or partial action in expanding resources for women and girls in education.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Olivia MacDonald

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies.

On 29 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the Japanese government will host the World Assembly for Women on 3 December 2022.²⁹¹⁸ The conference aimed to mobilize discussion on gender equality, specifically their economic independence.²⁹¹⁹

On 6 July 2022, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) loaned JYP22 million for the Development Policy Loan for the Improvement of Learning Environment of Basic Education in Morocco.²⁹²⁰ The aim of this loan is to help develop policies to improve the basic education and learning environment for boys and girls in Morocco. It is noted that this program contributes not only to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality education), but 10 (Reduced inequalities), suggesting that this program loan will help develop education access for marginalized communities, such as women.

On 27 July 2022, JICA granted JPY165 million towards constructing lower-secondary schools of technical education and vocational training in Burkina Faso.²⁹²¹ This is in cooperation with the United Nations Children's

²⁹¹⁵ Joint Statement From Foreign Ministers on Taliban Decision to Ban Women from Universities (Rome) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/12/joint-statement-on-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-taliban-decision-to-ban-women-from-universities/

²⁹¹⁶ Italy's commitment to eliminate the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (Rome) 6 February 2023. Access Date: March 5 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/impegno-dellitalia-per-leliminazione-della-pratica-delle-mutilazioni-genitali-femminili/

²⁹¹⁷ March 8, International Women's Day: "The month of STEM" is underway (Rome) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/8-marzo-giornata-internazionale-della-donna-al-via-il-mese-delle-stem->

²⁹¹⁸ World Assembly for Women: WAW! 2022, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page3e_001217.html

²⁹¹⁹ Prime Minister Kishida's Participation in the "HeForShe" Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page3e_001248.html

²⁹²⁰ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Morocco 2022, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220706_41.html

²⁹²¹ Signing of Grant Agreement with UNICEF for Burkina Faso, Japan International cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220728_21_en.html

Fund and aims to build eight new schools to improve access to education for boys and girls, specifically in regions with less access. Furthermore, it aims to develop the quality of education for boys and girls through promotion of vocational training.

On 8 September 2022, JICA reinstated that due to this year's extensive flooding in Pakistan, JICA will work to provide equitable primary education for the students affected.²⁹²² This includes working in cooperation with the Advancing Quality Alternative Learning Project (AQAL) to enroll 523 girls into the "Middle Tech Program."

On 22 September 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida stated the country's prioritization of "clearing the obstacles that hinder women's advancement," when discussing the future of the Japanese economy.²⁹²³ This included the promise of the Child and Family Affairs Agency, which is a policy to meet the challenges of childbearing while also encouraging women to pursue higher education and careers.

On 31 October 2022, the National Women's Education Center of Japan concluded their annual Global Seminar titled: "Does Digital Technology advance Gender Equality?"²⁹²⁴ The aim of the global seminar is to highlight gender inequality in the digital field and encourage discussion towards technological development in a way that supports gender equality.

On 21 December 2022, Press Secretary Hikariko Ono of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan released a statement regarding the Taliban's suspension of girls' higher education in Afghanistan.²⁹²⁵ The statement condemned this action and urged the Taliban to resume girls' education.

On 1 February 2023, the Resident Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency met with the Général Director of Access to Formal Education, the Général Director of Sectoral Studies and Statistics of the Ministry in charge of Education to review the progress of and adopt operational plans for the Project for Improving the Quality of Education through the Strengthening of the Community School Collaboration.²⁹²⁶ The project aims to practice and identify "good practices" of inclusive education for girls, and to develop mathematics-learning tools for use in and out of the classroom.

On 10 February 2023, the Japan International Cooperation Agency provided JYP11,686 million towards The Project for Upgrading Primary Girls' Schools into Elementary Schools in Rural Areas of Sindh.²⁹²⁷ This project was signed along with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Islamabad. The project aims to improve the enrollment rate for young girls in middle education, specifically in the rural areas of Pakistan. The project contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals 4 of Quality Education and 5 Gender Equality.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies. Japan has taken action to enact policies and forums to address and discuss the issues women face in the digital and economic field. Japan has also taken action to provide financial

²⁹²² JICA commits to continue to support flood affected and out of school children against all odds, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.jica.go.jp/pakistan/english/office/topics/220908.html>

²⁹²³ Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio at the New York Stock Exchange, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202209/_00009.html

²⁹²⁴ FY2022 NVEC Global Seminar: Does Digital Technology Advance Gender Equality?, National Women's Education Center (Saitama) n.d. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.nvec.jp/en/global/seminar/n5phhq00000000co.html>

²⁹²⁵ Suspension of Girls' Higher Education in Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000523.html

²⁹²⁶ The first meeting of the Technical Committee for Guidance and Monitoring (CTOS) of the Project for the Improvement of the Quality of Education through the Strengthening of the Community School Collaboration, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 1 February, 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.jica.go.jp/burkinafaso/english/office/topics/230201.html>

²⁹²⁷ Signing of Grant Agreements with Pakistan. Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 13 February, 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20230213_31.html

resources for the enrollment of girls and women internationally. Finally, Japan has taken action to promote and support the participation of girls and women in Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1

Analyst: Petrina van Nieuwstadt

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies.

On 29 June 2022, the United Kingdom announced the Girls' Education and Skills Programme (GESP), its first educational collaboration with the commercial sector to enhance girls' access to education.²⁹²⁸ The programme will deliver the initiative through two methods: the Challenge Fund and Passport to Earning (P2E).²⁹²⁹ The Challenge Fund will award grants ranging from GBP750,000 to GBP1.5 million to projects and proposals for girls in Bangladesh and Nigeria. Additionally, P2E will provide skills and certificates to adolescent girls in low to middle-income nations who have had little to no formal education.

On 3 July 2022, the United Kingdom pledged GBP636,548 in emergency funds to the Government of Bangladesh to deliver basic necessities. The emergency funds will additionally be used to replace school supplies and provide students with a stable education.²⁹³⁰

On 8 July 2022, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Simon Manley delivered a speech condemning the Taliban for barring girls from attending secondary school. The speech called for the Taliban to reverse said policies and practices.²⁹³¹

On 30 August 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care published the first Women's Health Strategy for England. It maps out how the government plans to improve the way in which the health and care system listens to women's voices, and boost health outcomes for women and girls.²⁹³² This is a 10-year strategy that sets out a range of commitments to improve the health of women everywhere through policy making, education, and research.

On 1 September 2022, the British High Commission, in collaboration with the British Council, introduced 75 scholarships to Pakistani students to commemorate seventy-five years of relations between the United Kingdom and Pakistan. These efforts bring the UK's overall contribution for flood relief in Pakistan to more than GBP16.5 million, GBP10 million of which will exclusively benefit girls and women.²⁹³³

On 30 September 2022, the United Kingdom collaborated with the World Bank and Denmark to supply the Ukrainian government with an additional USD530 million for the Public Expenditures for Administrative

²⁹²⁸ Girls' Education Skills Partnership (GESP) – Challenge Fund Request for Proposals, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/girls-education-skills-partnership-gesp-challenge-fund-request-for-proposals#full-publication-update-history>

²⁹²⁹ Girls' Education and Skills Programme (GESP), Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 22 October 2022. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/62bc4a25d3bf7f2919e98d2e/GESP-concept-note-RFP.pdf>

²⁹³⁰ Joint Press Statement on Flash Flood - July 2022. United Nations Bangladesh. (Dhaka). 06 July 2022. Access Date: 09 December 2022. <https://bangladesh.un.org/en/189312-joint-press-statement-flash-flood-july-2022>

²⁹³¹ UN Human Rights Council 50: UK statement on women and girls in Afghanistan. GOV.UK. (Geneva). 08 July 2022. Access Date: 11 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/un-human-rights-council-50-uk-statement-on-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan>

²⁹³² Women's Health Strategy for England, Government of UK (London) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 4 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/womens-health-strategy-for-england>

²⁹³³ The UK announces 75 scholarships for Pakistan, British High Commission Islamabad (Islamabad) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-announces-75-scholarships-for-pakistan>

Capacity Endurance in Ukraine (PEACE) project.²⁹³⁴ PEACE assists in the facilitation and maintenance of essential public services such as health and education.

On 19 October 2022, Minister for Development Vicky Ford announced that the UK will deliver a GBP14 million support package to assist up to 150,000 people.²⁹³⁵ The resources will go towards delivering basic education to girls and boys, with the latest grant expected to provide emergency education to about 20,000 children.

On 25 November 2022, Home Secretary Suella Braverman announced that the UK will award GBP15 million in funding to support services for victims of violence. This is a part of the Home Office's commitment to tackling all forms of violence against women and girls. This funding will aim to equip more healthcare professionals with the right tools to be able to better identify and respond to domestic abuse, and improve referral pathways for victims to access support services.²⁹³⁶

On 8 December 2022, Christian Turner, a British High Commissioner, visited Jaba Taili, an Islamabad Model School for Girls, to underscore Pakistan's ongoing education crisis.²⁹³⁷ Teachers at Jaba Taili were selected and trained through a partnership between the UK and the Federal Directorate of Education in Islamabad, as well as Teach for Pakistan.

On 9 December 2022, Minister of State for Social Care Helen Whately announced that the UK will deliver GBP1.97 million to sixteen organizations across England. This package is a part of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Health and Wellbeing Fund, where the theme of the fund for 2022 to 2025 is women's reproductive wellbeing in the workplace. This fund aims to support organizations that can assist women experiencing various reproductive health issues in the workplace.²⁹³⁸

On 3 February 2023, Minister for Development Andrew Mitchell signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United States to guarantee twelve years of quality education to marginalized children worldwide. The MoU will establish an alliance of donors and nations to champion education so that children learn literacy and numeracy, as well as to support educational institutions so that they can better handle emergencies, such as ensuring that alternative spaces exist where children can safely learn during crises. In addition to providing basic education to girls, the MoU will educate them on reproductive health, sexuality, relationships, and gender-based violence.²⁹³⁹

On 16 February 2023, the United Kingdom revealed that it would provide additional funding for Education Cannot Wait.²⁹⁴⁰ Minister Mitchell announced that the United Kingdom will donate GBP80 million over the next four years, with the money going toward providing safe classrooms, learning materials, and holistic support

²⁹³⁴ World Bank Mobilizes Additional \$530 Million in Support to Ukraine, World Bank (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 5 December 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/09/30/world-bank-mobilizes-additional-530-million-in-support-to-ukraine>

²⁹³⁵ UK announces humanitarian assistance for 150,000 women and children suffering drought and conflict in Ethiopia. GOV.UK. (Ethiopia) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-humanitarian-assistance-for-150000-women-and-children-suffering-drought-and-conflict-in-ethiopia>

²⁹³⁶ £15 million funding boost for women who are victims of violence, Government of UK (London) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 4 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/15-million-funding-boost-for-women-who-are-victims-of-violence>

²⁹³⁷ British High Commissioner's school visit highlights UK efforts to tackle Pakistan's learning crisis. Government of UK (London) 08 December 2022. Access Date: 24 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-high-commissioners-school-visit-highlights-uk-efforts-to-tackle-pakistans-learning-crisis>

²⁹³⁸ £1.97 million awarded to support women in the workplace, Government of UK (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 4 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/197-million-awarded-to-support-women-in-the-workplace>

²⁹³⁹ UK and US sign agreement to secure 12 years of quality education for marginalised children. GOV.UK. (United Kingdom) 03 February 2023. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-sign-agreement-to-secure-12-years-of-quality-education-for-marginalised-children>

²⁹⁴⁰ New UK support will help provide emergency education to 20 million children in crisis. Government of UK (United Kingdom) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 05 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-support-will-help-provide-emergency-education-to-20-million-children-in-crisis>

to children. This contribution is part of a GBP90 million package, bringing the UK's total donation to ECW since 2016 to nearly GBP200 million.

On 8 March 2023, foreign ministers of 27 countries, joined by the EU High Representative, issued a statement condemning the treatment of girls in Afghanistan.²⁹⁴¹ The nations and the High Representative wanted to utilize the occasion to issue a joint statement calling attention to the events unfolding in Afghanistan, particularly the fact that girls and women have been denied their basic human rights, including access to education, for more than a year.

On 8 March 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office unveiled its new international strategy for women and girls for the years 2023 to 2030.²⁹⁴² The paper covered a wide range of subjects, but it paid particular attention to education and acknowledged the severe global learning crisis that was threatening millions of girls. According to the paper, gender norms, the COVID-19 pandemic, environmental disasters, and internal and interstate conflict, among other factors hinder girls from receiving an education. By declaring its goal to reduce, by half, the number of children who are unable to read a simple sentence by the age of ten, the UK reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that more girls had access to quality basic education.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies. The United Kingdom has championed girls' fundamental right to education through resources, providing opportunities, and endorsing their rights.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Divya Jagpal

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all policies.

On 8 July 2022, President Joe Biden passed an executive order to protect healthcare service delivery and promote access to critical reproductive healthcare services, including abortion. This includes actions to enhance family planning services as well as identifying ways to increase outreach and education about access to reproductive healthcare services.²⁹⁴³

On 18 July 2022, the United States government released the second US Government Women Peace and Security Report. The goal of this report is to advance the goals of the 2019 US Women Peace and Security Strategy Agenda, which affirms gender equity and equality in security, peace-making, and peacekeeping, in the United States and globally. The report discusses plans to avert and respond to crises, such as conflict-related sexual violence and underrepresentation of women in civic participation.²⁹⁴⁴

²⁹⁴¹ Situation for women and girls in Afghanistan: joint statement from foreign ministers for International Women's Day. Government of UK (London) 08 March 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-foreign-ministers-on-the-situation-for-women-and-girls-in-afghanistan-on-international-womens-day>

²⁹⁴² International women and girls strategy 2023 to 2030, GOV.UK (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-women-and-girls-strategy-2023-to-2030/international-women-and-girls-strategy-2023-to-2030#part-4-goals>

²⁹⁴³ Executive Order on Protecting Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services, White House (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/08/executive-order-on-protecting-access-to-reproductive-healthcare-services/>

²⁹⁴⁴ FACT SHEET: U.S. Government Women Peace and Security Report to Congress, White House (Washington D.C.) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/07/18/fact-sheet-us-government-women-peace-and-securityreport-to-congress/>

On 27 July 2022, the United States hosted the Trilateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls. This is in partnership with the governments of Mexico and Canada, along with Indigenous women leaders from all three countries. The group issues a statement reaffirming commitments to advance prevention efforts, increase support for survivors, and enhance regional coordination to better address root causes that increase vulnerability to all forms of gender-based violence.²⁹⁴⁵

On 12 August 2022, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) signed a USD40 million agreement with the United Nations Children’s Fund. The funding will contribute to international support for Afghan children, with a particular focus on helping adolescent girls.²⁹⁴⁶ This will include further educational resources, opportunities, and skilled teachers to promote access to safe and quality education.

On 6 September 2022, USAID Advancing Girls’ Education (USAID AGE) partnered with the Government of Mozambique to empower young girls and increase school enrolment and attendance.²⁹⁴⁷ The partnership aims to raise awareness among communities for more support within schools and outside of school, as well as to increase female representation in the workforce and participation in society.

On 12 October 2022, the Department of Education launched “YOU Belong in STEM” to implement equitable and quality education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for all children from pre-kindergarten to higher education.²⁹⁴⁸ The initiative aims to challenge the stereotypes regarding STEM education and allow students to participate in STEM learning and build necessary skills.

On 7 December 2022, the Department of Education launched a new initiative, “Raise the Bar: STEM Excellence for All Students initiative,” to implement more inclusive and quality STEM education for students of all backgrounds.²⁹⁴⁹ The Department focuses on supporting students and educators for lifelong success in the STEM field by providing equitable and accessible opportunities and resources and developing partnerships and commitments to ensure the efficient use of funds and enhancement of STEM teaching and learning, especially meeting the needs of marginalized and vulnerable populations.

On 14 December 2022, Vice President Kamala Harris announced new commitments to advance women’s economic participation in Africa at the US-Africa Leaders Summit. These programs aim to foster women’s economic, political, and social inclusion in Africa in order to advance the United States’ priority to drive gender equality and equity investments through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment. This includes discussing and financing actions such as advancing women’s entrepreneurship, accelerating women’s participation in green jobs, and economic security for survivors of trafficking.²⁹⁵⁰

²⁹⁴⁵ Report on the Fourth Convening of the Trilateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls, White House (Washington D.C.) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/gpc/briefing-room/2022/07/27/report-on-the-fourth-convening-of-the-trilateral-working-group-on-violence-against-indigenous-women-and-girls/>

²⁹⁴⁶ USAID Announces New \$40 Million Agreement With UNICEF to Increase Girls’ and Boys’ Education Opportunities in Afghanistan, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-12-2022-usaid-announces-new-40-million-agreement-unicef-increase-girls-boys-education-opportunities-afghanistan>

²⁹⁴⁷ USAID Advancing Girls’ Education (USAID AGE), United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 6 September 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/documents/usaid-advancing-girls%E2%80%99-education-usaid-age>

²⁹⁴⁸ Department Launches “YOU Belong in STEM” Initiative to Enhance STEM Education for All Young People, U.S. Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.ed.gov/stem>

²⁹⁴⁹ U.S. Department of Education Launches New Initiative to Enhance STEM Education for All students, U.S. Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 07 December 2022. Access Date: 21 February 2023. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-launches-new-initiative-enhance-stem-education-all-students>

²⁹⁵⁰ Fact Sheet: U.S.-Africa Partnerships in Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, White House (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/14/fact-sheet-u-s-africa-partnerships-in-gender-equality-and-womens-empowerment/>

On 16 February 2023, USAID Administrator Samantha Power announced that the United States provided an additional USD43 million to Education Cannot Wait.²⁹⁵¹ This funding will help ECW work with other private and non-governmental donors to further support individuals to develop skills and improve their employability.

The United States has fully complied with promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. The United States has provided financial assistance and supported girls to receive a safe and quality education, develop their potential in various fields, and contribute to broader society.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies.

On 29 June 2022, the European Commissioner for International Partnerships announced an increase in the European Union's budget for international partnerships regarding funding in education from 7% to 13%.²⁹⁵² The aim of this is to further initiatives taken with Member States and international partnerships to improve equal access to quality education for all children. Highlighted were updates on the progress of the Mozambique "E-Youth" initiative promoting support to girls interested in STEM subjects.

On 24 September 2022, the European Commission announced an additional EUR45 million over six years for the United Nations Population Fund. The funding will support sexual and reproductive health as well as supporting countries in strengthening health systems from the gendered perspective. This includes services such as delivering contraceptives and life-saving maternal health medicines to people who need them most.²⁹⁵³

On 10 October 2022, the European Commission launched a programme titled the "Youth Action Plan."²⁹⁵⁴ Focused on an external partnership with young people, the European Commission has committed 40 million euros towards their "Partnership to Engage" pillar and the Youth and Women in Democracy Initiative.²⁹⁵⁵ The aim of this initiative is to empower the youth, and in particular women, through means such as providing civil education for women in relation to democracy.²⁹⁵⁶

On 17 October 2022, the European Commission launched a survey seeking consultation for key actions to be addressed in creating a "Manifesto for gender-inclusive STE(A)M education and careers."²⁹⁵⁷ The EU recognizes

²⁹⁵¹United States Provides Additional \$43 million to Education Cannot Wait, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 21 February 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-16-2023-united-states-provides-additional-43-million-education-cannot-wait>

²⁹⁵² UNESCO Pre-summit – Transforming education, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (Paris) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 19 October 2022. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/unesco-pre-summit-transforming-education-2022-06-29_en

²⁹⁵³ Sexual and reproductive health and rights: EU announces additional €45 million for UNFPA Supplies Partnership, European Commission (Brussels) 24 September 2022. Access Date: 4 January 2023. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-eu-announces-additional-eu45-million-unfpa-supplies-2022-09-24_en

²⁹⁵⁴ The European Commission launched the Youth Action Plan in EU External Action! Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (Brussels) 06 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://youth.europa.eu/year-of-youth/news/european-commission-launched-youth-action-plan-eu-external-action_en

²⁹⁵⁵ Youth Action Plan, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 1 November 2022. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/youth/youth-action-plan_en#related-documents

²⁹⁵⁶ Questions and Answers: Youth Action Plan in EU external action for 2022-2027, European Commission (Strasbourg) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_5882

²⁹⁵⁷ Towards a manifesto for gender-inclusive STE(A)M education and careers, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 31 October 2022. https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/towards-manifesto-gender-inclusive-steam-education-and-careers-2022-10-17_en

the shortage of women in STEM careers and creates this manifesto with the integration of arts and humanities into a more inclusive approach to STEM in the hopes of encouraging more women to study STE(A)M subjects.

On 24 October 2022, the European Institute for Gender Equality launched the first Gender Equality Forum. The aim is to bring together different organizations and experts from EU members to discuss pressing issues in relation to gender equality. Topics range from labour statistics, gender violence, health, and economy.²⁹⁵⁸

On 25 October 2022, the EU Delegation to Malawi implemented further changes to the Zantchito programme signed on 18 August 2020.²⁹⁵⁹ It aimed to improve equitable and safe opportunities in vocational education for women and accompany them as they start businesses within the field.

On 26 October 2022 the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Malawi announced an “enhancement” in contribution to the Multi-Annual Indicative Program (MIP).²⁹⁶⁰ Within the MIP, with which the EU has committed to provide EUR352 million,²⁹⁶¹ and in coordination with the Malawi Government, as well as local women and youth organizations, the Delegation outlined the development of Phase II of “Improving Secondary Education in Malawi.”²⁹⁶² It aims to increase and provide equitable opportunities of a quality education for Malawi youth, specifically in 350 secondary schools.²⁹⁶³

On 26 October 2022 the European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth stated the expansion of the EU “Girls Go Circular” programme.²⁹⁶⁴ New initiatives mentioned were gender sensitive education, an increase in mentors, and transformational and sustainable interventions of the culture and structure of STEM organizations. It aims to close the digital gender gap by providing resources to teach girls aged 14-19 in Southern and Eastern Europe on digital, STEM, and entrepreneurial skills.²⁹⁶⁵

On 21 November 2022 the European Union, in partnership with UNICEF, granted GBP33 million towards education services in Ethiopia.²⁹⁶⁶ The funding will support school feeding for 50,000 children, with the aim to limit dropout rates of children and “especially girls,” in conflict affected areas.

On 15 December 2022, the European Commission and African partners launched a flagship initiative in Rwanda. This initiative aims to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights, specifically among young

²⁹⁵⁸ Experts' forum, European Institute for Gender Equality (Villinius) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023.

<https://eige.europa.eu/about/organisation/experts-forum>

²⁹⁵⁹ Zantchito – Skills for Jobs programme, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Malawi (Brussels) 25 October 2022.

Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/zantchito-%E2%80%93-skills-jobs-programme_en

²⁹⁶⁰ EU support to Youth in Malawi, Press and information team of the Delegation to Malawi (Brussels) 26 October 2022. Access

Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/eu-support-youth-malawi_en

²⁹⁶¹ A new step in the EU's future-proof partnership with Malawi, Press and information team of the Delegation to Malawi

(Brussels) 2 March 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/new-step-](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/new-step-eu%E2%80%99s-future-proof-partnership-malawi_en)

[eu%E2%80%99s-future-proof-partnership-malawi_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/new-step-eu%E2%80%99s-future-proof-partnership-malawi_en)

²⁹⁶² EU support to Youth in Malawi, Press and information team of the Delegation to Malawi (Brussels) 26 October 2022. Access

Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/eu-support-youth-malawi_en

²⁹⁶³ Improving Secondary Education in Malawi-ISEM (Phase II), Delegation to Malawi (Brussels) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 3

November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/improving-secondary-education-malawi-isem-phase-ii_en?s=107

²⁹⁶⁴ Girls Go Circular Education Programme set for Expansion across Europe, European Institute of Innovation and Technology

(Brussels) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. [https://eitrawmaterials.eu/girls-go-circular-education-programme-](https://eitrawmaterials.eu/girls-go-circular-education-programme-set-for-expansion-across-europe/)

[set-for-expansion-across-europe/](https://eitrawmaterials.eu/girls-go-circular-education-programme-set-for-expansion-across-europe/)

²⁹⁶⁵ Digital and Entrepreneurial Skills for the Circular Economy, Girls Go Circular (Budapest) n.d. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

<https://eit-girlsgocircular.eu/>

²⁹⁶⁶ EU donates 33 million to UNICEF and WFP to restore essential education services and implement school feeding programmes

in conflict-affected areas in Ethiopia, OCHA services (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/eu-donates-eu33-million-18-billion-etb-unicef-and-wfp-restore-essential-education-services-and-implement-school-feeding-programmes-conflict-affected-areas-ethiopia-0>

girls and women across different regions in Africa. This includes progress on key issues such as family planning, gender-based violence, mortality rates, and sexual health.²⁹⁶⁷

On 21 December 2022 the Council of the EU released a press statement condemning the Taliban's banning of women from universities, stating that this systematic policy is "extremely concerning" and can be defined as "crimes against humanity."²⁹⁶⁸ Furthermore, the EU expects the Taliban to revert its decision and abide by international obligations to ensure the fundamental rights of their citizens.

On 24 January 2023, the European Commission funded a new project launched by the United Nations, called Winter School for Afghan women students.²⁹⁶⁹ It consisted of a five-day course of interactive sessions teaching gender equality, networking, and financial literacy.²⁹⁷⁰ The aim of this project is to increase Afghan women's access to university education in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

On 7 February 2023, the European Union launched a new program providing school construction, resources, and training for schools for Sudan, with a budget of EUR30 million. One of the schools included the Al Mutamar girls school, where the European Union Ambassador to Sudan, Dutch Ambassador and the Italian Charge d'Affaires paid a visit.²⁹⁷¹

On 16 February 2023, the European Commission pledged to invest EUR313 million towards the United Nations' global fund "Education Cannot Wait." This fund aims to financially support and invest in increasing access to high-quality education for young boys and girls in protracted crises. This is in line with the European Union's commitment to progress the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education.²⁹⁷²

On 20 February 2023, the European Council released a press statement stressing the importance of providing indigenous children and women access to education in their own language and culture. This was part of the many council conclusions the European Council arrived to when deciding on EU priorities in the United Nations for 2023.²⁹⁷³

On 20 February 2023, the European Council released a press statement publicly condemning the denial of the right of education for Afghan women, and urged the Iranian authorities to uphold women's rights. This was

²⁹⁶⁷ EU and African partners launch flagship initiative to enhance sexual and reproductive health and rights, (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 4 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7738

²⁹⁶⁸ Afghanistan: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on additional restrictions by the Taliban to the right of education of girls and women, European Council (Brussels) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/21/afghanistan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-additional-restrictions-by-the-taliban-to-the-right-of-education-of-girls-and-women/>

²⁹⁶⁹ Boosting career opportunities for young Afghan girls, UN Women (New York) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 21 February 2023. <https://eca.unwomen.org/en/stories/news/2023/02/boosting-career-opportunities-for-young-afghan-girls-in-kazakhstan-kyrgyzstan-and-uzbekistan>

²⁹⁷⁰ UNDP and UN Women launched winter school, United Nations Development Programme Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023 <https://www.undp.org/kyrgyzstan/press-releases/undp-and-un-women-launched-winter-school-afghan-women-students-kyrgyzstan>

²⁹⁷¹ European Union launches a new project to promote basic education in six states of Sudan, Delegation of the European to the Republic of the Sudan (Brussels) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sudan/european-union-launches-new-project-promote-basic-education-six-states-sudan-0_en

²⁹⁷² Education Cannot Wait, European Commission (Geneva) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023 https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_841

²⁹⁷³ Council conclusion on EU priorities in UN human rights for a 2023, European Council (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023 <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/council-conclusions-on-eu-priorities-in-un-human-rights-for-a-2023/>

part of the many council conclusions the European Council arrived to when deciding on EU priorities in the United Nations for 2023.²⁹⁷⁴

On 6 March 2023, the European Commission, through Eurostat, held an international webinar covering the participation of women in science, technology, and research. The aim of this was to educate people on women's participation in these sectors of education and research.²⁹⁷⁵

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through supporting girls' access to education and by implementing gender mainstreaming across all our policies. The European Union has taken action to support girls' access to education by expanding programs which provide accessible environments for women to learn in STEM. The European Union has taken action to support girls' access to education by increasing funding for multiple foreign aid programs funding the enrollment of girls in secondary and tertiary education levels. The European Union has taken action to support girls' access to education by investing and creating programs which increase women's access to training in STEM and TVET fields.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁹⁷⁴ Council conclusion on EU priorities in UN human rights for a 2023, European Council (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023 <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/council-conclusions-on-eu-priorities-in-un-human-rights-fora-2023/>

²⁹⁷⁵ Women in science, technology, research, Eurostat (Luxembourg) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023 <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main/news/events/2023/women-in-science-technology-and-research>

13. Trade: Free Trade

“We remain committed to upholding fair and transparent competition in the global economy and strengthening international rules in this regard.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

On 1 January 1995, the World Trade Organization (WTO) was formed in Geneva, Switzerland, as a successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).²⁹⁷⁶ The WTO conducts and facilitates several functions for the purpose of enforcing and furthering the multilateral trading system. Trade as a commitment issue appeared at the very first G6 summit – the 1975 Rambouillet Summit.²⁹⁷⁷ Discussions regarding unfair trade practices first appeared at the 1982 Versailles Summit, at which leaders pledged to “rule out the use of [their] exchange rates to gain unfair competitive advantages” and to resist “trade distorting practices.”²⁹⁷⁸ WTO’s Final Act, the results of the Uruguay round in 1994 introduced policies to mitigate unfair trade practices including a dispute settlement process.²⁹⁷⁹ Specific policies introduced include Safeguards, the Anti-Dumping Agreement, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Dispute Settlement Understanding and Trade Policy Review Mechanism among other industry-specific measures.

Most recently, trade has become an especially pressing issue for G7 leaders to address. First, exogenous shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic caused international trade downturns throughout 2020. The pandemic recovery continues to put pressure on specific sectors and supply chains, resulting in an emphasis on “resilient” and “sustainable” supply chains.²⁹⁸⁰ Second, on 15 September 2022, G7 Trade Ministers made a statement addressing the challenges to global trade presented by Russia’s aggression against Ukraine.²⁹⁸¹ They reaffirmed their commitment to reforming the WTO, developing supply chain robustness, and addressing economic coercion.

²⁹⁷⁶ Overview, World Trade Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/wto_dg_stat_e.html

²⁹⁷⁷ Declaration of Rambouillet, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 November 1975. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1975rambouillet/communique.html>

²⁹⁷⁸ Declaration of the Seven Heads of State and Government and Representatives of the European Communities, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 June 1982. Access Date: 25 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1982versailles/communique.html>

²⁹⁷⁹ WTO Legal Texts, World Trade Organization (Geneva) September 2021. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm#a#antidump

²⁹⁸⁰ International Trade During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Big Shifts and Uncertainty, OECD (Paris) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <https://www.oecd.org/coronavirus/policy-responses/international-trade-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-big-shifts-and-uncertainty-d1131663/>

²⁹⁸¹ G7 Trade Ministers’ Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 4 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/trade/220915-statement.html>

The 2000 Okinawa Summit was the first to establish the goal of an inclusive “global information society and to “facilitate cross-border e-commerce by promoting further liberalization.”²⁹⁸²

The 2007 Heiligendamm Summit was the first at which G7 leaders addressed the importance of intellectual property rights to global innovation, committing to greater cooperation on this front.²⁹⁸³

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, negotiations were launched for the EU to reach trade agreements with the US, Japan and Canada.²⁹⁸⁴ Commitments were also made by leaders, for the first time, to secure a WTO deal that makes cuts to trade bureaucracy.

The 2017 Taormina Summit’s communiqué listed, for the first time, in detail, the types of practices that the G7 consider to be “trade distorting”: “dumping, discriminatory non-tariff barriers, forced technology transfers, subsidies and other support by governments and related institutions that distort markets.”²⁹⁸⁵

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders re-committed to trade conclusions from the Hamburg G20 summit.²⁹⁸⁶ These included commitments to a rule-based trading system, fight protectionism and to “modernize the WTO to make it more fair.” They also called for the start of trade negotiations with regard to developing international rules to mitigate trade-distorting actions undertaken by state-owned enterprises.

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit commitments were made to “open and fair” world trade as well as the stability of the global economy, to be monitored by Finance Ministers.²⁹⁸⁷ The G7, again, committed to overhauling the WTO with regards to intellectual property protection and dispute settling. They also committed to reach an agreement by 2020 in order to simplify regulatory barriers and modernize international taxation within the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The 2020 USA Virtual Summit, initially to be held at Camp David, focused on the G7’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.²⁹⁸⁸ Trade commitments included supporting global trade and investment, recovering supply chains and maintaining previous actions to facilitate international trade.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, commitments were made to secure future prosperity.²⁹⁸⁹ Specifically G7 leaders committed to champion “freer, fairer trade within a reformed trading system,” developing a more resilient global economy and a fairer global tax system. These commitments were made with regard to all frontiers, including cyber space and outer space.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “upholding fair and transparent competition in the global economy and strengthening international rules in this regard.”²⁹⁹⁰ This commitment can be divided into two

²⁹⁸² Okinawa Charter on Global Information Society, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2000. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/gis.htm>

²⁹⁸³ Growth and Responsibility in the Global Economy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 June 2007. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heilgendamm/g8-2007-economy.html>

²⁹⁸⁴ G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2013. Access Date: 4 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communiqué.html>

²⁹⁸⁵ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communiqué.html>

²⁹⁸⁶ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communiqué.html>

²⁹⁸⁷ G7 Leaders’ Declaration Biarritz, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/declaration-of-leaders.html>

²⁹⁸⁸ 2020 G7 Virtual Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2021. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2020compliance-final/index.html>

²⁹⁸⁹ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 27 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communiqué.html>

²⁹⁹⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Elmau Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/FINAL_20220628_G7%20Statement%20Elmau%202022.pdf

core portions – one upholding fair and transparent competition, and another regarding strengthening rules to advance the former.

First, to “uphold” is understood to mean “to give support to.”²⁹⁹¹

“Fair competition” refers to adherence to the “rules-based system” by entities (i.e. individuals, organizations, governments) who are conducting global trade.²⁹⁹²

“Transparent competition” refers to making trade rules “as clear and public ... as possible,” keeping in mind “many WTO requirements require governments to disclose their policies and practices publicly within the country or by notifying the WTO.”²⁹⁹³ The intention is to improve predictability and stability in the global economy.

“Rules-based system” refers to at least three broad sets of agreements. First is the collection of basic legal agreements that all WTO members have agreed to be bound by, including but not limited to the GATT, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), as well as the related agreements, annexes, and schedules.²⁹⁹⁴ Second is the additional WTO plurilaterals, including those on trade in civil aircraft, government procurement, dairy products, and bovine meat; these only apply to countries who have agreed to be bound by these provisions.²⁹⁹⁵ Finally, there are agreements conducted by members outside of the WTO that are related to trade, such as preferential trading agreements (PTAs), regional trading agreements, comprehensive economic partnership agreements, and other international trade-related agreements such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This should not be considered an exhaustive list of agreements and legal text that constitutes the rules-based system.

Combining all the previous elements together, to “uphold” (in the context of “upholding fair and transparent competition in the global economy”) refers to providing support to adherence of the rules-based trade system, and/or the clear and publicly accessible publication or notification of changes to a nation’s trade rules.

“Strengthening” is generally understood to mean “to make or become stronger.”²⁹⁹⁶ To “strengthen international rules” (in the context of “fair and transparent competition in the global economy”) is to increase, or to make efforts to increase the depth and/or breadth of international trade rules themselves, and/or the accompanying institutional structures that adjudicate international trade rules (e.g. the Appellate Body, a binding dispute settlement mechanism or consultative process in a newly signed PTA, etc.).

On upholding fair and transparent competition, strong actions may include directly supporting international institutions that facilitate trade, taking domestic or international action on firms or countries that have been deemed as breaking the rules, aligning domestic legislation or regulations to comply with international trade-related agreements, or launching domestic programs to support trade. Weaker actions include, but are not limited to, verbal affirmations regarding fair and transparent competition, participation in meetings on the

²⁹⁹¹ Uphold, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/uphold>

²⁹⁹² Principles of the Trading System, World Trade Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/fact2_e.htm

²⁹⁹³ Principles of the Trading System, World Trade Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/fact2_e.htm

²⁹⁹⁴ Overview: A Navigational Guide, World Trade Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm1_e.htm

²⁹⁹⁵ Pluralities: Of Minority Interest, World Trade Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm10_e.htm

²⁹⁹⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022.

http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

aforementioned topic, assigning budgetary resources to initiatives related to fair and transparent competition (but not necessarily an implementation of the initiative), etc.

On strengthening international rules, strong actions may include submitting proposals or attending meetings to improve the effectiveness of the WTO's monitoring, negotiating, and dispute settlement mechanism (with a special emphasis on working on clearing the impasse regarding the WTO Appellate Body; ratifying or acceding to legally binding agreements that tackle "WTO-plus" issues (e.g. climate change, digital trade, trade and gender, trade and the environment) or existing issues (e.g. disciplines on fisheries subsidies); or, filing complaints through the WTO dispute settlement process or filing for consultations through an RTA dispute settlement process. Weaker actions that may count towards compliance include verbal affirmations or attendance at meetings where the discussion included improvement to the rules-based trading system.

Actions that undermine the above activities may count as negative compliance, but the final scores will keep in mind the overall set of actions (i.e. actions that counted towards positive compliance and actions that represent a failure to comply) adopted by each G7 member.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that took strong actions to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy OR to strengthen international rules in this regard.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that took some action to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard OR took strong action in one of those two areas.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member made no efforts to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy OR to strengthen international rules in this regard OR took less than strong action in one area.

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-1	The G7 member made no efforts to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy OR to strengthen international rules in this regard OR took less than strong action in one area.
0	The G7 member took less than strong action to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard OR took strong action in one area.
+1	The G7 member took strong actions to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy AND to strengthen international rules in this regard.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 7 July 2022, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development Mary Ng hosted the United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai and Mexico's Secretary of the Economy Tatiana Clouthier Carrillo at the second meeting of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) Free Trade Commission.²⁹⁹⁷ Minister Ng emphasized the importance of CUSMA implementation on advancing rules-based and inclusive trade, among other items. The three countries also discussed efforts in order to improve women's inclusivity within the trade sector.

²⁹⁹⁷ Minister Ng concludes successful trilateral meeting of Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement Free Trade Commission, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/minister-ng-concludes-successful-trilateral-meeting-of-canada-united-states-mexico-agreement-free-trade-commission.html>

On 8 July 2022, Minister Ng met with USTR Tai and Mexico's Minister Clouthier to discuss free and transparent electronics trade among the countries.²⁹⁹⁸ Topics discussed included certain Mexican investment policies that threatened US investment, transparency of biotechnology regulatory processes in Mexico, and the ease at which US electronic payment companies operate in the Mexican economy.

On 1 August 2022, Canada released updated information on its trading partners, stating that it now has 15 free trade agreements that span over 51 countries.²⁹⁹⁹ These agreements collectively cover countries that comprise 61 per cent of the world's gross domestic product.

On 2 September 2022, the regulatory reconciliation and cooperation table of Canada held its fifth annual anniversary meeting.³⁰⁰⁰ This table was established to amend regulatory barriers within Canada's trade sector. They are currently working towards the implementation of seven reconciliation plans and two cooperation plans in support of the transportation, construction, and health and safety of trade-involved laborers.

On 26 October 2022, Canada and India completed their fourth round of trade negotiations. They are in the process of finalizing an early progress trade agreement.³⁰⁰¹ The finalization of this agreement will lead to the negotiations and implementation of the Canada-India comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

On 1 November 2022, Canada released information on their plans to become a leading nation for international digital trade, including work on implementing policies that will result in it being a world leader in digital trade. Canada's objective is to develop a model Canadian digital trade policy – allowing Canada to digitally trade with a larger number of countries, and will allow companies to increase the “predictability of digital trade rules.”³⁰⁰²

On 12 November 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended the summit of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the goal of strengthening relations with the ASEAN countries.³⁰⁰³ Prime Minister Trudeau promoted expansion and diversification of trade for the purpose of creating middle-class jobs in Canada and Southeast Asia, investing in the growth of both regions, and strengthening economic resilience. Canada committed to investing CAD40 million to launch the Indo-Pacific Engagement Initiative.

On 24 November 2022, Minister Ng, met with Ecuador's Minister of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries Julio José Prado.³⁰⁰⁴ They discussed potential free trade agreements between the two countries. As trade increases between Canada and Ecuador, a free trade agreement will allow for rapid growth and investment opportunities for either country's companies.

²⁹⁹⁸ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, Mary Ng, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-canadas-minister-international-trade-export-promotion>

²⁹⁹⁹ State of Trade 2022: The Benefits of Free Trade Agreements, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/transparency-transparence/state-trade-commerce-international/2022.aspx?lang=eng>

³⁰⁰⁰ Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Five-Year Anniversary, Canadian Free Trade Agreement (Ottawa) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.cfta-alec.ca/regulatory-reconciliation-cooperation/>

³⁰⁰¹ A Free Trade Agreement for Canada and India: Is the Time Finally Right?, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (Vancouver) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.asiapacific.ca/publication/free-trade-agreement-canada-and-india-time-finally-right>

³⁰⁰² Let's Get Digital- Canadian Government Consults on Model Digital Trade Policy, McMillan LLP (Ottawa) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://mcmillan.ca/insights/lets-get-digital-canadian-government-consults-on-model-digital-trade-policy/>

³⁰⁰³ Prime Minister strengthens ties with ASEAN and expands partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Ottawa) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/11/13/prime-minister-strengthens-ties-asean-and-expands-partnerships-into>

³⁰⁰⁴ Minister Ng launches exploratory talks toward free trade agreement between Canada and Ecuador, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/minister-ng-launches-exploratory-talks-toward-free-trade-agreement-between-canada-and-ecuador.html>

On 28 November 2022, Canada released its Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS), which discusses trade negotiations with Southeast Asia, including Indonesia and India.³⁰⁰⁵ This strategy includes trade, investment, and supply chain resilience. The IPS will allow Canadian and Indo-Pacific companies to expand their exports and improve investments in both regions, allowing all countries involved to diversify and overcome current supply chain issues. Canada has committed CAD2.2 billion over a five-year period in order to implement the IPS.

On 30 November 2022, USTR Taipei Times and Minister Ng discussed the close trade relationship between the nations and ongoing commitment to multilateral North American trade. They also discussed possible concerns on pending Canadian digital services legislation that could have a distortionary effect on the market.³⁰⁰⁶

On 13 December 2022, Canada committed to transferring CAD 115 million of tariff revenue collected from Russia and Belarus to Ukraine.³⁰⁰⁷ Canada further revoked the Most-Favoured-Nation status for Russian and Belarusian imports, which resulted in the application of 35 per cent tariffs on all their goods imported into Canada.

On 6 January 2023, Canada launched a public consultation on a potential free trade agreement with Ecuador.³⁰⁰⁸ These consultations are to determine the considerations that the Government should consider if a free trade agreement is to proceed with Ecuador.

On 9 January 2023, during a meeting with Mexican Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro, Minister Ng expressed concerns regarding the treatment of Canadian mining companies in Mexico and the need for transparent processes for mining sector permits.³⁰⁰⁹ The Ministers also discussed Mexico's proposed energy and biotechnology reforms, the importance of the trade and gender and trade and Indigenous peoples nexuses and expressed continued support for continued collaboration on reforming the World Trade Organization (WTO), including through the Ottawa Group.

On 12 January 2023, Minister Ng met with Moses Kiarie Kuria, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of Trade, Investment and Industry, to discuss the Ottawa Group on WTO Reform, including issues related to dispute settlement, and other initiatives in the lead-up to WTO ministerial meeting.³⁰¹⁰ Minister Ng also highlighted Canada's commitment to growing bilateral commercial ties in areas such as clean technology.

On 19 January 2023, Minister Ng met with UK Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch to discuss a variety of shared trade priorities.³⁰¹¹ The two ministers discussed progress on the Canada-UK Free

³⁰⁰⁵ Canada Embraces the Indo-Pacific: New Canadian Strategy Expands Opportunities for Two-Way Trade and Investment, McMillan (Toronto) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://mcmillan.ca/insights/canada-embraces-the-indo-pacific-new-canadian-strategy-expands-opportunities-for-two-way-trade-and-investment/>

³⁰⁰⁶ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, Mary Ng, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-canadas-minister-international-trade-export-promotion>

³⁰⁰⁷ Canada provides Ukraine \$115 million from Russian and Belarusian tariff revenues to repair Kyiv's power grid, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/12/canada-provides-ukraine-115-million-from-russian-and-belarusian-tariff-revenues-to-repair-kyivs-power-grid.html>

³⁰⁰⁸ Minister Ng launches public consultations on trade negotiations with Ecuador (Ottawa) 6 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-ng-launches-public-consultations-on-trade-negotiations-with-ecuador.html>

³⁰⁰⁹ Minister Ng meets with Mexico's Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-ng-meets-with-mexicos-secretary-of-economy-raquel-buenrostro.html>

³⁰¹⁰ Minister Ng meets with Kenya's Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Industry, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-ng-meets-with-kenyas-cabinet-secretary-of-the-ministry-of-trade-investment-and-industry.html>

³⁰¹¹ Minister Ng speaks with United Kingdom's Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-ng-speaks-with-united-kingdoms-secretary-of-state-for-international-trade-kemi-badenoch.html>

Trade Agreement and on the UK's accession to Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) as well as the importance of collaboration on shared initiatives related to trade and the environment, trade and health, inclusive trade and digital trade. The two ministers also discussed collaborative efforts to strengthen and safeguard the rules-based trading system, including making progress at the Ottawa Group on WTO Reform and with the joint statement initiative on e-commerce.

On 21 January 2023, Minister Ng chaired the first meeting of 2023 of the Ottawa Group on WTO Reform where participants discussed next steps on the implementation of the fisheries subsidies agreement and a possible extension of e-commerce duties moratorium.³⁰¹² Minister Ng also participated in a WTO informal ministerial meeting in Davos to emphasize needed progress on agricultural negotiations and endorsed the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate joint statement.

On 24 January 2023, Minister Ng condemned the preliminary decision issued by the US Department of Commerce to maintain duties on softwood lumber imports citing that such duties have been ruled illegal by the WTO.³⁰¹³ Minister Ng indicated that if the decision was finalized, Canada would fight these duties using all available avenues, including through dispute settlement procedures at the WTO and under Canada-US-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

On 6 February 2023, Global Affairs Canada announced that Minister Ng will lead a Women's Trade Mission to the UK in mid-March in order to promote trade between women-owned businesses in sectors including clean technology and life sciences.³⁰¹⁴

On 22 February 2023, during a meeting with Gan Kim Yong, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister Ng discussed the importance of upholding strong rules-based trade by working together through CPTPP and the Ottawa Group.³⁰¹⁵ Minister Ng also reiterated Canada's interest in joining the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

On 9 March 2023, Minister Ng provided an update on the dispute with the US over softwood lumber by stating that Canada is interested in negotiating a new softwood lumber agreement as one of its potential avenues for resolution.³⁰¹⁶ Minister Ng stated the US has blocked and refused to participate in such an agreement.

On 11 March 2023, Canada launched a formal complaint under CUSMA's Rapid Response Labour Mechanism regarding alleged labour violations at a Mexican automotive plant.³⁰¹⁷ Whereas the US has filed seven complaints with respect to Mexican plants under the new rules, this is the first such Canadian complaint.

³⁰¹² Minister Ng met with WTO members, hosted meeting of Ottawa Group, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/minister-ng-met-with-wto-members-hosted-meeting-of-ottawa-group.html>

³⁰¹³ Statement by Minister Ng on U.S. preliminary duty rates on Canadian softwood lumber, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/statement-by-minister-ng-on-us-preliminary-duty-rates-on-canadian-softwood-lumber.html>

³⁰¹⁴ Minister Ng to lead a Women's Trade Mission to the United Kingdom, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-ng-to-lead-a-womens-trade-mission-to-the-united-kingdom.html>

³⁰¹⁵ Minister Ng meets with Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/minister-ng-meets-with-singapores-minister-for-trade-and-industry.html>

³⁰¹⁶ Minister Ng meets with Canadian softwood lumber industry leaders, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-ng-meets-with-canadian-softwood-lumber-industry-leaders.html>

³⁰¹⁷ Canadian government files trade complaint about labour practices at mexican plant, Windsor Star (Ontario) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/canadian-government-files-trade-complaint-about-labour-practices-at-mexican-plant>

On 14 March 2023, Minister Ng met with UK Secretary Badenoch to discuss progress on the Canada-UK FTA and efforts of the Ottawa Group in advance of MC13.³⁰¹⁸ For the FTA negotiations in particular, the two sides agreed that there should be shared successes on the environment, digital trade, the trade and gender nexus and the trade and Indigenous peoples nexus.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Ng concluded her first Women's Canada Trade Mission to the United Kingdom, where she and Secretary Badenoch discussed the benefits of inclusive trade, trade-related solutions to climate change, progress in advancing WTO reform and next steps in the Canada-UK Critical Minerals Supply Chain Dialogue.³⁰¹⁹

On 3 April 2023, Canada and India commenced the seventh round of negotiations on their Early Progress Trade Agreement.³⁰²⁰ Following the finalization of the agreement, India and Canada will take steps to establish a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. With regards to strengthening international trade rules, Canada has advanced negotiations with the United Kingdom, India, Ukraine, Indonesia, and ASEAN, worked on its digital trade policy and discussed efforts to tackle the trade-gender nexus. Canada has taken some action in the area of upholding fair and transparent competition in the global economy by raising concerns with Mexican biotechnology and energy reforms, filing a trade complaint regarding Mexican labour practices and by threatening to invoke dispute settlement procedures with respect to US softwood lumber duties.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 12 June 2022, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness Franck Riester participated in the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva.³⁰²¹

On 30 June 2022, the EU and New Zealand entered a trade agreement under the French presidency. The agreement aims to economic opportunities for companies and consumers in both economies.³⁰²² The deal includes “unprecedented sustainability commitments, including respect of the Paris Climate Agreement and core labour rights, which are enforceable through trade sanctions as a last resort.”

On 15 October 2022, France and other G7 members met to discuss the trade ramifications that may occur due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as the effects that new protectionist trade policies may have on free

³⁰¹⁸ Minister Ng meets with United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-ng-meets-with-united-kingdoms-secretary-of-state-for-business-and-trade.html>

³⁰¹⁹ Minister Ng concludes successful Women's Canada Trade Mission to United Kingdom, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/minister-ng-concludes-successful-womens-canada-trade-mission-to-united-kingdom.html>

³⁰²⁰ India-Canada concludes 7th round of talks on Early Progress Trade Agreement, the Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 10 April 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/india-and-canada-conclude-seventh-round-of-talks-towards-early-progress-trade-agreement-epta-101681107505840.html>

³⁰²¹ WTO – Participation of Franck Riester in the WTO Ministerial Conference (12-15 Jun. 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 15 June 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/economic-diplomacy-foreign-trade/news/article/wto-participation-of-franck-riester-in-the-wto-ministerial-conference-12-15-jun>

³⁰²² EU – New Zealand Trade Agreement: Unlocking sustainable economic growth, European Commission (Brussels) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4158

trade.³⁰²³ The G7 members agreed to reform global trade by restoring the WTO dispute settlement mechanism by 2024. They also discussed a plan to recover global supply chains by broadening trade relationships. G7 members also plan to increase the fairness of international competition within the free trade sector by continuing their advocacy for fair competition conditions.

On 31 October 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty of France contributed EUR 50,000 (approximately CHF 49,000) for 2022 to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) to help developing and least-developed countries (LDCs) meet international food safety, animal and plant health standards for trade and improve their access to global and regional markets.³⁰²⁴

On 30 January 2023, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna and Minister for the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu met with Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Richard Marles and Minister of Foreign Affairs Penny Wong.³⁰²⁵ According to the joint statement, they agreed to cooperate on responding to coercive economic practices that undermine rules-based international trade, underlined the importance of having a functioning dispute-settlement system by 2024 and agreed the prospective EU-Australia free trade agreement should include ambitious commitments on sustainable development, the environment and labour rights.

On 14 February 2023, Olivier Becht, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade, Economic Attractiveness and French Nationals Abroad, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, represented France at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Ministerial Meeting on Responsible Business Conduct.³⁰²⁶ The meeting is to promote more sustainable trade, given that businesses have a special responsibility toward the effects of their activities on society, and specifically human rights, labour law and the environment.

On 28 March 2023, Minister Becht welcomed the agreement between the European Council, Commission and Parliament on the regulation concerning the EU anti-coercion instrument.³⁰²⁷ Minister Becht mentioned that discussions on the instrument began during the French presidency of the Council of the EU and France thereafter continued to strongly support discussions on measures that would help the EU defend against coercive economic practices from third-party states.

France has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. France participated in the strengthening of international rules at WTO, and provided aid to the STDF in order to assist LDCs in participating in fair and transparent competition. Additionally, France has demonstrated support for free trade to the fullest extent due to its status as an EU member.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jiarui Bi

³⁰²³ A strategic realignment in trade policy, The Federal Government (Berlin) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-world-trade-2126704>

³⁰²⁴ France gives EUR 50,000 to boost safe food exports from developing countries, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 25 November 2022. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres22_e/pr910_e.htm

³⁰²⁵ Joint Statement - Second France-Australia Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/australia/news/article/joint-statement-second-france-australia-foreign-and-defence-ministerial>

³⁰²⁶ OECD- Ministerial Meeting on Responsible Business Conduct, co-chaired by France (February- 14-15, 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/developpement/evenements-et-actualites-sur-le-theme-du-developpement/evenements-et-actualites-sur-le-theme-du-developpement-2023/article/ocde-reunion-ministerielle-sur-la-conduite-responsable-des-entreprises-co>

³⁰²⁷ Olivier Becht welcomes the adoption of a European instrument to protect against economic coercion, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/europe/news/article/olivier-becht-welcomes-the-adoption-of-a-european-instrument-to-protect-against>

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 13 September 2022, Economy Minister Robert Habeck stated that Germany will be working toward a new free trade policy which plans to reduce Germany's dependence on Chinese exports such as "raw materials, batteries and semiconductors."³⁰²⁸ Minister Habeck stated this was, in part, to help Germany get around unfair Chinese protectionist policies. Germany is also taking this step to stand for human rights violations that they have seen and may further see within the Chinese export sector.

On 15 October 2022, G7 members met to discuss the trade ramifications that may occur due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as the effects that new protectionist trade policies may have on free trade.³⁰²⁹ The G7 members agreed to reform global trade by restoring the World Trade Organization's (WTO) dispute settlement mechanism by 2024. They also discussed a plan to recover global supply chains by broadening trade relationships. Germany and the G7 members also plan to increase the fairness of international competition within the free trade sector by continuing their advocacy for fair competition conditions.

On 4 November 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz met with China's President Xi Jinping to work toward the re-establishment of a 50-year diplomatic trade relation between the two countries.³⁰³⁰ They further discussed global ramifications caused by the Russian-Ukrainian war, such as distribution complications of the supply chain, food, and energy markets. Chancellor Scholz stated they are satisfied with current trade relations with China; however, he wishes to improve German access to Chinese markets. Along with enforcing intellectual property rights to restore more equal and fair free trade. Chancellor Scholz further emphasized wanting to separate economic collaboration from the political objectives pushed by the Chinese governments through their trade relations.

On 13 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh to incorporate projects that will advance German-Vietnamese trade relations such as recruitment of low skilled workers and advancement in Vietnamese infrastructure.³⁰³¹

On 14 November 2022, Chancellor Scholz and Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong met to discuss furthering free trade between the two countries through their common interest of prosperity.³⁰³² The two countries drew up a joint declaration in order to deepen cooperation through bilateral trade. Chancellor Scholz further pledged to strengthen Indo-Pacific trade agreements, stressing the importance of expanding Germany's trade partners to more economies outside of China. He further noted the importance of countries deterring from protectionism and trade restrictions during the current supply chain issues incurred through the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 15 November 2022, at the G20 Bali Summit, the trade focus was to expand relations with a variety of countries as opposed to their current main trade partners.³⁰³³ The goal is to develop free trade agreements with a variety of Asian countries and other continents.

³⁰²⁸ Germany drawing up new China trade policy, vows 'no more naivety', CNBC (New Jersey) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.cnn.com/2022/09/14/germany-drawing-up-new-china-trade-policy-vows-no-more-naivety.html>

³⁰²⁹ A strategic realignment in trade policy, The Federal Government (Berlin) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-world-trade-2126704>

³⁰³⁰ Shared Global Responsibility, The Federal Government (Berlin) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/federal-chancellor-in-china-2140012>

³⁰³¹ Strengthening the international order and trade relations, The Federal Government (Berlin) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-in-southeast-asia-2143510>

³⁰³² Strengthening the international order and trade relations, The Federal Government (Berlin) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 10 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-in-southeast-asia-2143510>

³⁰³³ The G20 Summit in Bali, German Federal Government (Berlin) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 11 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/faq-g20-summit-bali-2142384>

On 1 December 2022, the Bundestag came to a majority vote to continue the Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada.³⁰³⁴ This will allow 98 per cent of customs duties to be abolished on traded goods between the countries.

On 14 December 2022, at the first summit between the EU and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Chancellor Scholz pushed for long-term progress in free trade agreements between the EU and ASEAN countries.³⁰³⁵ The progression of such trade deals will improve collaborative efforts between the countries and increase trade.

On 17 December 2022, Minister Habeck, and the Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell discussed cooperation through hydrogen trade and critical minerals and discussed further possible trade agreements between the EU and Australia.³⁰³⁶

On 25 February 2023, Chancellor Scholz and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced their mutual commitment to signing a free trade agreement between India and the European Union.³⁰³⁷ This will advance Germany's engagement with the Indo-Pacific region and will allow for greater economic opportunity as India's economy continues to grow and become an integral part of the world market.

On 27 March 2023, Germany and the Netherlands held bilateral government consultations where the two nations, inter alia, reaffirmed that free, rules-based and sustainable trade is essential for their prosperity and that the WTO remains the central organization for the rules-based trading system.³⁰³⁸

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. Through verbal statements at the 2022 G7 and G20 summits, orienting its policies away from states that practice anti-competitive behaviour, and working towards implementing trade policies with new countries within Asia and other continents.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Hania El Sayed

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international trade rules in this regard.

On 15 October 2022, G7 members met to discuss the trade ramifications that may occur due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as the effects that new protectionist trade policies may have on free trade.³⁰³⁹ The G7 members agreed to reform global trade by restoring the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement mechanism by 2024. They also discussed a plan to recover global supply chains by broadening trade

³⁰³⁴ German parliament votes to ratify CETA trade agreement with Canada, Reuters (Toronto) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/german-parliament-votes-ratify-ceta-trade-agreement-with-canada-2022-12-01/>

³⁰³⁵ EU seeks closer collaboration with ASEAN countries, The Federal Government (Berlin) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/eu-asean-summit-2154274>

³⁰³⁶ Taking trade and investment with Germany to the next level, Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism (Barton) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/taking-trade-and-investment-germany-next-level>

³⁰³⁷ Germany's Scholz committed for Free Trade deal between India, Reuters (New Delhi) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/germanys-scholz-heads-india-tend-new-friendship-2023-02-24/>

³⁰³⁸ Joint Statement – German-Dutch Government Consultations, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Berlin) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/deutsch-niederlaendische-regierungskonsultationen/2590278>

³⁰³⁹ A strategic realignment in trade policy, The Federal Government (Berlin) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-world-trade-2126704>

relationships. G7 members also plan to increase the fairness of international competition within the free trade sector by continuing their advocacy for fair competition conditions.

On 2 March 2023, President Giorgia Meloni gave a speech at the Raisina Dialogue Conference.³⁰⁴⁰ She referenced the goal of fair and sustainable trade.

On 8 March 2023, Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani and UK Secretary of State for Trade Kemi Badenoch signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Strategic Dialogue on Export and Investment Promotion.³⁰⁴¹ The MOU would set up a structured mechanism of cooperation and consultation, focusing on boosting trade in high-potential sectors such as the green economy.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. Italy has expressed interest in cooperating with other nations in order to strengthen trade cooperation. Additionally, Italy has demonstrated inherent support for free trade to the fullest extent due to its status as an EU member.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jiarui Bi

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 30 July 2022, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Koichi Hagiuda and Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi met with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo at the Japan-US Economic Policy Consultative Committee.³⁰⁴² The ministers recognized that Japan and the United States will continue to be leaders in maintaining a free and open international economic order, using economic power to strengthen supply chains and build an economic order that will be “a compass for the realization of a free and open Indo-Pacific.” Minister Hagiuda and Minister Hayashi expressed Japanese support for, and cooperation with, the US Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). This was “realizing peace and prosperity through the rules-based economic order.” They agreed with US Secretary Blinken and US Secretary Raimondo that Japan and the United States needed to work together to counter economic coercion and unfair and opaque lending practices. The four ministers concurred to work together to ensure countries follow the international rules on fair and transparent economic and financial practices. Japan and the United States are committed to work together on “countering economic coercion and unfair and opaque lending practices.”

On 23 August 2022, Minister Hagiuda held the fifth meeting of the Japan-Vietnam Joint Committee, where Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Yasutoshi Nishimura and Vietnam’s Minister of Industry and Trade

³⁰⁴⁰ President Meloni’s speech at the Raisina Dialogue conference, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 19 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-melonis-speech-raisina-dialogue-conference/21957>

³⁰⁴¹ JOINT PRESS RELEASE ITALY – UK Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Policy Dialogue for Export and Investment Promotion, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/comunicato-congiunto-italia-regno-unito-firma-del-memorandum-of-understanding-sul-dialogo-strategico-per-la-promozione-delle-esportazioni-e-degli-investimenti/

³⁰⁴² METI Minister Hagiuda Attends US-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee (Economic 2+2) Meeting — Joint Statement Released, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 30 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0730_001.html

Nguyen Hong Dien reaffirmed their efforts to provide a free, fair, open, and transparent investment environment and markets, and to maintain the rule-based system of the World Trade Organization (WTO).³⁰⁴³

On 31 August 2022, the United States and Japan met in a second round of meetings regarding the United States-Japan Partnership on Trade, which aims to create consistent communication and collaboration over bilateral trade issues. The meeting covered issues of fair treatment of US products in Japan and transparency.³⁰⁴⁴

On 11 October 2022, Minister Nishimura held a meeting with Australia's Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell and Assistant Minister for Trade Tim Ayres in the Fourth Japan-Australia Ministerial Economic Dialogue to discuss economic issues between Japan and Australia.³⁰⁴⁵ The Ministers agreed for cooperation under the auspices of the IPEF to uphold free and fair trade, with the WTO's rules-based multilateral trading system at its core. The ministers agreed to continue the momentum and outcomes achieved at the WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference, committing to cooperate on restoring a fully functional dispute settlement system by 2024.

On 7 November 2022, Minister Nishimura held a meeting with Costa Rica's Minister of Foreign Trade Manuel Tovar and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship Arnoldo André, confirming Japan and Costa Rica's sharing in the fundamental values of freedom, democracy, and the rule of law.³⁰⁴⁶ They also agreed to strengthen trade and investment ties between Japan and Costa Rica, and also promote free trade in the Asia-Pacific region.

On 14 November 2022, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Shinichi Nakatani held a meeting with Chile's President Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, confirming Japan and Chile sharing fundamental values on freedom, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.³⁰⁴⁷ They discussed cooperation and strengthening of bilateral trade and investment between Japan and Chile, and also the promotion of free trade in the Asia-Pacific region.

On 17 November 2022, Minister Yasutoshi visited Bangkok, Thailand to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting.³⁰⁴⁸ Minister Nishimura made important remarks at the Ministerial Meeting, stressing the importance of building a free and fair economic order in the Asia-Pacific region without market-distortion and economic coercion, reforming the World Trade Organization in preparation for the World Trade Organization's 13th Ministerial Conference, and the importance of supply chain resilience with the use of digital technology and the Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT) philosophy.

On 17 November 2022, Minister Nishimura met with United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai in a bilateral meeting during the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting.³⁰⁴⁹ They discussed collaboration for the G7 Trade Ministerial Meeting 2023 chaired by Japan. Minister Nishimura expressed concerns regarding electronic vehicle tax credits under the United States Inflation Reduction Act.

³⁰⁴³ Joint Ministerial Statement of the Fifth Meeting of the Joint Committee on Cooperation in Industry, Trade and Energy Between The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (MOIT) and The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/08/20220823001/20220823001-a.pdf>

³⁰⁴⁴ Readout of the Second Meeting of the U.S.-Japan Partnership on Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/august/readout-second-meeting-us-japan-partnership-trade>

³⁰⁴⁵ Japan-Australia Ministerial Economic Dialogue, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 11 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/10/20221011006/20221011006-1.pdf>

³⁰⁴⁶ Minister Nishimura Holds Meeting with H.E. Dr. Manuel Tovar, Minister of Foreign Trade and H.E. Dr. Arnoldo André, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1107_001.html

³⁰⁴⁷ State Minister Nakatani Holds Meeting with H.E. Mr. Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, Former President of the Republic of Chile, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 17 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1114_001.html

³⁰⁴⁸ Minister Nishimura Attends APEC Ministerial Meeting, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Tokyo) 18 November 2022. Date Access: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1118_003.html

³⁰⁴⁹ Minister Nishimura Attends APEC Ministerial Meeting, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Tokyo) 18 November 2022. Date Access: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1118_003.html

On 17 November 2022, Minister Nishimura met with Papua New Guinea's Minister for International Trade and Investment Richard Maru in a bilateral meeting during the APEC Ministerial Meeting.³⁰⁵⁰ They discussed future cooperation and deepening of economic relations between Japan and Papua New Guinea.

On 18 November 2022, Minister Nishimura met with Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong, Emeritus Senior Minister and Chairman of the Monetary Authority Goh Chok Tong, and Second Minister for Trade and Industry and Minister for Manpower Tan See Leng to discuss the partnership of Japan and Singapore on how to proceed with Economic Partnership Agreements.³⁰⁵¹ Minister Nishimura discussed trade policy regarding the IPEF, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 22 November 2022, the Government of Japan and the Government of the State of Israel decided to launch the Joint Study Group on the possibility of a Japan-Israel Economic Partnership Agreement.³⁰⁵²

On 2 December 2022, the Cabinet of Japan enacted a Cabinet Order that will impose anti-dumping duties on hot-dipped galvanized steel wire originating from Korea and China.³⁰⁵³ The Council on Customs, Tariff, Foreign Exchange and Other Transaction decided to impose anti-dumping duties ranging from 9.8 per cent to 41.7 per cent. The duties will be imposed on Korea and China, with the exception for the regions of Hong Kong and Macau, starting 8 December 2022 and lasting until 7 December 2027.

On 20 January 2023, Minister Nishimura Yasutoshi hosted a ministerial meeting on the World Trade Organization Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce in Davos, Switzerland.³⁰⁵⁴

On 31 January 2023, the Cabinet enacted a Cabinet Order to extend the taxable period of anti-dumping duties on polyethylene terephthalate with a high degree of polymerization originating from the People's Republic of China.³⁰⁵⁵ The taxable period of the current anti-dumping duties will be extended for a period of five years starting from 3 February 2023 until 2 February 2028.

On 8 March 2023, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry decided to initiate an expiry review of the anti-dumping duties on Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide originating in the People's Republic of China, in alignment with existing WTO rules.³⁰⁵⁶

On 10 March 2023, the Cabinet approved Japan's participation in the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA) while stating that Japan would notify the WTO Dispute Settlement Body of its intent to

³⁰⁵⁰ Minister Nishimura Attends APEC Ministerial Meeting, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (Tokyo) 18 November 2022. Date Access: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1118_003.html

³⁰⁵¹ Minister Nishimura Visits Singapore, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1118_002.html

³⁰⁵² Launching of the Joint Study Group on the possibility of a Japan-Israel Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1122_003.html

³⁰⁵³ Decision to Impose Anti-Dumping Duties on Hot-dipped Galvanized Steel Wire Originating in the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/1202_001.html

³⁰⁵⁴ WTO Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce: Ministerial Meeting Held and Statement by Co-convenors Released, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0120_002.html

³⁰⁵⁵ Decision to Extend the Taxable Period of Anti-Dumping Duties on Polyethylene Terephthalate with a High Degree of Polymerization Originating in the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0131_001.html

³⁰⁵⁶ Initiation of an Expiry Review of the Anti-Dumping Duties on Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide Originating in the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0308_001.html

join the MPIA.³⁰⁵⁷ For context, several WTO members launched the MPIA in April 2020 as an interim mechanism for dispute settlement while the impasse with the WTO Appellate Body continued.

On 16 March 2023, Japan and South Korea concluded their bilateral Export Control Policy Dialogue.³⁰⁵⁸ During the Dialogue, South Korea agreed to announce it will withdraw its WTO complaint regarding Japanese export controls and Japan agreed to revise its export control operations on three particular substances to Korea.

On 31 March 2023, Japan announced it would host an online meeting of the G7 Trade Ministers in the upcoming week.³⁰⁵⁹ Ministers will discuss strengthening the free and fair trade order including reform of the WTO as well as enhancing resilient supply chains.

On 7 April 2023, in response to a question regarding Japan's recent export controls on semiconductors, Minister Nishimura stated such strict export controls are consistent with existing WTO agreements.³⁰⁶⁰ China, the Netherlands and the US requested the WTO to take up the aforementioned measure citing its inconsistency with WTO rules.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition and to strengthen international rules in this regard. With respect to fair and transparent competition, Japan has imposed anti-dumping duties on a particular product emanating from China and initiated measures in response to South Korea's perceived weaker export control regime. Japan has also verbally reaffirmed its support and commitment to fair and transparent competition in the Indo-Pacific region. With respect to strengthening international rules, Japan has expressed support for the IPEF framework, which aims to develop trade rules on the environment, labour and the digital economy. Japan has expressed interest and launched economic trade agreements and partnerships. Finally, Japan also joined the MPIA.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrew Yang

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 29 June 2022, the United Kingdom extended steel import tariffs for two years. Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan said that these plans deviate from the UK's international obligations but were in the national interest in order to protect the domestic industry.³⁰⁶¹

On 30 June 2022, Secretary Trevelyan announced the UK would lift 100 priority barriers that are worth GBP20 billion. This will open up new international markets for United Kingdom goods and allow more exports to be shipped off.³⁰⁶²

³⁰⁵⁷ Cabinet Approval on the participation in the MPIA (Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0310_001.html

³⁰⁵⁸ Japan-Korea Export Control Policy Dialogue Held, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0316_001.html

³⁰⁵⁹ METI Minister Nishimura Holds the 2023 G7 Trade Ministers' Meeting Online, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2023/0331_001.html

³⁰⁶⁰ Press Conference by Minister Nishimura (Excerpt), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 7 April 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2023/0407001.html

³⁰⁶¹ Steel import tariffs extended for two years, BBC News (London) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-61982431>

³⁰⁶² Bonfire of the barriers' to unlock new export markets worth tens of billions, Department for International Trade (London) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bonfire-of-the-barriers-to-unlock-new-export-markets-worth-tens-of-billions>

On 20 July 2022, the United Kingdom signed its second trade and economic Memorandum of Understanding with North Carolina. The agreement will, among other functions, increase partnership by removing barriers to trade and increase investment with growth in electric vehicles and offshore wind.³⁰⁶³

On 16 August 2022, the United Kingdom decided to cut import taxes on products from the world's poorest countries. The Developing Countries Trading Scheme will come into effect in January 2023, covering 65 developing countries.³⁰⁶⁴ This is an initiative to remove barriers in trade, eradicate poverty and create prosperity in developing countries without the need for dependency on foreign aid.

On 23 August 2022, the United Kingdom and Ukraine announced their joint intention to sign a new digital trade deal to help Ukraine rebuild its economy and protect the livelihoods of Ukrainians.³⁰⁶⁵ The new digital agreement will help Ukrainian businesses trade with the United Kingdom more efficiently using electronic transactions, e-signatures, and e-contracts.

On 24 August 2022, the United Kingdom and Qatar agreed to new partnerships at the third United Kingdom-Qatar Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO), announcing two significant agreements to boost trade and investment.³⁰⁶⁶ They signed two new Memorandums of Understanding, helping British businesses enter the Qatari market. Additionally, the United Kingdom Export Finance and Qatar Development Bank signed memoranda to boost the sharing of expertise and cooperation.

On 8 October 2022, the first British lamb exports in two decades arrived in the United States of America after the United States Department for Agriculture opened American markets to British lamb last year.³⁰⁶⁷

On 13 October 2022, Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch announced that the United Kingdom had unlocked overseas markets worth over GBP100 million for alcohol companies.³⁰⁶⁸ Import tariffs on British alcohol were lowered or removed in Argentina, Morocco, Angola, and Tunisia. At the same time, the United Kingdom continued its negotiations with India to secure a free trade agreement and its accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

On 3 November 2022, the United Kingdom and Malaysia convened the second Joint Committee on Trade and Investment Cooperation in London. The meeting elevated the Joint Committee to a JETCO, enhancing trade, investment, and economic cooperation.³⁰⁶⁹ The United Kingdom congratulated Malaysia on ratifying the CPTPP and updated their accession status.

On 3 November 2022, Minister of State for Trade Policy Greg Hands delivered a speech at the Chatham House Global Trade Conference 2022 on the future of global trade and announced his three main trade policy

³⁰⁶³ UK signs second state-level agreement with North Carolina, Department for International Trade (London) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-signs-second-state-level-agreement-with-north-carolina>

³⁰⁶⁴ UK to cut import taxes from some of world's poorest countries, BBC News (London) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-62557128>

³⁰⁶⁵ UK and Ukraine launch talks on digital trade deal to support Ukrainian businesses, Department for International Trade (London) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-ukraine-launch-talks-on-digital-trade-deal-to-support-ukrainian-businesses>

³⁰⁶⁶ UK agrees two deals with major gulf trading partner Qatar, Department for International Trade (London) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-agrees-two-deals-with-major-gulf-trading-partner-qatar>

³⁰⁶⁷ British lamb shipped to America for first time in over two decades, Department for International Trade (London) 8 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-lamb-shipped-to-america-for-first-time-in-over-two-decades>

³⁰⁶⁸ Trade wins unlock markets worth over £100 million for UK alcohol companies – with more to come, Department for International Trade (London) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/trade-wins-unlock-markets-worth-over-100-million-for-uk-alcohol-companies-with-more-to-come>

³⁰⁶⁹ UK-Malaysia joint statement at Joint Committee, Department for International Trade (London) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-malaysia-joint-statement-at-joint-committee>

priorities. The first priority is for the United Kingdom to join the CPTPP.³⁰⁷⁰ The second priority is for the United Kingdom to be the first G7 member to complete a trade deal with India. The third priority is to work on removing trade barriers around the world and solve issues that prevent the export and import of goods. Minister Hands reiterated the removal of tariffs on Ukrainian goods under the UK-Ukrainian Free Trade agreement and the provision of economic support of GBP1 billion in loan guarantees.

On 7 November 2022, Minister Hands visited Taiwan to co-host the UK-Taiwan 25th annual Trade Talks and boost United Kingdom-Taiwan trade.³⁰⁷¹ Innovate UK will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Taiwan, which includes a GBP5 million funding commitment through to 2025 that will support technology and innovation collaboration.

On 10 November 2022, Minister Greg Hands co-chaired the second consultation between the UK and the economic ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the Cambodia's Minister of Commerce Pan Sorasak.³⁰⁷² Trade between the United Kingdom and ASEAN had increased by 3.7 per cent from 2020 to 2021, from GBP36.6 billion to GBP38 billion.

On 17 November 2022, the United Kingdom and Switzerland signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement to reduce non-tariff barriers related to conformity assessment in five sectors.³⁰⁷³ The Mutual Recognition Agreement will allow goods to be tested in their country of origin and not require testing once reaching the country of destination.

On 30 November 2022, Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch and Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Economy Yulia Svyrydenko met in London to agree the new Digital Trade Agreement (DTA) between the United Kingdom and Ukraine.³⁰⁷⁴ The DTA will greatly enhance cooperation and trade between the United Kingdom and Ukraine on cybersecurity and technological innovations, as well as making digital trade between the United Kingdom and Ukraine more efficient and cheaper.

On 7 December 2022, the United Kingdom and the US state of South Carolina signed a MoU on cooperation and trade relations.³⁰⁷⁵ The MoU will strengthen cooperation in the automotive and life sciences industries and also create a framework to grow investment, address trade barriers, and enhance business networks.

On 17 December 2022, the Secretary of State for International Trade applied definitive anti-dumping duties on certain aluminum goods originating from China.³⁰⁷⁶ This decision comes from the recommendation from the Trade Remedies Authority following an investigation regarding the dumping of aluminum goods originating from China in 2021.

³⁰⁷⁰ Minister Hands: Chatham House Global Trade Conference 2022 speech, Department for International Trade (London) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/minister-hands-chatham-house-global-trade-conference-2022-speech>

³⁰⁷¹ UK strengthens Taiwan trade ties as Minister visits Taipei, Department for International Trade (London) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-strengthens-taiwan-trade-ties-as-minister-visits-taipei>

³⁰⁷² Second ASEAN Economic Ministers-UK Consultation – Joint Statement, Department for International Trade (London) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 17 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/second-asean-economic-ministers-uk-consultation-joint-statement>

³⁰⁷³ UK-Switzerland Mutual Recognition Agreement, Department for International Trade (London) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-switzerland-mutual-recognition-agreement#full-publication-update-history>

³⁰⁷⁴ UK and Ukraine agree ground-breaking digital trade deal, Department for International Trade (London) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-ukraine-agree-ground-breaking-digital-trade-deal>

³⁰⁷⁵ UK and South Carolina co-operation and trade memorandum of understanding, Department of International Trade (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-and-south-carolina-co-operation-and-trade-memorandum-of-understanding>

³⁰⁷⁶ Taxation notice 2022/11: definitive anti-dumping duties on certain aluminium extrusions originating from China, Department for International Trade (London) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-definitive-anti-dumping-duties-on-certain-aluminium-extrusions-from-china/taxation-notice-202211-definitive-anti-dumping-duties-on-certain-aluminium-extrusions-originating-from-china>

On 24 December 2022, the UK Government secured the removal of rules that banned certain exports of pork products to Korea.³⁰⁷⁷ This will allow UK companies to bring bacon, ham, and pork sausages to Korea that may be worth GBP1 million over five years.

On 30 December 2022, the Department of International Trade published a statement that touted the benefits UK businesses would experience from the pending entry into force of the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement.³⁰⁷⁸ The five per cent tariff on gin and tonic water will be removed. The UK-Australia free trade agreement is expected to increase trade between the United Kingdom and Australia by 53 per cent and boost the United Kingdom economy by GBP 2.3 million.

On 24 January 2023, the UK Department of International Trade revised the Framework Document for the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA).³⁰⁷⁹ The document sets out the framework within which the Department of Trade and the Trade Remedies Authority operate.

On 24 January 2023, during the WTO's fifth Trade Policy Review (TPR) of the Dominican Republic, the UK's Permanent Representative to the WTO in Geneva Simon Manley lamented the Dominican Republic's lack of progress on transparency related to sanitary and phytosanitary measure notifications and noted the parties' mutual desire to further develop sustainable and inclusive trade.³⁰⁸⁰

On 31 January 2023, the UK Government accepted the TRA recommendation to retain existing countervailing and anti-dumping duties on imports of continuous glass fibre from China.³⁰⁸¹

On 8 February 2023, during the WTO's eighth TPR of Malaysia, Ambassador Manley encouraged Malaysia to join the Services Domestic Regulation joint statement initiatives (JSI) and highlighted the UK's optimism to further cooperate in the Ministerial-led Joint Economic Trade Committee.³⁰⁸²

On 10 February 2023, the UK and India concluded the seventh round of negotiations on the prospective UK-India FTA.³⁰⁸³ The UK stated that the eighth round of negotiations will take place later in Spring 2023.

On 27 February 2023, in a statement about a trade promotion mission in India, the Department for International Trade confirmed the UK and India continue to negotiate a prospective free trade agreement.³⁰⁸⁴

³⁰⁷⁷ British pigs in blankets on the menu in South Korea this Christmas thanks to trade win, Department for International Trade (London) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-pigs-in-blankets-on-the-menu-in-south-korea-this-christmas-thanks-to-trade-win>

³⁰⁷⁸ Aussies to toast tariff-free British G&Ts in 2023 under new trade deal, Department for International Trade (London) 30 December 2022. Access Date: 2 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/aussies-to-toast-tariff-free-british-gts-in-2023-under-new-trade-deal>

³⁰⁷⁹ Framework Document for the Trade Remedies Authority, Department for International Trade (London) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/framework-document-for-the-trade-remedies-authority/framework-document-for-the-trade-remedies-authority>

³⁰⁸⁰ World Trade Organization's Dominican Republic Trade Policy Review, January 2023: UK statement, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/world-trade-organisations-dominican-republic-trade-policy-review-january-2023-uk-statement>

³⁰⁸¹ Government accepts recommendation to keep measures on imports of Continuous Glass Fibre from China, Trade Remedies Authority (London) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-accepts-recommendation-to-keep-measures-on-imports-of-continuous-glass-fibre-from-china>

³⁰⁸² UK statement on World Trade Organization's review of Malaysia's Trade Policy, February 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-statement-on-world-trade-organizations-review-of-malysias-trade-policy-february-2023>

³⁰⁸³ Joint outcome statement: UK-India round seven FTA negotiations, Department for International Trade (London) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-outcome-statement-uk-india-round-seven-fta-negotiations>

³⁰⁸⁴ Top British brands embark on first UK fashion and beauty sales mission to India, Department for International Trade (London) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/top-british-brands-embark-on-first-uk-fashion-and-beauty-sales-mission-to-india>

On 1 March 2023, the UK Government accepted the TRA recommendation to extend anti-dumping measures on imports of steel rebar from China.³⁰⁸⁵ The European Commission originally imposed the duties in July 2016 which were maintained following the UK's departure from the EU.

On 1 March 2023, during the WTO's fifteenth TPR of Japan, Ambassador Manley thanked Japan for being a co-convenor of the E-Commerce JSI and stated that the UK looks forward to working with Japan to conclude substantive negotiations in 2023.³⁰⁸⁶ He also stated their appreciation of Japan's efforts to launch certification requests for the Services Domestic Regulation JSI in December 2022. Finally, Ambassador Manley stated that the UK will support Japan during its G7 Presidency in developing a comprehensive package on economic security that will foster a more resilient global trading system.

On 6 March 2023, the UK spoke on a variety of agenda items during the WTO General Council.³⁰⁸⁷ Inter alia, the UK commented on Cameroon's working paper on subsidy reform, supported the tabling of the LDC Graduation proposal at the LDC sub-committee, reiterated their flexibility on the deadline for negotiations paragraph 8 of the MC12 decision on the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and suggested that the Work Programme would be a valuable forum for furthering discussions on the e-commerce customs duty moratorium.

On 6 March 2023, Business and Trade Minister Nusrat Ghani and Canada's Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson signed a landmark bilateral agreement to co-operate on green tech and critical minerals.³⁰⁸⁸ In particular, the agreement commits both parties to high environmental, social and governance standards in critical mineral supply chains.

On 9 March 2023, Secretary Badenoch outlined proposed changes to the UK's trade remedies system that will be introduced in Parliament in late March as part of the Finance Bill.³⁰⁸⁹ Inter alia, the proposed changes include expanding the mandate of the TRA to investigate bilateral safeguards cases and expanding the powers of the Government to ask the TRA to re-evaluate a decision or to take a different decision than that recommended by the TRA. The changes conclude the Department of International Trade's review of the trade remedies system, which began in June 2021.

On 17 March 2023, during a meeting of the TRIPS Council, the UK stated its preference to maintain the status quo as it pertains to the TRIPS Agreement, believed that the proposal to extend the scope of the TRIPS waiver requires further consensus and echoed Chinese Taipei's point that industrial cooperation between originators and generic producers is needed to enhanced access to COVID-19 therapeutics.³⁰⁹⁰

On 20 March 2023, Secretary Badenoch and Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister Svrydenko signed the UK-Ukraine Digital Trade Agreement.³⁰⁹¹ The new agreement contains rules on financial services and cross-border data among others.

³⁰⁸⁵ TRA final recommendation on Rebar anti-dumping measures upheld, Trade Remedies Authority (London) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tra-final-recommendation-on-rebar-anti-dumping-measures-upheld>

³⁰⁸⁶ WTO Trade Policy Review of Japan: UK Statement, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/wto-trade-policy-review-of-japan-uk-statement>

³⁰⁸⁷ World Trade Organization General Council March 2023 UK statements, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/world-trade-organization-general-council-march-2023-uk-statements>

³⁰⁸⁸ UK and Canada sign agreement to boost green tech supply chains, Department for International Trade (London) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-canada-sign-agreement-to-boost-green-tech-supply-chains>

³⁰⁸⁹ Changes proposed to UK's trade remedies system, Trade Remedies Authority (London) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-proposed-to-uks-trade-remedies-system>

³⁰⁹⁰ WTO TRIPS Council March 2023: UK statement, Department for International Trade (London) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 21 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wto-trips-council-march-2023-uk-statement>

³⁰⁹¹ UK signs historic trade deal with Ukraine as part of enhanced support, Department for International Trade (London) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-signs-historic-trade-deal-with-ukraine-as-part-of-enhanced-support>

On 31 March 2023, following two years of negotiations, Prime Minister Sunak announced the United Kingdom will accede to the CPTPP.³⁰⁹² In doing so, the UK agreed to be bound by certain trade rules regarding trade remedies, competition policy, labour policy and environmental policy.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. On strengthening international rules, the UK has advanced its negotiations with India, North Carolina, Ukraine, Taiwan, Korea, South Africa, South Carolina, ASEAN countries and the parties to the CPTPP. On upholding fair and transparent competition, the UK accepted several recommendations from its Trade Remedies Authority with respect to adopting various measures on nations who were adopting WTO-inconsistent measures.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrew Yang

United States: +1

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On 20 June 2022, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) released a report on the progress of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) in regards to the trade of automotive goods.³⁰⁹³ The United States also continued collaborating with the other signatories to keep trade strong and transparent.

On 7 July 2022, the United States and Canada released a memorandum discussing the process to settle trade disputes over solar products among USCMA members.³⁰⁹⁴

On 8 July 2022, USTR Katherine Tai met with Mexico's Secretary of Economy Minister Tatiana Clouthier Carrillo and Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development Mary Ng to discuss free and transparent electronics trade among the countries.³⁰⁹⁵ Topics discussed included certain Mexican investment policies that threatened US investment, transparency of biotechnology regulatory processes in Mexico, and the ease at which US electronic payment companies operate in the Mexican economy. With regards to Canada, the ministers agreed to collaborate on issues of softwood dumping in the United States and potential Canadian legislation on digital streaming services.

³⁰⁹² Conclusion of negotiations on the accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership, Department for international trade (London) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/comprehensive-and-progressive-agreement-for-trans-pacific-partnershipcptpp-conclusion-of-negotiations/conclusion-of-negotiations-on-the-accession-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-to-the-comprehensive-and-progressive-trans-pac>

³⁰⁹³ USTR Releases Biennial Report on the Operation of the USMCA with Respect to Trade in Automotive Goods, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/june/ustr-releases-biennial-report-operation-usmca-respect-trade-automotive-goods>

³⁰⁹⁴ United States and Canada Announce a Memorandum of Understanding on Trade in Solar Products, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/united-states-and-canada-announce-memorandum-understanding-trade-solar-products>

³⁰⁹⁵ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, Mary Ng, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-canadas-minister-international-trade-export-promotion>

On 13 July 2022, Deputy USTR Adam Hodge expressed disappointment in Canada's decision to litigate through the World Trade Organization (WTO).³⁰⁹⁶ He stated that the US is committed towards reforming the dispute settlement system to be more collaborative.

On 14 July 2022, the United States and Kenya announced the US-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership. The partnership agreed to discuss information regarding corruption and bribery in the economy, promoting competition and ease of entry in the digital trade, strengthening regulatory practices, improving the participation of women and youth in the economy, and facilitating the ease of trade between the two countries.³⁰⁹⁷ The last point includes measures to settle differences between the respective trade systems and reconsidering and adjusting customs practices.

On 20 July 2022, the United States announced its request to dispute a conflict with Mexico under the USMCA in which Mexican policies favoured domestic state-owned energy and gas enterprises over American companies and their energy products, as well as other private enterprises.³⁰⁹⁸

On 29 July 2022, USTR Tai and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Koichi Hagiuda discussed the progress created by the US-Japan Partnership on Trade.³⁰⁹⁹ As of the latest meeting, the partnership increased information sharing on forced labour and workers' rights. The ministers agreed to further collaborate on issues of economic coercion and the scope of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

On 10 August 2022, USTR Tai spoke at the 2022 United Steelworkers Constitutional Convention, where she highlighted the importance of, and the commitment to, negotiating better trade rules and enforcing existing regulations.³¹⁰⁰ She also discussed integrating the input of workers into new actions and helping small businesses compete.

On 11 August 2022, USTR Tai and the Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell met and highlighted the continued importance of the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement and development of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.³¹⁰¹

³⁰⁹⁶ Statement from USTR Spokesperson Adam Hodge on a WTO Arbitration Award Announcement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/statement-ustr-spokesperson-adam-hodge-wto-arbitration-award-announcement>

³⁰⁹⁷ United States and Kenya Announce the Launch of the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 29 October 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/united-states-and-kenya-announce-launch-us-kenya-strategic-trade-and-investment-partnership>

³⁰⁹⁸ United States Requests Consultations Under the USMCA Over Mexico's Energy Policies, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/united-states-requests-consultations-under-usmca-over-mexicos-energy-policies-0>

³⁰⁹⁹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's meeting with Japan Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Hagiuda Koichi, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/july/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-japan-minister-economy-trade-and-industry-hagiuda-koichi>

³¹⁰⁰ Remarks by Ambassador Katherine Tai at the 2022 United Steelworkers Constitutional Convention, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/speeches-and-remarks/2022/august/remarks-ambassador-katherine-tai-2022-united-steelworkers-constitutional-convention>

³¹⁰¹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/august/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-australian-minister-trade-and-tourism-don-farrell>

On 17 August 2022, the United States and Taiwan announced their broad objectives for new trade negotiations under the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade.³¹⁰² Notable objectives include trade facilitation, creation of strong regulatory practices, supporting small and medium businesses, removing discriminatory barriers, and addressing trade distortions like non-market politics and state-owned companies.

On 31 August 2022, the United States and Japan met in a second round of meetings regarding the United States-Japan Partnership on Trade, which aims to create consistent communication and collaboration over bilateral trade issues.³¹⁰³ The meeting covered issues of fair treatment of US products in Japan and transparency.

On 7 September 2022, USTR Tai and Korea's Minister for Trade Ahn Dukgeun met to discuss the upcoming Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Ministerial as well as reaffirming cooperation for international economic and trade organizations.³¹⁰⁴

On 9 September 2022, the United States held the first in-person ministerial meeting of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), hosting 13 member states.³¹⁰⁵ Discussions included improving fair and free trade, regulatory practices, and increased competition.

On 12 September 2022, United States and Mexican officials convened in Mexico City for the US-Mexico High-Level Economic Dialogue.³¹⁰⁶ The dialogues covered topics ranging from domestic issues and also highlighted the importance of strong and competitive North American trade and supply chains.

On 14 September 2022, USTR Tai and European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis met during a meeting for G7 trade ministers.³¹⁰⁷ The ministers highlighted the importance of US and EU collaboration on the global trade of steel and aluminum as well as mutual participation in the Trade and Technology Council.

On 16 September 2022, the United States and Paraguay held the first Trade and Investment Council, in which ministers from each of the respective countries confirmed the importance of bilateral collaboration on trade issues.³¹⁰⁸ The ministers agreed to support the ease of trade, including the reformation of customs practices to reduce the cost of bilateral trade. Similarly, discussions on facilitating importation of Paraguayan meat and non-

³¹⁰² United States and Taiwan Commence Formal Negotiations on U.S. – Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/august/united-states-and-taiwan-commence-formal-negotiations-us-taiwan-initiative-21st-century-trade>

³¹⁰³ Readout of the Second Meeting of the U.S.-Japan Partnership on Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/august/readout-second-meeting-us-japan-partnership-trade>

³¹⁰⁴ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Korea's Minister for Trade Ahn Dukgeun, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-koreas-minister-trade-ahn-dukgeun>

³¹⁰⁵ United States and Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Partners Announce Negotiation Objectives, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 9 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/united-states-and-indo-pacific-economic-framework-partners-announce-negotiation-objectives>

³¹⁰⁶ Joint Statement Following the 2022 U.S.-Mexico High-Level Economic Dialogue, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/joint-statement-following-2022-us-mexico-high-level-economic-dialogue>

³¹⁰⁷ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-european-commission-executive-vice-president-valdis>

³¹⁰⁸ United States and Paraguay Convene First Trade and Investment Council, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/united-states-and-paraguay-convene-first-trade-and-investment-council-0>

traditional agricultural goods into the United States were held. The countries also highlighted the importance of good regulatory practices and agreed to share information between government agencies.

On 21 September 2022, USTR Tai met with some G20 members to discuss possible reform to the WTO's dispute settlement system. She highlighted the efficiency and lower costs that could be achieved through these reforms.³¹⁰⁹

On 29 September 2022, Deputy USTR Sarah Bianchi met with leaders of Pacific Island nations to collaborate to increase trade.³¹¹⁰ She announced that the United States will create a yearly trade dialogue with the Pacific Islands, and the United States will begin to research existing trade and economic conditions when designing any trade barriers, referencing sectors to boost trade with, and potential areas for improvement. The representative also stated that the United States will improve on the Generalized System of Preferences program to allow for greater input and collaboration with the Pacific Islands Forum to increase the region's access to US markets.

On 29 September 2022, USTR Tai met virtually with the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch.³¹¹¹ The ministers discussed commitment to US-UK bilateral trade and further collaboration on countering China's economic coercion policies.

On 25 October 2022, USTR Tai and Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga and Minister for Industry Agus discussed the continued importance of the US-Indonesia bilateral trade relationship and collaboration on certain issues.³¹¹² These issues included improvements in agricultural trading, regulatory practices, and technological goods trading.

On 30 October 2022, USTR Tai and European Commission Executive Vice President Dombrovskis discussed cooperation ahead of meetings such as the US-EU Trade and Technology Council. Issues discussed included economic coercion in Atlantic economies and challenges in the civil aviation sector.³¹¹³

On 1 November 2022, the United States and Ecuador established a Fair Trade Working Group and expanded negotiations to increase trade and trade fairness.³¹¹⁴

³¹⁰⁹ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Dialogue with G20 Trade Ministers on WTO Dispute Settlement Reform, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/node/12179>

³¹¹⁰ United States Announces Enhanced Engagement with the Pacific Islands, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/united-states-announces-enhanced-engagement-pacific-islands-1>

³¹¹¹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-united-kingdom-secretary-state-international-trade-kemi>

³¹¹² Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meeting with Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga and Minister for Industry Agus, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/october/readout-ambassador-tais-meeting-indonesias-coordinating-minister-economic-affairs-airlangga-and>

³¹¹³ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/october/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-european-commission-executive-vice-president-valdis-0>

³¹¹⁴ The United States and Ecuador to Explore Expanding the Protocol on Trade Rules and Transparency under the Trade and Investment Council (TIC), Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/united-states-and-ecuador-explore-expanding-protocol-trade-rules-and-transparency-under-trade-and>

On 1 November 2022, USTR Tai met with various EU ministers and declared support and commitment to increase trade relations with EU member states in a way that is environmentally sustainable.³¹¹⁵ The USTR emphasized commitment to reach meaningful results from the upcoming meeting of the Trade and Technology Council.

On 3 November 2022, USTR Tai and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry Moses Kuria met to reaffirm commitment to expanding US-Kenya trade relations. The meeting also included topics such as the inclusion of smaller businesses in the economy and making transcontinental African trade more efficient.³¹¹⁶

On 3 November 2022, USTR Tai and Mexico's Secretary of the Economy Raquel Buenrostro held a meeting to discuss ongoing trade issues. The ministers highlighted the importance of maintaining US corn exports and improving regulatory processes for Mexican biotechnology products.³¹¹⁷

On 9 November 2022, US representatives concluded discussions with Taiwanese ministers regarding the future of bilateral trade. The two countries emphasized the importance of increasing trade, improving regulatory practices, avoiding market corruption and coercion, and improving market freedom for future negotiations.³¹¹⁸

On 9 November 2022, the United States and Ukraine agreed to continue efforts to support the recovering Ukrainian economy, including support for internal reforms in Ukraine to create a healthy market environment. The two countries also agreed to update trade negotiations as outlined in existing bilateral trade agreements.³¹¹⁹

On 14 November 2022, Deputy USTR Adam Hodge announced continued US support for the commitments laid out in the IPEF, which had its first in-person negotiations in December 2022.³¹²⁰ The United States emphasized the importance of collaboration on key international trade issues such as digital trade and supply chains.

On 15 November 2022, USTR Tai met with government officials in Singapore to discuss the upcoming meeting for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. They discussed the importance of improving market access in the Indo-Pacific region and generally increasing economic cooperation between the two countries.³¹²¹

³¹¹⁵ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Trip to the Czech Republic, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-trip-czech-republic>

³¹¹⁶ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Virtual Meeting with Kenyan Minister of Investments, Trade and Industry, Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-virtual-meeting-kenyan-minister-investments-trade-and-industry>

³¹¹⁷ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Virtual Meeting with Mexico's Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-virtual-meeting-mexico-secretary-economy-raquel-buenrostro>

³¹¹⁸ United States and Taiwan Conclude Two Days of Productive Meetings Under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/united-states-and-taiwan-conclude-two-days-productive-meetings-under-us-taiwan-initiative-21st>

³¹¹⁹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Virtual Meeting with Ukraine First Deputy Prime Minister-Minister of Economy, Yulia Svyrydenko, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-ukraine-first-deputy-prime-minister-minister-economy>

³¹²⁰ Statement from USTR Spokesperson Adam Hodge on December IPEF Negotiating Round in Australia, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/statement-ustr-spokesperson-adam-hodge-december-ipef-negotiating-round-australia>

³¹²¹ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meetings With Government Officials in Singapore, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-tais-meetings-government-officials-singapore>

On 17 November 2022, USTR Tai and Papua New Guinea's Minister for International Trade and Investment Richard Maru discussed the improvement of bilateral trade organizations.³¹²² The United States also discussed the new Pacific Islands Trade and Investment Dialogue, which aims to generally increase free trade and market access in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 17 November 2022, USTR and Japan's Minister Hagiuda held a meeting to discuss the future of economic cooperation and Japan's future role as the president of the G7.³¹²³ The representatives prioritized topics of economic security and eliminating non-market practices as well as environmentally sustainable growth.

On 18 November 2022, USTR Tai and Thailand's Minister of Commerce Jurin Laksanawisit met to reaffirm support for bilateral trade between the countries.³¹²⁴ They upheld commitment to improving intellectual property laws and enforcement and participation in multilateral trade organizations like the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

On 18 November 2022, USTR Tai and China's Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao held a meeting to connect on topics of bilateral trade relations.³¹²⁵ The ministers agreed to keep bilateral communications open, and the United States discussed its view of China's participation in multilateral trade.

On 30 November 2022, representatives from the United Kingdom and the United States held a meeting for small and medium business representatives.³¹²⁶ The dialogue aimed to gather opinions on the expansion of bilateral trade in an inclusive and free manner, the facilitation of lower customs barriers, and increasing market access.

On 30 November 2022, USTR Tai and Canada's Minister Ng discussed the close trade relationship between the countries and ongoing commitment to multilateral North American trade.³¹²⁷ They also discussed possible concerns on pending Canadian digital services legislation that could have a distortionary effect on the market.

³¹²² Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Papua New Guinea Minister for International Trade and Investment, Richard Maru, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-papua-new-guinea-minister-international-trade-and>

³¹²³ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Japan's Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Nishimura Yasutoshi, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-japans-minister-economy-trade-and-industry-nishimura>

³¹²⁴ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Thailand Minister of Commerce Jurin Laksanawisit, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-thailand-minister-commerce-jurin-laksanawisit>

³¹²⁵ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Minister of Commerce for the People's Republic of China Wang Wentao, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-minister-commerce-peoples-republic-china-wang-wentao>

³¹²⁶ USTR, Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration and UK Government Convene the 6th United States-United Kingdom Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprise Dialogue in Edinburgh, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/ustr-department-commerce-small-business-administration-and-uk-government-convene-6th-united-states>

³¹²⁷ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Canada's Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, Mary Ng, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-canadas-minister-international-trade-export-promotion>

On 1 December 2022, USTR Tai and Mexico's Secretary Buenrostro discussed commitment to improving rule-based North American trade and regulatory processes.³¹²⁸ The representatives also emphasized the importance of slave labour-free trade.

On 1 December 2022, the United States and Argentina held the third meeting of the US-Argentina Trade and Investment Framework.³¹²⁹ The representatives from the countries agreed to continue ongoing dialogue about new trade and investment opportunities, and traded concerns on bilateral trade issues and created ideas to solve them. Both countries also emphasized adherence to agreements on strong regulatory practices.

On 4 December 2022, USTR Tai and European Commission Vice President Dombrovskis met during the first Ministerial Meeting of the Working Group with regards to large commercial aviation.³¹³⁰ The representatives agreed to continue honouring prior commitments in the subject and fight against China's non-market policies in the aviation sector. The representatives also discussed continued efforts to suspend tariffs resulting from disputes over large civil aviation.

On 5 December 2022, the United States and the EU held the United States and EU Tripartite Trade and Labor Dialogue.³¹³¹ The parties emphasized collaboration on continued economic growth and removing forced labor from supply chains.

On 5 December 2022, the United States and the EU held a meeting of the Trade and Technology Council. The representatives discussed WTO reform, the upcoming launch of the Transatlantic Initiative for Sustainable Trade, and cooperation on trade with Jamaica and Kenya to address supply chain vulnerabilities.³¹³²

On 5 December 2022, the Environmental Affairs Council of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement convened to discuss environmental protection, citizen involvement in environmental affairs. The Council also discussed the efforts against illegal trade and destruction of wildlife and lumber.

On 6 December 2022, the United States-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Agreement met for the sixth time. Topics discussed included increasing market access and regulatory processes for agricultural goods, promoting labor rights, free and fair digital trade policies, and enforcement of intellectual property laws.³¹³³

³¹²⁸ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Mexico's Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/readout-ambassador-katherine-tai-meeting-mexicos-secretary-economy-raquel-buenrostro>

³¹²⁹ Joint Statement on the Third Meeting of the United States – Argentina Council on Trade and Investment, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/joint-statement-third-meeting-united-states-argentina-council-trade-and-investment>

³¹³⁰ United States and EU Conclude First Ministerial Meeting of the Large Civil Aircraft Working Group, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 4 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/united-states-and-european-union-conclude-first-ministerial-meeting-large-civil-aircraft-working>

³¹³¹ USTR, Department of Labor, European Commission Host Inaugural Principals' Meeting of the U.S.-EU Trade and Labor Dialogue with Union, Business Leaders, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/ustr-department-labor-european-commission-host-inaugural-principals-meeting-us-eu-trade-and-labor>

³¹³² U.S.-EU Joint Statement of the Trade and Technology Council, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/us-eu-joint-statement-trade-and-technology-council>

³¹³³ United States and Bangladesh Convene 6th Meeting of the U.S.-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement Council, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 6 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/united-states-and-bangladesh-convene-6th-meeting-us-bangladesh-trade-and-investment-cooperation>

On 8 December 2022, USTR Tai and Canada's Minister of Labor Seamus O'Regan held a meeting to affirm free and fair labor practices. They highlighted the importance of forced labor-free supply chains and sustainable, worker-oriented bilateral trade policies.³¹³⁴

On 9 December 2022, Deputy USTR Hodge expressed concerns over the WTO's conclusions on the steel trade dispute between the United States and China. He said that the WTO cannot handle national security issues through trade dispute settlements, and that it needs to be reformed to better combat the non-market policies of other countries.³¹³⁵

On 12 December 2022, representatives from the United States and Kenya met before the United States Africa Leaders Summit. The representatives discussed the upcoming implementation of the United States-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership and African trade integration.³¹³⁶

On 14 December 2022, USTR Tai held a series of meetings with African leaders during the second day of the US-Africa Leaders Summit. First, the Trade Representative met with the General Secretary of the African Continental Free Trade Area to sign a memorandum detailing the importance of continued communication and implementation of free trade resolutions. The United States also held meetings with various African leaders to discuss further integration of African trade with the US government.³¹³⁷

On 15 December 2022, the Office of the USTR and the Department of Commerce sent representatives to Australia for the first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework negotiation meeting. The representatives met with other stakeholders and affirmed their commitment to trade policy transparency throughout the negotiation process.³¹³⁸

On 16 December 2022, the United States and Mexico held a meeting to discuss issues around biotechnology trade and regulations. The United States argued against Mexico's restrictions about the importation of biotechnologies for corn, and Mexican representatives added certain amendments to help resolve the issue. The United States agreed to review the amendments and shortly reach a resolution.³¹³⁹

On 20 December 2022, USTR Tai announced that the United States will expand its challenges to Canadian Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Policies under the provisions of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

³¹³⁴ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Canada's Minister of Labor Seamus O'Regan, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-canadas-minister-labor-seamus-oregan>

³¹³⁵ Statement from USTR Spokesperson Adam Hodge, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/statement-ustr-spokesperson-adam-hodge>

³¹³⁶ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting With Kenya's Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-kenyas-ministry-investments-trade-and-industry-cabinet>

³¹³⁷ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai and Ambassador Sarah Bianchi's Events on Day Two of the U.S. – Africa Leaders Summit, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/readout-ambassador-katherine-tai-and-ambassador-sarah-bianchis-events-day-two-us-africa-leaders>

³¹³⁸ Joint USTR and Department of Commerce Readout of the First Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Negotiating Round, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/joint-ustr-and-department-commerce-readout-first-indo-pacific-economic-framework-negotiating-round>

³¹³⁹ Joint Statement from Ambassador Tai and Secretary Vilsack after Meeting with Mexican Government Officials, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/joint-statement-ambassador-tai-and-secretary-vilsack-after-meeting-mexican-government-officials>

(USMCA). The United States claims that Canada has inconsistent criteria for calculating market share and is inhibiting dairy importers and new applicants.³¹⁴⁰

On 11 January 2023, USTR Tai and the Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry held the 13th meeting of the US-India Trade Policy Forum.³¹⁴¹ The representatives discussed the progress made by the forum and reviewed future goals. The US Trade Representative announced the launch of a group within the forum on resilient trade, which mainly aims to promote good regulatory practices.

On 12 January 2023, the United States and Switzerland agreed to combine each nation's efforts to inspections of pharmaceutical production by signing the Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice Agreement.³¹⁴² This new policy aims to make trade of pharmaceuticals more efficient through the exchange of information and creating committees to facilitate these discussions.

On 17 January 2023, the United States and Taiwan concluded a round of in person negotiations for the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade.³¹⁴³ The participants discussed issues of anticorruption and good regulatory practices in trade and agreed to keep a steady schedule of further negotiations.

On 17 January 2023, the United States and the European Union signed the US-EU Tariff Rate Quota Agreement.³¹⁴⁴ This agreement aims to protect free trade of US agricultural goods following the existence of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

On 18 January 2023, USTR Tai and the UK Secretary of State for International Trade met to discuss areas of improvement in the US-UK bilateral trade relationship.³¹⁴⁵ Specifically, the representative discussed eliminating non-market economic practices and the importance of World Trade Organization reform.

On 20 January 2023, USTR Tai, Deputy USTR Maria Pagan, and Australia's Assistant Minister for Trade held a meeting at the World Economic Forum.³¹⁴⁶ The United States representative commended Australia for their work on the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum. The representatives also discussed issues of non-market policies and World Trade Organization reform.

On 21 January 2023, USTR Tai, Deputy USTR Pagan, and the South African Minister for Trade and Industry met to discuss the progress of the US-South Africa bilateral trade organization and recognized South Africa's

³¹⁴⁰ United States Requests New USMCA Dispute Consultations on Canadian Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Policies, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/united-states-requests-new-usmca-dispute-consultations-canadian-dairy-tariff-rate-quota-policies>

³¹⁴¹ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meeting with Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-tais-meeting-indian-minister-commerce-and-industry-piyush-goyal>

³¹⁴² United States and Switzerland Sign Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice Agreement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/node/12513>

³¹⁴³ Readout of January Negotiating Round Under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-january-negotiating-round-under-us-taiwan-initiative-21st-century-trade-3>

³¹⁴⁴ U.S., EU Sign Tariff Rate Quota Agreement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/us-eu-sign-tariff-rate-quota-agreement>

³¹⁴⁵ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meeting with United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-tais-meeting-united-kingdom-secretary-state-international-trade-kemi-badenoch>

³¹⁴⁶ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meeting with Australia's Assistant Minister for Trade Tim Ayres, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-tais-meeting-australias-assistant-minister-trade-tim-ayres>

efforts at the African Leaders Summit.³¹⁴⁷ The representatives also discussed the importance of increasing US trade with the African continent and World Trade Organization reform.

On 23 January 2023, the Office of the USTR and the Department of Agriculture released a statement regarding the Mexican government's plans to halt imports of US biotechnology.³¹⁴⁸ The statement claimed that Mexico's decision "is not grounded in science" and will harm bilateral trade. The representatives also discussed their continued commitment to strengthening the US-Mexico bilateral trade relationship and finding a solution for this conflict.

On 25 January 2023, the Deputy USTR and Canada's Deputy Minister held a meeting to discuss North American economic integration.³¹⁴⁹ Specifically, the representatives discussed Mexican energy measures that could harm Canadian and American investment. The US representative also brought into consideration a pending Canadian digital services law that could hurt US business.

On 25 January 2023, the Deputy USTR and Mexico's Under Secretary of Economy for Foreign Trade met to discuss North American economic integration and commitment to continued bilateral trade.³¹⁵⁰ The representatives discussed issues with new Mexican trade laws against US biotechnology and emphasized the potential impact of new Mexican regulatory laws on US free trade.

On 26 January 2023, representatives from the United States, Mexico, and Canada met to discuss the progress of North American multilateral trade and trade issues.³¹⁵¹ The representatives released a statement about promoting integrating and competitiveness in the continent, promoting environmental-conscious trade, and successful implementation of trade agreements.

On 31 January 2023, the United States Trade Representative released a statement regarding Canada's continued failure to uphold its United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement commitments.³¹⁵² According to the US Trade Representative, Canada's new dairy allocation program undermines market access under the USMCA, and the Canadian government has not made improvements despite losing a USMCA dispute on the issue. The United States called on Canada to honor its commitments.

³¹⁴⁷ Readout of Ambassador Tai's Meeting with South African Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 21 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-tais-meeting-south-african-minister-trade-and-industry-ebrahim-patel>

³¹⁴⁸ Statement by USTR and USDA Officials Regarding Meetings in Mexico City, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/statement-ustr-and-usda-officials-regarding-meetings-mexico-city>

³¹⁴⁹ Readout of Ambassador Jayme White's Meeting with Canada's Deputy Minister for International Trade Rob Stewart, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-jayme-whites-meeting-canadas-deputy-minister-international-trade-rob-stewart>

³¹⁵⁰ Readout of Ambassador Jayme White's Meeting with Mexico's Under Secretary of Economy Alejandro Encinas, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/readout-ambassador-jayme-whites-meeting-mexicos-under-secretary-economy-alejandro-encinas>

³¹⁵¹ United States, Mexico and Canada Joint Statement on the Second USMCA/CUSMA/T-MEC Deputies Meeting, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/united-states-mexico-and-canada-joint-statement-second-usmca-cusma-t-mec-deputies-meeting>

³¹⁵² United States Establishes Second USMCA Dispute Panel on Canadian Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Policies, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/january/united-states-establishes-second-usmca-dispute-panel-canadian-dairy-tariff-rate-quota-policies>

On 3 February 2023, the United States and Japan met for the third round of the United States-Japan Partnership on Trade.³¹⁵³ The representatives aimed to improve bilateral trade by holding frequent meetings, and topics discussed included combating non-market policies, emphasizing trade transparency, promoting free trade in the digital economy, improving economic bilateral cooperation, and combating forced labor.

On 10 February 2023, the United States and Kenya held their last meetings for the opening round of the US-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership.³¹⁵⁴ The representatives discussed economic integration in Africa and promoting small and medium businesses in trade. The representatives also emphasized the importance of anticorruption and good regulatory practices.

On 14 February 2023, USTR Tai and the Vietnamese Prime Minister met to discuss the 10th anniversary of the US-Vietnam Comprehensive Partnership and discussed the importance of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.³¹⁵⁵

On 14 February 2023, the Deputy USTR released a statement that emphasized India's lessening of pork importation restrictions, reduced agricultural tariffs, and elimination of a duty for industrial ethanol.³¹⁵⁶

On 16 February 2023, USTR Tai and Malaysia's Minister of International Trade and Industry met to discuss the strengthening of the US-Malaysia bilateral relationship, and progress in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.³¹⁵⁷

On 17 February 2023, USTR Tai held a meeting with EU Vice President Dombrovskis to discuss sustainable and free trade of metals like aluminum and decreasing non-market excess to benefit the climate and workers.³¹⁵⁸ The representatives also emphasized cooperation to combat non-market policies.

On 18 February 2023, USTR Tai met with Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action about continued collaboration in the face of climate issues and economic coercion.³¹⁵⁹ The representatives highlighted Germany's commitment to global rules on the excess trade of metals like steel.

³¹⁵³ Readout of the Third Round of Meetings of the U.S.-Japan Partnership on Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/readout-third-round-meetings-us-japan-partnership-trade>

³¹⁵⁴ United States and Kenya Conclude Opening Round Under the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/united-states-and-kenya-conclude-opening-round-under-us-kenya-strategic-trade-and-investment>

³¹⁵⁵ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-vietnam-prime-minister-pham-minh-chinh>

³¹⁵⁶ Statement from Ambassador Sarah Bianchi on Air India's Purchase of Boeing Aircraft, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/statement-ambassador-sarah-bianchi-air-indias-purchase-boeing-aircraft>

³¹⁵⁷ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Malaysia's Minister of International Trade and Industry Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-malysias-minister-international-trade-and-industry-tengku>

³¹⁵⁸ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with European Union Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-european-union-executive-vice-president-valdis-dombrovskis>

³¹⁵⁹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Robert Habeck, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-germanys-federal-minister-economic-affairs-and-climate>

On 23 February 2023, the United States and Pakistan met under the US-Pakistan Trade and Investment Framework.³¹⁶⁰ The representatives discussed the importance of good regulatory practices and intellectual rights enforcement, and representatives from Pakistan discussed increasing market access for agricultural goods like mangos and dates.

On 6 March 2023, the Office of the USTR released a statement on its request for technical consultations with Mexico about Mexican biotechnology regulations.³¹⁶¹ The USTR claims that Mexican policies are not “science-based” and may lead to a disruption in agriculture trade.

On 14 March 2023, the USTR and the Czech Republic’s Minister of Industry and Trade Jozef Sikela met to discuss the future of bilateral trade.³¹⁶² The ministers agreed to keep communication open and collaborate to combat non-market policies at the Trade and Technology Council later in the year.

On 14 March 2023, the USTR and the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Hadja Lahbib met to discuss the upcoming US-EU Trade and Technology Council and bilateral trade.³¹⁶³ The representatives agreed to combat non-market excess and the importance of WTO reform.

On 17 March 2023, representatives from the United States met with representatives from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan at the US-Central Trade and Investment Framework Agreement.³¹⁶⁴ The representatives discussed strengthening trade ties with the US and each other, the enhancement of supply chains and the streamlining of customs procedures. Discussion on strengthening alignment to trade rules like intellectual property rules and fair labor rules were discussed.

On 28 March 2023, the USTR and Japan’s Ambassador to the United States Tomita Koji signed an agreement on the strengthening of mineral supply chains.³¹⁶⁵ The agreement will strengthen free and rule-based mineral trade and increase information sharing.

On 30 March 2023, the USTR met with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol to discuss improvements to the US-Korea bilateral trade relationship.³¹⁶⁶ The representatives also discussed Korea’s participation at the IPEF for Prosperity.

³¹⁶⁰ Joint Statement from the 9th U.S.-Pakistan TIFA Council Ministerial, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/february/joint-statement-9th-us-pakistan-tifa-council-ministerial>

³¹⁶¹ USTR Announces USMCA Technical Consultations with Mexico on Agricultural Biotechnology, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/ustr-announces-usmca-technical-consultations-mexico-agricultural-biotechnology>

³¹⁶² Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai’s Meeting with Czech Republic’s Minister of Industry and Trade Jozef Sikela, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-czech-republics-minister-industry-and-trade-jozef-sikela>

³¹⁶³ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai’s Meeting with Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Hadja Lahbib, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-belgian-minister-foreign-affairs-hadja-lahbib>

³¹⁶⁴ Joint Statement on the Results of the Council Meeting of the U.S. – Central Asia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/joint-statement-results-council-meeting-us-central-asia-trade-and-investment-framework-agreement>

³¹⁶⁵ United States and Japan Sign Critical Minerals Agreement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/united-states-and-japan-sign-critical-minerals-agreement>

³¹⁶⁶ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai’s Meeting with Republic of Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-republic-korea-president-yoon-suk-yeol>

On 30 March 2023, Deputy USTR Jayme White and the United Kingdom's Minister of State at the Department for Business Nigel Huddleston met to discuss future progress for the UK-US trade relationship.³¹⁶⁷ The representatives also discussed the US Inflation Reduction act and combating non-market policies.

On 31 March 2023, the United States and Mexico agreed to start remedies to address the failure to meet worker's rights laws under the USMCA.³¹⁶⁸ Earlier, Mexico had found violations of both Mexican law and the USMCA at the Manufacturas UV facility and agreed to cooperate on the resolution of the problem.

On 5 April 2023, representatives from the United States and New Zealand met to discuss regional trade cooperation and increased multilateral trade with Pacific Island nations.³¹⁶⁹ The representatives also discussed how to achieve common goals through meetings of the IPEF.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. On strengthening international trade rules, the US enacted a variety of actions, including the improvement and creation of new free trade agreements, and supporting proposals on WTO reforms. On fair and transparent competition, aside from verbal reaffirmations with its trading partners, the US also initiated its own dispute with Mexico under the consultation mechanisms of the USMCA.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard.

On 28 June 2022, the EU completed trade talks with New Zealand on a new bilateral free trade agreement.³¹⁷⁰ The agreement aims to create sustainable growth and trade between the countries.

On 30 June 2022, the Council of the EU announced a new regulation on foreign subsidies granted to EU companies.³¹⁷¹ The regulation will examine such subsidies dating from five years prior to the new regulation and determine if the subsidy undermines fair competition. Then, member states will be expected to reduce these distortions, including fines on businesses.

On 5 July 2022, the European Parliament approved a resolution of guidelines to expect from EU-India trade talks. Some expectations include the banning of India's "buy national" policies that limit imports, elimination of India's

³¹⁶⁷ Readout of Ambassador Jayme White's Meeting with Minister of State Nigel Huddleston and Visit to London, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/readout-ambassador-jayme-whites-meeting-minister-state-nigel-huddleston-and-visit-london>

³¹⁶⁸ United States and Mexico Announce Plan to Remediate Denials of Rights at Manufacturas VU Facility, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/march/united-states-and-mexico-announce-plan-remediate-denials-rights-manufacturas-vu-facility>

³¹⁶⁹ United States and New Zealand Meet Under Bilateral Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2023/april/united-states-and-new-zealand-meet-under-bilateral-trade-and-investment-framework-agreement>

³¹⁷⁰ Lead MEPs on the EU-New Zealand trade agreement, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220628IPR34004/lead-meps-on-the-eu-new-zealand-trade-agreement>

³¹⁷¹ Foreign subsidies distorting the internal market: provisional political agreement between the Council and the European Parliament, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/30/foreign-subsidies-regulation-political-agreement/>

technical certifications on certain goods, and fair agriculture trade.³¹⁷² The Parliament highlights the importance of the potential trade agreement to be in accordance with other EU commitments like the Paris Agreement.

On 18 July 2022, the European Parliament Trade Committee held a meeting in Bangladesh to discuss the nation's upgrade to the Generalized Scheme Plus status.³¹⁷³ If Bangladesh is approved for the program, it will have to begin paying duties on clothing exports as part of a market diversification initiative. Bangladesh's role in the EU's "Everything but Arms" trade preference agreement was also discussed. This agreement allows all non-weapon and ammunition goods to enter the EU tariff-free.

On 14 September 2022, European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai met during a meeting for G7 trade ministers.³¹⁷⁴ The ministers highlighted the importance of US and EU collaboration on the global trade of steel and aluminum as well as mutual participation in the Trade and Technology Council.

On 21 September 2022, the EU entered into a bilateral comprehensive economic agreement with Australia. The agreement aims to cover political and social issues as well as issues of economy and free trade.³¹⁷⁵

On 10 October 2022, the European Parliament passed new regulations to protect the EU against economic blackmail by other nations.³¹⁷⁶ These new regulations aim to prevent other nations by performing economic coercion on EU member states and take steps to help the member state recover from such instances.

On 17 October 2022, the Council of the EU released its conclusions following the Trade and Sustainability Review.³¹⁷⁷ The Council highlighted the importance of sustainable and free trade, the enforcement of agreements and rule-based order, and the role of multinational agreements.

On 24 October 2022, the Council of the EU adopted new customs regulations to facilitate the ease of international trade.³¹⁷⁸ The EU decided to implement a single window for customs, which allows for businesses to only have to submit documents to a single place. The Council claimed that this new system will "make clearance simpler" and increase trade security.

³¹⁷² EU-India trade talks: base them on values, says Parliament, EU Parliament (Strasbourg) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220701IPR34354/eu-india-trade-talks-base-them-on-values-says-parliament>

³¹⁷³ European Parliament delegation in Bangladesh to discuss trade, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 15 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220711IPR35016/european-parliament-delegation-in-bangladesh-to-discuss-trade>

³¹⁷⁴ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/september/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-european-commission-executive-vice-president-valdis>

³¹⁷⁵ EU-Australia: Council adopts decision for the conclusion of a framework agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/20/eu-australia-council-adopts-decision-for-the-conclusion-of-a-framework-agreement/>

³¹⁷⁶ MEPs back new trade instrument to protect the EU from economic blackmail, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221010IPR42635/meps-back-new-trade-instrument-to-protect-the-eu-from-economic-blackmail>

³¹⁷⁷ Council Conclusions on the Trade and Sustainability Review, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/council-conclusions-on-the-trade-and-sustainability-review/>

³¹⁷⁸ Council adopted EU single window for customs, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 24 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/24/council-adopted-eu-single-window-for-customs/>

On 30 October 2022, Executive Vice President Dombrovskis and USTR Tai discussed cooperation ahead of meetings such as the US-EU Trade and Technology Council. Issues discussed included economic coercion in Atlantic economies and challenges in the civil aviation sector.³¹⁷⁹

On 1 November 2022, the European Parliament Trade Committee sent a delegation to Kenya to discuss trade opportunities.³¹⁸⁰ In addition to the promotion of increased trade, the two sides discussed binding agreements on environmental protections and human rights.

On 1 November 2022, various EU ministers met with USTR Tai and declared support and commitment to increase trade relations with EU member states in a way that is environmentally sustainable.³¹⁸¹

On 16 November 2022, the EU member states agreed on their negotiating positions for new regulations to protect the EU against economic coercion.³¹⁸² Under this proposed legislation, the EU can utilize open dialogue between nations and possible proportional trade restrictions to incentivize non-market policies. The Council of the EU asked for greater involvement in defining what actions and policies count as economic coercion.

On 28 November 2022, the EU Council announced its final approval for the new foreign subsidies regulation.³¹⁸³ This regulation investigates subsidies granted by non-EU states in order to detect possible market distortion and protect competitive trade.

On 30 November 2022, the EU and the United Kingdom announced provisional agreements in regards to the Withdrawal Agreement and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.³¹⁸⁴ Under these new provisions, the EU outlined several defensive measures to use against the UK should the state ever violate the terms of the two agreements.

On 4 December 2022, Vice President Dombrovskis and USTR Tai met during the first Ministerial Meeting of the Working Group with regards to large commercial aviation.³¹⁸⁵ They agreed to continue honoring prior commitments in the subject and fight against China's non-market policies in the aviation sector. The representatives also discussed continued efforts to suspend tariffs resulting from disputes over large civil aviation.

³¹⁷⁹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/october/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-meeting-european-commission-executive-vice-president-valdis-0>

³¹⁸⁰ Trade committee discusses interim Economic Partnership Agreement in Kenya, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221024IPR45741/trade-committee-discusses-interim-economic-partnership-agreement-in-kenya>

³¹⁸¹ Readout of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Trip to the Czech Republic, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 9 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/november/readout-ambassador-katherine-tais-trip-czech-republic>

³¹⁸² Trade: Council Agrees negotiating position on economic anti-coercion rules, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/16/trade-council-agrees-negotiating-position-on-economic-anti-coercion-rules/>

³¹⁸³ Council gives final approval to tackling distortive foreign subsidies on the internal market, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/28/council-gives-final-approval-to-tackling-distortive-foreign-subsidies-on-the-internal-market/>

³¹⁸⁴ EU-UK relations: Council Presidency and European Parliament reach provisional agreement on a regulation on autonomous measures, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/30/eu-uk-relations-council-presidency-and-european-parliament-reach-provisional-agreement-on-a-regulation-on-autonomous-measures/>

³¹⁸⁵ United States and EU Conclude First Ministerial Meeting of the Large Civil Aircraft Working Group, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 4 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/united-states-and-european-union-conclude-first-ministerial-meeting-large-civil-aircraft-working>

On 5 December 2022, the EU and the United States held a tripartite Trade and Labor Dialogue.³¹⁸⁶ The parties emphasized collaboration on continued economic growth and removing forced labor from supply chains.

On 5 December 2022, the EU and the United States held a meeting of the Trade and Technology Council.³¹⁸⁷ The representatives discussed World Trade Organization reform, the upcoming launch of the Transatlantic Initiative for Sustainable Trade, and cooperation on trade with Jamaica and Kenya to address supply chain vulnerabilities.

On 8 December 2022, the EU announced guidelines for the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to adopt with regards to upcoming negotiations with Tajikistan on the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.³¹⁸⁸ This upcoming bilateral trade agreement hopes to improve free trade between the EU and Tajikistan and promote sustainable, worker-oriented growth.

On 14 December 2022, the EU and Thailand announced the signing of the EU-Thailand Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.³¹⁸⁹ The agreement aims to promote support between the nations and covers issues concerning international and bilateral trade.

On 14 December 2022, the EU and Malaysia met in Brussels to sign the new EU-Malaysia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.³¹⁹⁰ The agreement covers a wide range of issues, including the promotion of continued dialogue and improvement of trade relations.

On 21 December 2022, the EU Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee concluded meetings with Ireland concerning the EU-UK trade relationship post-Brexit.³¹⁹¹ The representatives discussed customs issues due to Brexit, the free movement of goods between Ireland and North Ireland, and digital trade.

On 18 January 2023, President of the European Council Charles Michel released a report concerning the European Union's issues with the United States' Inflation Reduction Act.³¹⁹² President Michel claimed it could harm international competition and trade rules and called for dialogue with the United States on the topic.

³¹⁸⁶ USTR, Department of Labor, European Commission Host Inaugural Principals' Meeting of the U.S.-EU Trade and Labor Dialogue with Union, Business Leaders, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/ustr-department-labor-european-commission-host-inaugural-principals-meeting-us-eu-trade-and-labor>

³¹⁸⁷ U.S.-EU Joint Statement of the Trade and Technology Council, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2022/december/us-eu-joint-statement-trade-and-technology-council>

³¹⁸⁸ EU to launch negotiations on a new agreement with Tajikistan, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/08/eu-to-launch-negotiations-on-a-new-agreement-with-tajikistan/>

³¹⁸⁹ Indo-Pacific: The EU and Thailand sign Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels). 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/indo-pacific-the-european-union-and-thailand-sign-partnership-and-cooperation-agreement/>

³¹⁹⁰ Indo-Pacific: The EU and Malaysia sign Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels). 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/indo-pacific-the-european-union-and-malaysia-sign-partnership-and-cooperation-agreement/>

³¹⁹¹ Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee delegation to visit Ireland, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221216IPR64906/internal-market-and-consumer-protection-committee-delegation-to-visit-ireland>

³¹⁹² Report by President Charles Michel to the European Parliament plenary session, European Council (Brussels). 18 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/18/report-by-president-charles-michel-to-the-european-parliament-plenary-session/>

On 20 February 2023, the European Union and Japan signed an agreement allowing EU airlines non-discriminatory access to routes between the two regions, promoting open and fair competition.³¹⁹³ This agreement additionally aims to increase economic cooperation between the EU and Japan.

On 10 March 2023, the European Union and the United States launched new talks on trade in critical minerals.³¹⁹⁴ The two parties intend for the talks to contribute to the effort of building secure supply chains for manufacturing electric vehicle batteries. Unnamed US officials stated that a prospective fuller agreement would also include ambitious standards on labour and the environment.

On 15 March 2023, the EU and Thailand relaunched negotiations on an ambitious FTA that has sustainability at its core.³¹⁹⁵ The EU stated the FTA will feature robust and enforceable disciplines on Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) as well as the removal of barriers to digital trade and trade in energy and raw materials.

On 28 March 2023, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament provisionally agreed to a policy (“Anti Coercion Instrument”) meant to protect EU member states from economic coercion by third countries that target the EU with measures that affect trade or investment.³¹⁹⁶

The EU has fully complied with its commitment to uphold fair and transparent competition in the global economy and to strengthen international rules in this regard. The EU has entered and discussed multiple bilateral free trade agreements. The EU has also vocalized its intent to promote free and fair trade and has created policies to reduce the cost and burden of international trade, thus reducing barriers to trade. Finally, the EU has implemented internal policies designed to prevent and recover from trade abuses.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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³¹⁹³ External aviation policy: EU signs agreement boosting air services with Japan, Council of the European Union (Brussels). 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/external-aviation-policy-eu-signs-agreement-boosting-air-services-with-japan/>

³¹⁹⁴ US and EU launch new talks on critical minerals trade in green tech race, Financial Times (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. <https://www.ft.com/content/257f7d0d-cf9d-472b-9c49-e9aafa7977de>

³¹⁹⁵ EU and Thailand relaunch trade negotiations, European Commission (Brussels) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1628

³¹⁹⁶ Trade: political agreement on the anti-coercion instrument, Council of the European Union (Brussels). 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/28/trade-political-agreement-on-the-anti-coercion-instrument/>

14. Macroeconomics: Safe, Resilient, Equitable and Rules-Based Growth

“We will maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

The international community has long emphasized the importance of facilitating long-term economic growth and G7 members have been consistent advocates at the forefront of this pledge. At the G7’s 1975 inception in Rambouillet, France, the leaders joined together because of their “shared beliefs and shared responsibilities,”³¹⁹⁷ and the central topic on this agenda was common macroeconomic problems. The summit’s declaration stated that “We are each responsible for assuring the prosperity of a major industrial economy.” Macroeconomic considerations have consistently dominated the discussion of succeeding G7 summits. Today, facilitating macroeconomic growth remains a central priority amongst G7 members, especially in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the World Bank’s Global Economic Prospects 2022 publication, in light of the lingering effects of COVID-19 and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, global economic activity is expected to slow from 5.7 per cent in 2021 to 2.7 per cent in 2022.³¹⁹⁸ As the G7 Leaders’ Elmau Communiqué indicates, such considerations have driven G7 members towards pursuing actions that maintain and strengthen the contemporary global economic system.³¹⁹⁹

At the 1977 London Summit, G7 leaders stressed that economic growth should not only involve cooperation among national governments but also involve strengthening appropriate international organizations.³²⁰⁰ The G7 leaders rejected a shift towards protectionism, claiming that it would “foster unemployment,” and in turn, jeopardize the security associated with the global economic system. Furthermore, in line with the 2022 commitment’s emphasis on equity in macroeconomics, the G7 leaders stated that “The world economy can only grow on a sustained and equitable basis if developing countries share in that growth.”

At the 1978 Bonn summit, the G7 Bonn Leaders’ Communiqué stated that above all, members were concerned about worldwide unemployment.³²⁰¹ As a risk to the safety of the global economic system, G7 leaders committed to acting “through measures to assure growth and develop needed skills, to increase employment.”

³¹⁹⁷ G7 Rambouillet Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 November 1975. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1975rambouillet/communique.html>

³¹⁹⁸ Global Economic Prospects – June 2022, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/global-economic-prospects>

³¹⁹⁹ G7 Rambouillet Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 November 1975. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1975rambouillet/communique.html>

³²⁰⁰ G7 London Summit Declaration: Downing Street Summit Conference, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 May 1977. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1977london/communique.html>

³²⁰¹ G7 Bonn Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 July 1978. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1978bonn/communique.html>

At the 1981 Ottawa Summit, Prime Minister of Canada Pierre Trudeau acknowledged the difficulties associated with economies that have different structures.³²⁰² Prime Minister Trudeau stated that “We have agreed that we could not revitalize our economies by isolating ourselves from one another.” The openness advocated by Prime Minister Trudeau resulted in the G7 members agreeing on fundamentals of equity, mutual interests and benefits, and security of global macroeconomic co-operation — despite differences in make-up.

At the 1982 Versailles Summit, G7 leaders stressed the importance of being resilient amidst the global threat of rising inflation, stating that by a further reduction of inflation and by a return to steady growth and higher levels of employment, a joint capacity to safeguard security will be strengthened.”³²⁰³

At the 1987 Venice Summit, G7 leaders published an economic declaration that summarized past declarations and established a new set of commitments.³²⁰⁴ The G7 members touched on their commitment to a rules-based and open global economic system since the 1979 Tokyo Summit, having “intensified their economic policy coordination with a view to ensuring internal consistency of domestic policies and their international compatibility.”

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 leaders published another economic declaration that summarized past declarations and established a new set of commitments.³²⁰⁵ The G7 leaders again recognized the importance of a commitment to a rules-based and open global economic system by stating that “the Summit countries have developed a cooperative process based on a common appreciation of the need for market-oriented policies and the importance of sound domestic budgetary and monetary policies.”

At the 1993 Tokyo Summit, G7 leaders discussed strengthening G7 cooperation to promote employment and noninflationary growth.³²⁰⁶ Among these considerations were agreements to facilitate a more resilient global economic system. The G7 leaders stated that “Macroeconomic policies should pay due attention to short-term aspects in order to moderate cyclical movements and help overcome various shocks.”

At the 1996 Lyon Summit, G7 leaders again agreed upon strengthening a rules-based open global economic system by reaffirming their commitment to the “liberalization of markets, [and] fair rules and their extension to new players.”³²⁰⁷ The leaders also committed to pursuing economic policies that will be directed at sustaining non-inflationary growth as a means to bring down unemployment and procure a safe global economic system.

At the 2003 Evian-les-Bains summit, the G8 leaders stated a series of “common values and principles” that they believed were fundamental to a prosperous rules-based economic system: “corporate integrity, strengthened market discipline, increased transparency through improved disclosure, effective regulation and corporate social responsibility.”³²⁰⁸

³²⁰² Prime Minister Trudeau’s Concluding Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 July 1981. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1981ottawa/conclusion.html>

³²⁰³ G7 Versailles Summit Declaration of the Seven Heads of State and Government and Representatives of the European Communities, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 June 1982. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1978bonn/communique.html>

³²⁰⁴ G7 Venice Summit Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 1987. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1987venice/communique/index.html>

³²⁰⁵ G7 Houston Summit Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 1987. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1990houston/declaration.html>

³²⁰⁶ Strengthening G7 Cooperation to Promote Employment and Noninflationary Growth, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 1993. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1993tokyo/employ.html>

³²⁰⁷ G7 Lyon Summit Economic Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 1996. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1996lyon/communique.html>

³²⁰⁸ Fostering Growth and Promoting a Responsible Market Economy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 June 2003. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2003evian/growth_en.html

At the 2010 Muskoka summit, in light of the 2008 global financial crisis, G8 leaders once again reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based global economic system.³²⁰⁹ The central tenets of this long-standing system was to “resist protectionist pressures, and to promote liberalization of trade and investment under the [World Trade Organization].” The leaders also reaffirmed their shared commitment to continued collaboration alongside African partners to facilitate a more equitable global economic system.

At the 2014 Brussels summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to keep markets open, fight all forms of protectionism, strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system and liberalize trade in environmental goods and services to alleviate the economic circumstances that challenge the “Least Developed Countries.”³²¹⁰ The G7 leaders also committed to promote enhanced transparency in Africa as it partakes in the global economic system.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders committed to strengthening a safe and equitable global economic system by considering the composition of budget expenditures to support productivity, employment, inclusiveness and growth.³²¹¹ The leaders also committed “to advancing labour market participation by women, the youth and the elderly and improving job opportunity and quality.”

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders sought to build resilience and prepare for forthcoming technological change by committing to “adapt labour market policies and programs and share best practices to ensure workers are well prepared for changes in technology and job demands.”³²¹² The G7 leaders also committed to supporting “gender equality in labour market opportunities and in the distribution of unpaid care work, with measures such as paid maternity leave and parental leave.”

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, G7 leaders committed to “open and fair world trade and to the stability of the global economy.”³²¹³

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders committed to transitioning from crisis response to promoting long-term job growth so that “no place or person, irrespective of age, ethnicity or gender is left behind.”³²¹⁴ The leaders also committed to working between themselves and alongside allies to formulate a “new approach to economic resilience.” The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of increased resilience in light of global crises and shocks. Commitments were made to share best practices to address risks to the resilience of critical global supply chains. The leaders also committed to championing freer and fairer trade.

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders discussed the continued need for a “strong, sustainable, balanced, gender-equal and inclusive global recovery” from the COVID-19 pandemic.³²¹⁵ G7 members reaffirmed their commitment to stability and growth-oriented macroeconomic policies that would also adequately respond to Russia’s ongoing war of aggression.

³²⁰⁹ G8 Muskoka Summit Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html>

³²¹⁰ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

³²¹¹ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#top>

³²¹² Charlevoix Commitment on Equality and Economic Growth, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/growth-commitment.html>

³²¹³ G7 Biarritz Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/declaration-of-leaders.html>

³²¹⁴ G7 Carbis Bay Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

³²¹⁵ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.”³²¹⁶ This commitment can be interpreted as having one central target: maintaining and strengthening the global economic system. This target includes four dimensions to maintain and strengthen: “safe,” “resilient,” “equitable” and “rules-based [and] open.”

“Maintain” is understood to mean keep in an existing state to preserve from failure or decline.³²¹⁷

“Strengthen” is understood to mean make or to become stronger.³²¹⁸

“Safe” is understood to mean secure from the threat of danger, harm, or loss.³²¹⁹ In the context of this commitment, it refers to a state of affairs that G7 members seek to uphold and reaffirm. Examples of maintaining and strengthening a safe global economic system can include legislation aimed at improving social safety nets and national governments and global economic forums working to protect at-risk jobs.

“Resilient” is understood to mean the ability of individuals, communities, national institutions and global systems to prevent, absorb and recover from shocks, while continuing to function and adapt in a way that supports long-term prospects.³²²⁰ Resilient refers to a component of the global economic system that mitigates the negative effects of overarching economic crises. Actions that G7 members can take to prioritize a resilient global economic system include but are not limited to: providing relief to those affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and incorporating environmental considerations in economic policymaking.

“Equitable” is understood to mean fair and just as indicated by law.³²²¹ It refers to a component of the global economic system that adheres to the rule of law and promotes economic policies, programs and governing bodies that foster fairness in absence of corruption or discrimination. G7 members may advance an equitable global economic system by increasing marginalized peoples’ access to government services or fair treatment in the labor market and working alongside low and middle-income countries to promote fair economic practices.

“Rules-based [and] open global economic system” refers to the transparent, well-established and agreed-upon economic norms that govern the global order. In the context of this commitment, a rules-based open global economic system is to be upheld and strengthened. Actions such as joining, partaking and voting on international initiatives that transparently seek to improve economic conditions without jeopardizing the well-being of others may count towards maintaining and strengthening the rules-based and open global economic system.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members who exemplify strong action in at least three of the four dimensions of the target to maintain and strengthen the global economic system. A G7 member must take strong actions on either a domestic or international level for full compliance. Examples of strong actions include, but are not limited to: passing legislation to aid those economically affected by natural disasters

³²¹⁶ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

³²¹⁷ Maintain, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/maintain>

³²¹⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³²¹⁹ Safe, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/safe>

³²²⁰ Resilience, UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.unhcr.org/glossary/#r>

³²²¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

or the COVID-19 pandemic, expanding an economic program designed to protect jobs at high risk of outsourcing and signing or drafting transparent international agreements designed to lessen barriers to trade.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members who exemplify strong action in two of the four dimensions to maintain and strengthen the global economic order, in either the domestic and international realm or action across at least three of the criteria. Examples of less than strong, or weak, actions include, but are not limited to, verbally reaffirming commitment to maintaining and strengthening the global economic order and the economic wellbeing of a G7 member state, attending a meeting that discusses topics relevant to economic growth and sharing information with fellow G7 members about methods to procure long-term and sustainable economic growth.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member takes strong action in only one dimension of the commitment, less than strong action in less than three dimensions, the G7 member fails to take any action towards maintaining and strengthening the global economic order, or if the member acts in a manner that actively weakens the “safe,” “resilient,” “equitable” and “rules-based [and] open” global economic order. For example, if a G7 member indirectly or directly takes action to promote economic corruption or lessened transparency, this will lower the members’ score.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has taken strong action in one of the four commitment dimensions OR the G7 member has taken NO strong action to maintain and strengthen a 1) safe, 2) resilient, 3) equitable and 4) rules-based open global economic system, OR has taken action to weaken all of the four aforementioned dimensions.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to maintain and strengthen two of the following four dimensions of the global economic system: 1) safe, 2) resilient, 3) equitable, 4) rules-based [and] open.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to maintain and strengthen three to four of the following dimensions of the global economic system: 1) safe, 2) resilient, 3) equitable, 4) rules-based [and] open.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable, and rules-based open global economic system.

In June 2022, Parliament passed a series of legislation to make housing more affordable, including a “two-year ban on non-Canadians purchasing residential property in Canada,” effective January 1, 2023.³²²² Other measures included in this legislation include “underused housing tax,” “Tax-Free Home Saving Account,” and “double the First-Time Home Buyers Tax Credit.”

On 7 August 2022, Canada announced the creation of the Canadian Innovation and Investment Agency, which will “work to help new and established Canadian firms innovate, commercialise research, and create new economic opportunities for workers and businesses in Canada.”³²²³ This initiative hopes to improve the economic conditions of those in traditional industries such as mining, agriculture, forestry, and fishing, in order to keep up with the changing economy.

³²²² Chapter 1: Making Life More Affordable, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap1-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²³ Chapter 2: Jobs, growth, and an Economy That Works for Everyone, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#wb-cont>

On 4 October 2022, Canada announced the creation of the Hurricane Fiona Recovery Fund,” which provides CAD300 million from 2022-23 to support families affected by Hurricane Fiona.³²²⁴ The fund seeks to rebuild communities, business, and critical economic infrastructure.

On 4 October 2022, the Government of Canada matched donations to the Canadian Red Cross for more than 30 days in its Hurricane Fiona repair effects.³²²⁵ To improve economic resilience in the face of this natural disaster, the Canadian government’s financial donation provided safety for Canadians by offering services such as food dispersal and interim housing.

On 6 October 2022, Canada passed the Affordability Plan, a CAD12.1 billion measure to support Canadians by reducing the cost of living.³²²⁶ The plan aims to provide greater income support for low-income workers, reduce childcare fees, increase old age security pension by ten per cent, index benefits to inflation, and double the Canada student grant.

On 1 November 2022, Canada announced Immigration Levels Plan to “further increase immigration over the coming years to reach 500,000 immigrants in 2025”³²²⁷ to address “persistent labour shortages, including in healthcare, manufacturing, and the building trades.”

On 3 November 2022, Canada launched the Canadian Growth Fund, which will “invest in Canadian business and projects to help seize the opportunities provided by a net-zero economy.”³²²⁸ The Growth Fund will address carbon emission, key technologies, scaling up companies, and capitalise on resource extraction to strengthen critical supply chains and environmental well-being.

On 27 November 2022, Canada launched Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy.³²²⁹ The plan will invest CAD24.1 million to establish the Canadian Trade Gateway in Southeast Asia to “expand Canada’s business, investment and networks in the region;” CAD31.8 million to create an agriculture office in the region to “increase and diversify agriculture and agri-food exports to the Indo-Pacific;” and CAD13.5 million to expand natural resource ties with partners in the area for in trade, investment, and science, technology and innovation.

In January 2023, the Bank of Canada issued a monetary report reaffirming the institution’s commitment to maintaining a robust, resilient economy in Canada by committing to stable growth and, if necessary, to raise rates to address inflation.³²³⁰ The report outlined the various challenges of maintaining robust growth and easing inflation.

On 9 December 2022, Canada implemented the Critical Minerals Strategy, which has four main objectives: “support economic growth, competitiveness and job creation, promoting climate action and environmental

³²²⁴ Chapter 1: Making Life More Affordable, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap1-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²⁵ Chapter 2: Jobs, growth, and an Economy That Works for Everyone, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²⁶ Chapter 1: Making Life More Affordable, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap1-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²⁷ Chapter 2: Jobs, growth, and an Economy That Works for Everyone, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²⁸ Chapter 2: Jobs, growth, and an Economy That Works for Everyone, Fall Economic Statement 2022, Budget Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#wb-cont>

³²²⁹ Canada launches Indo-Pacific Strategy to support long-term growth, prosperity, and security for Canadians, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 December 2023. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-launches-indo-pacific-strategy-to-support-long-term-growth-prosperity-and-security-for-canadians.html>

³²³⁰ Monetary Policy Report, Bank of Canada (Ottawa) January 2023. Access Date: 3 January 2023. <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/mpr-2023-01-25.pdf>

protection, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, fostering diverse and inclusive workplaces and communities and enhancing global security and partnerships with allies”³²³¹

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system. Canada has implemented the Affordability Plan to enhance social welfare, announced Canada Investment Fund to foster equitable innovation, and created the Critical Mineral Strategy and the National Supply Chain Task Force to strengthen economic and supply chain resilience. Canada has also launched the Indo-Pacific strategy which promotes an open and rules-based global economic system.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 1 August 2022, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire, Minister Delegate in charge of Industry Roland Lescure and Secretary General for Investment Bruno Bonnell announced the launch of the “Industry Rebound” initiative as part of the France 2030 investment plan.³²³² The initiative would provide EUR100 million of funding to identify and finance lucrative, job-creating projects relevant to workers in territories that are negatively impacted by the decarbonization of the transport sector.

On 16 August 2022, Parliament adopted a bill of emergency measures representing EUR20 billion to protect the purchasing power of its citizens facing rapidly rising consumer prices, particularly energy prices due to the war in Ukraine.³²³³

On 14 September 2022, Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne announced the extension of the tariff shield, which was adopted in fall 2021 and limited the increase in regulated sales tariffs for gas and electricity in 2022 to four per cent.³²³⁴ This extension aims to assist households struggling with high energy prices due to the war in Ukraine and protect the French economy from rising prices.

On 14 September 2022, Prime Minister Borne announced the issuance of exceptional energy checks, which would provide the bottom four income deciles with EUR100 to EUR200 to pay their energy bills.³²³⁵ The new check aims to provide additional support to low-income households struggling with the energy crisis due to the war in Ukraine.

³²³¹ Introducing Canada’s Critical Minerals Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/critical-minerals-in-canada/canadas-critical-minerals-strategy.html>

³²³² 01/08/2022 – France 2030 | Lancement du dispositif « rebond industriel » pour accompagner les territoires confrontés aux mutations de la filière automobile, Ministère de l’Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 1 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/01-08-2022-france-2030-lancement-du-dispositif-rebond-industriel-pour-accompagner-les-territoires-confrontes-aux-mutations-de-la-filiere-automobile/>

³²³³ Loi du 16 août 2022 portant mesures d'urgence pour la protection du pouvoir d'achat, Vie Publique (Paris) 17 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.vie-publique.fr/loi/285608-loi-pouvoir-dachat-16-aout-2022>

³²³⁴ La hausse des prix de l'électricité et du gaz limitée à 15% en 2023, Gouvernement Française (Paris) 14 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/la-hausse-des-prix-de-lelectricite-et-du-gaz-limitee-a-15-en-2023>

³²³⁵ Exceptional energy check in 2022: 100 to 200 € additional, Service-Public.fr (Paris) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/actualites/A15168?lang=en>

On 14 September 2022, the Economic Observatory of Public Procurement published a guide on responsible public procurement, which promotes the use of independent fair trade products and the use of procurement as a lever to promote gender equality in its purchasing strategy.³²³⁶

On 18 September 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition started its campaign for the European Sustainable Development Week.³²³⁷ The events will promote awareness on objectives of sustainable development, which include reducing energy consumption and the encouragement of fossil fuel alternatives.

On 22 September 2022, France pledged EUR1.6 billion at the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference.³²³⁸ This contribution to international public health efforts through the Global Fund aims to promote equitable international and economic development.

On 23 September 2022, Minister Le Maire announced that it would extend a state-guaranteed loan available from 8 April 2022 in order to support businesses affected by the war in Ukraine.³²³⁹

On 26 September 2022, Minister Le Maire presented the 2023 finance bill, which increased the budget of the Ministry of the Overseas by EUR300 million to EUR2.9 billion.³²⁴⁰ These funds will be used for water sanitation and distribution, combating climate change, and financing investment projects by companies and local officials.

On 30 September 2022, Secretary of State Dominique Faure announced the mobilization of over EUR12 million for digital advisors, engineering and ecological transition training for mayors in rural communities.³²⁴¹ This is a continuation of the Rural Agenda, which was initiated three years ago and provided funding for these communities.

On 11 October 2022, Minister Le Maire, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion Christophe Béchu, Minister for Energy Transition Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Minister of Public Action and Accounts Gabriel Attal released the third edition of the green budget, which reported on the environmental impact of the state budget.³²⁴²

On 21 October 2022, Secretary Faure announced 42 new projects that would receive EUR3.7 million of funding from the Avenir Montagnes Mobilités program, which aims to support mountain territories in creating effective and sustainable transportation infrastructure.³²⁴³

³²³⁶ Développement durable : un nouveau guide pour des achats publics responsables, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 14 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/developpement-durable-un-nouveau-guide-pour-des-achats-publics-responsables>

³²³⁷ Les semaines européennes du développement durable : Bercy Vert au rendez-vous, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 16 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/les-semaines-europeennes-du-developpement-durable-bercy-vert-au-rendez-vous>

³²³⁸ Government and Public Donors, The Global Fund (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/government/profiles/france/>

³²³⁹ Ukraine : prolongation du PGE résilience pour soutenir les entreprises affectées économiquement, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 23 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/ukraine-lancement-pge-resilience-entreprise>

³²⁴⁰ #PLF2023 | Très forte hausse du budget pour les outre-mer, Ministère de l'intérieur et des outre-mer (Paris) 27 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr/plf2023-tres-forte-hausse-du-budget-pour-les-outre-mer>

³²⁴¹ Dominique Faure s'engage dans un nouvel acte pour les ruralités, Gouvernement Française (Paris) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/dominique-faure-sengage-dans-nouvel-acte-ruralites>

³²⁴² 11/10/2022 – Le budget vert, Gouvernement Française (Paris) 11 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/11102022-le-budget-vert/>

³²⁴³ En 2022, 100 territoires soutenus à hauteur de 10 millions d'euros : Dominique Faure dévoile 42 nouveaux projets lauréats de l'appel à manifestation d'intérêt Avenir Montagnes Mobilités, Gouvernement Française (Paris) 21 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/en-2022-100-territoires-soutenus-hauteur-10-millions-deuros-dominique-faure-devoile-42-nouveaux>

On 31 October 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty of France contributed EUR50,000 to the Standards and Trade Development Facility to help developing countries meet international trade regulations regarding food safety, animal and plant health.³²⁴⁴ This contribution aims to promote developing countries' access to global and regional export markets.

On 9 November 2022, France attended the 2022 United Nations Climate Change where it reaffirmed its support for the 1.5 degree climate target as well as developed countries' annual commitment of USD100 billion of climate finance to which France already exceeded its commitment of EUR6 billion by 2021. Moreover, France pledged EUR20 million to the Global Shield Against Climate Risks in 2023. This contributes to France's commitment to sustainable development, particularly in developing nations.³²⁴⁵

On 15 November 2022, Minister Delegate Lescure launched the Zero Carbon Industry initiative.³²⁴⁶

On 19 November 2022, the French Government created a system to support businesses in the face of increases in electricity and gas prices.³²⁴⁷

On 19 November 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty announced that it would amend an initiative started in May 2022 to provide aid to subsidize energy expenditures for businesses.³²⁴⁸ These amendments include measures to simplify and speed up payments to businesses in addition to extending the program until the end of December 2022, and in some cases, into 2023. This aims to support businesses struggling with high energy prices due to the war in Ukraine.

On 2 December 2022, France began to mobilize Special Drawing Rights for the benefit of the most vulnerable countries.³²⁴⁹

On 13 December 2022, Minister Le Maire and Odile Renaud-Basso, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, "signed two agreements relating to the granting of 100 million euros in guarantees for the support of Ukrainian critical infrastructures" and economic development.³²⁵⁰

³²⁴⁴ France gives EUR 50,000 to boost safe food exports from developing countries, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres22_e/pr910_e.htm

³²⁴⁵ Environnement : la France dépasse ses engagements financiers pour le climat dans les pays en développement, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 10 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/france-depasse-engagements-financiers-climat-pays-developpement>

³²⁴⁶ 16/11/2022 – Roland Lescure lance « Industrie Zéro Carbone », la planification écologique de l'industrie Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 16 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/16112022-roland-lescure-lance-industrie-zero-carbone-la-planification-ecologique-de-lindustrie/>

³²⁴⁷ 19/11/2022 – Aides aux entreprises pour faire face aux prix de l'électricité et du gaz, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 19 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/19112022-aides-aux-entreprises-pour-faire-face-aux-prix-de-lelectricite-et-du-gaz/>

³²⁴⁸ Simplification du guichet d'aide au paiement des factures d'électricité et de gaz des entreprises, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 29 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/ukraine-aide-entreprises-grandes-consommatrices-gaz-electricite>

³²⁴⁹ 02/12/2022 – La France concrétise ses engagements de mobilisation de 4 milliards de droits de tirage spéciaux (DTS) via le FMI pour les pays les plus vulnérables, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/02122022-la-france-concretise-ses-engagements-de-mobilisation-de-4-milliards-de-droits-de-tirage-speciaux-dts-via-le-fmi-pour-les-pays-les-plus-vulnerables/>

³²⁵⁰ 13/12/2022 – Conclusions de la Conférence bilatérale pour la résilience et la reconstruction de l'Ukraine, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/13122022-conclusions-de-la-conference-bilaterale-pour-la-resilience-et-la-reconstruction-de-lukraine/>

On 14 December 2022, the National Council for Industry set its roadmap for 2023 focusing on three main areas: ecological planning, reindustrialization and adaptation of skills.³²⁵¹

On 3 January 2023, the French Government implemented a system to support businesses facing the increase in electricity and gas prices.³²⁵² The system will give more aid to companies, simplify the user journey, and reduce payment times.

On 9 January 2023, the French Government invested an additional EUR500 million to fund the creation of research start-ups.³²⁵³ This fund aims to support the business creation and research for health, climate, and energy-related projects.

On 9 January 2023, Minister Le Maire and Minister Attal announced the payment of advance tax reductions and credits to 9 million households for a total amount of EUR5.6 billion.³²⁵⁴

On 16 January 2023, the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty opened requests for a fuel allowance, which would provide 10 million low income commuting workers with EUR100 to subsidize their fuel expenditures.³²⁵⁵ This initiative aims to provide support for workers struggling due to increased energy prices during the war in Ukraine.

On 23 February 2023, Ministers Olivia Grégoire and Dominique Faure announced a plan to promote commerce in rural areas.³²⁵⁶ The plan, for which the government has set aside EUR12 million between 2023 and 2024, will provide aid of up to EUR80,000 for new stores, with subsidies for overhead costs like store property and equipment. This measure aims to address the decline in rural commerce, where 62 per cent of French municipalities are deprived of trade.

On 3 March 2023, the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty announced that it would implement a new plan to support the agri-food industry, which is currently experiencing significant economic difficulties.³²⁵⁷ The plan would provide short-term liquidity support through the option to defer social security and tax charges, medium-term support for growth, modernization and decarbonization through an

³²⁵¹ 14/12/2022 – Le Conseil national de l'industrie fixe sa feuille de route pour 2023 autour de 3 enjeux, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/14122022-le-conseil-national-de-lindustrie-fixe-sa-feuille-de-route-pour-2023-autour-de-3-enjeux/>

³²⁵² 03/01/2023 – Aides aux entreprises pour faire face aux prix de l'électricité et du gaz, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 3 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/03012023-aides-aux-entreprises-pour-faire-face-aux-prix-de-lelectricite-et-du-gaz/>

³²⁵³ 09/01/2023 – CP – France 2030 : Le gouvernement investit 500 millions d'euros supplémentaires pour faire émerger davantage de start-up issues de la recherche, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 9 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023.

<https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09012023-cp-france-2030-le-gouvernement-investit-500-millions-deuros-supplementaires-pour-faire-emerger-davantage-de-start-up-issues-de-la-recherche/>

³²⁵⁴ Bruno Le Maire et Gabriel Attal annoncent le versement de l'avance des réductions et crédits d'impôt le 16 janvier 2023 à 9 millions de foyers pour un montant global de 5,6 Md€, Ministère de l'Économie, des finances, de la souveraineté numérique et industrielle (Paris) 9 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 January 2023.

<https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09012023-bruno-le-maire-et-gabriel-attal-annoncent-le-versement-de-lavance-des-reductions-et-credits-dimpot-le-16-janvier-2023-a-9-millions-de-foyers-pour-un-montant-global-de-56-mdeur/>

³²⁵⁵ Indemnité carburant : comment l'obtenir ?, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 13 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/remise-carburant-fonctionnement>

³²⁵⁶ Commerce rural : lancement d'un programme de reconquête, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 23 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/commerce-rural-programme-reconqu%C3%A0te>

³²⁵⁷ Le Gouvernement annonce un vaste plan de soutien à l'industrie agroalimentaire, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris) 3 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/plan-soutien-industrie-agroalimentaire>

investment fund dedicated to the food industry with a goal of EUR500 million, and a “Food Industry Booster” system to support business leaders’ efforts to access new export markets. The initiative aims to strengthen the agri-food industry’s competitiveness and accelerate its energy transition.

On 6 March 2023, Ministers Bruno Le Maire and Olivia Grégoire announced a three-month campaign called the “anti-inflation quarter,” which is a deal with major supermarket chains to offer the lowest possible prices for essential food items.³²⁵⁸ This campaign aims to assist consumers facing substantial food inflation in the current global economic climate.

France has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system. France has taken strong action to ensure the stability of its economy and the well-being of its most vulnerable in the midst of an energy crisis and increasing consumer prices. France has also taken steps to promote sustainable economic development in the future while ensuring that those who are negatively affected by the transition can maintain their economic security. France has taken steps to promote the economic growth of its less developed territories and communities through investment and funding.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Benjamin Lee

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 1 July 2022, the German Government abolished the “EEG surcharge,” a levy that electricity consumers paid to help expand renewable energy use, and measures to promote renewable energy sources are now fully financed with federal funds.³²⁵⁹

On 7 July 2022, the German Government gave final approval to the laws of the “Easter Package,” an amendment to the Renewable Energy Sources Act.³²⁶⁰ The Easter Package includes a broad package of measures to ease the financial burden on households and businesses. The goal is to achieve consistent, accelerated expansion of renewable energies, and to become less dependent on fossil fuel imports.

On 15 July 2022, the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control began implementing the fourth pillar of the federal government’s plan to contain energy costs for energy-intensive businesses affected by the Ukraine war.³²⁶¹ A subsidy of up to EUR50 million is available to eligible energy and trade-intensive businesses to offset their rising natural gas and electricity expenses. The aid program has a planned total volume of up to EUR5 billion.

On 27 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet approved the draft of the economic and financial plan for the special asset “Climate and Transformation Fund” for 2023 and the financial plan for the special asset “Climate and

³²⁵⁸ French Retailers Agree to Margin Hit to Curb Food Inflation, BNN Bloomberg (Toronto) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/french-retailers-agree-to-margin-hit-to-curb-food-inflation>

³²⁵⁹ Relief for electricity consumers, The Federal Government (Berlin) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/renewable-energy-sources-act-levy-abolished-2011854>

³²⁶⁰ “We’re tripling the speed of the expansion of renewable energies,” Federal Government (Berlin) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/klimaschutz/amendment-of-the-renewables-act-2060448>

³²⁶¹ 5 Milliarden Euro Hilfsprogramm für energieintensive Industrie startet, Bundesfinanzministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 14 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/Finanzpolitik/2022/07/2022-07-14-hilfsprogramm-energieintensive-industrie-startet.html>

Transformation Fund” up to 2026.³²⁶² The funds will be used to support economic modernization and climate protection.

On 27 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet adopted its first comprehensive start-up strategy to support and strengthen conditions for start-ups.³²⁶³ The priorities include granting start-ups quick access to public contracts and funding by consolidating online resources into a single platform, which enables people to rapidly set up businesses and receive funding digitally.

On 1 August 2022, the German Government and KfW provided EUR1.2 billion for the Venture Tech Growth Financing (VTGF) product, which was first introduced in 2019 to offer loans to technological and innovative firms.³²⁶⁴ The new fund – VTGF 2.0 – would support technology-oriented start-ups in their growth phase towards established companies, and strengthen the German venture debt market.

On 17 August 2022, the Ministry of Finance and the Deutsche Bundesbank agreed with the National Bank of Ukraine to extend the exchange scheme to 18 November 2022. The offer supports refugees from Ukraine and allows them to exchange hryvnia banknotes for euros in Germany.³²⁶⁵

On 5 September 2022, the German Government announced its third relief package to reduce the burden on citizens affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy crisis.³²⁶⁶ The third relief package would provide an additional EUR65 billion on top of the first and second relief packages, which amounted to EUR40 billion in total. The third relief package provides support to low-income earners and families through increases in child benefits, child supplements, housing benefits, etc. The package also includes other resolutions such as increases in the maximum limit for employment in the transitional sector, improvement of the work-from-home allowance, and long-distance commuter allowance to help low-income workers.

On 14 September 2022, the Federal Cabinet launched the Inflation Compensation Act aimed at preventing cold progression.³²⁶⁷ The act will provide for two relief stages in 2023 and 2024 with the total tax relief volume being over EUR12 billion in 2023, and going up to around EUR18 billion in 2024.

On 11 October 2022, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection drafted an ordinance to amend the Tax Haven Defense Act (StAbwG) and update the non-cooperative tax jurisdictions.³²⁶⁸ The law serves to prevent tax avoidance by companies and unfair tax competition between tax jurisdictions.

³²⁶² Klima- und Transformationsfonds: In Klimaneutralität und Versorgungssicherheit investieren – Menschen und Betriebe entlasten, Bundesfinanzministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 27 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/Finanzpolitik/2022/07/2022-07-27-klima-und-transformationsfonds.html>

³²⁶³ Facilitating company foundations, strengthening funding, The Federal Government (Berlin) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/start-up-strategy-2066026>

³²⁶⁴ Venture Tech Growth Financing – Nächster Baustein des Zukunftsfonds startet, Bundesfinanzministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 1 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/Finanzpolitik/2022/08/2022-08-01-venture-tech-growth-financing.html>

³²⁶⁵ Exchange scheme extended – hryvnia banknotes can be exchanged for euros until 18 November 2022, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Standardartikel/Topics/Europe/War-in-Ukraine/exchange-scheme-extended.html>

³²⁶⁶ "Germany stands united at this challenging time," The Federal Government (Berlin) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/third-relief-package-2123130>

³²⁶⁷ Inflation compensation for 48 million people, The Federal Government (Berlin) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/inflation-compensation-act-2126292>

³²⁶⁸ Ordinance amending the Tax Haven Defense Ordinance, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 11 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Gesetzestexte/Gesetze_Gesetzesvorhaben/Abteilungen/Abteilung_IV/20_Legislaturperiode/2022-10-11-AendStAbwV/0-Verordnung.html

On 20 October 2022, Germany provided a loan of EUR122 million to Morocco in an effort to build a more resilient Moroccan economy.³²⁶⁹ The loan will be used to reduce social inequalities and create social cohesion through creation of insurance schemes and benefits for disadvantaged workers and integration of youth and women into the labour market.

On 21 October 2022, the German Development Ministry committed about EUR100 million to its development cooperation with Nigeria on sustainable growth.³²⁷⁰ The funds will be used to support small and medium-sized enterprises, promote women's employment and increase use of sustainable energy and other focuses to support Nigeria building a socially just and climate-neutral economy.

On 2 November 2022, the federal cabinet planned to amend the Inflation Compensation Act.³²⁷¹ The amendments include increases in child allowance, basic allowance, and adjustment to income tax scale for 2023 and 2024. The amended Inflation Compensation Act is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2023.

On 25 November 2022, the Federal Cabinet presented the draft laws for the electricity, gas and heat price brakes, which aims to cushion the effect of rising energy prices and provide relief for private households and businesses.³²⁷²

On 30 November 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz met with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Director Kristalina Georgieva, World Trade Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, World Bank Representative Mari Pangestu, International Labour Organisation Director-General Gilbert Houngbo and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Secretary-General Mathias Cormann to discuss effective and sustainable ways of strengthening multilateral order together. The discussion focused on actions targeting the social and economic consequences of the pandemic and Russian war, working conditions worldwide, and trade relations.³²⁷³

On 5 December 2022, the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action amended the funding guidelines for the programme entitled "Federal funding for energy and resource efficiency in commerce" (EEW) with immediate effect.³²⁷⁴ According to the new funding terms, companies can start work on projects directly after applying — before, they had to wait until their applications had been approved in order to receive funding.

On 8 December 2022, the Federation and the Länder announced they are expanding the funding available from guarantee banks and venture capital companies for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).³²⁷⁵ From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2027, banks will be able to provide guarantees of up to EUR2 million for borrowers and lessees.

³²⁶⁹ Germany is supporting Morocco in its efforts to extensively increase social protection coverage, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supporting-morocco-in-better-social-protection-coverage-126582>

³²⁷⁰ Germany supports Nigeria's efforts for sustainable growth, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-nigeria-s-efforts-for-sustainable-growth-126740>

³²⁷¹ Avoid stress from the cold progression, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Schlaglichter/Entlastungen/belastungen-durch-kalte-progression-vermeiden.html>

³²⁷² Energy price brakes are entering into effect, Federal Government (Berlin) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/energy-price-brakes-2156430>

³²⁷³ Strengthening the multilateral order together, Office of the Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 20 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.bundestkanzler.de/bk-en/news/scholz-multilateralism-2146746>

³²⁷⁴ Measures under the EEW funding programme can now commence ahead of schedule – Faster implementation of energy efficiency projects in companies, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (Berlin) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2023.

³²⁷⁵ Federation and Länder substantially increase support for SMEs via guarantee banks, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (Berlin) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221208-federation-and-laender-substantially-increase-support-for-smes-via-guarantee-banks.html>

On 13 December 2022, the economic affairs ministers of the Federation and the Länder and the Federal Minister of Finance adopted the reorientation of the Joint Federal/Länder Task for the Improvement of Regional Economic Structures (GRW).³²⁷⁶ Compared to old GRW, the reforms placed a greater priority on climate action and sustainability in addition to the creation and safeguarding of jobs.

On 13 December 2022, the Federal Government extended the Stromspar-Check (“energy-saving check”) project until spring 2026 and expanded in scope with funding of around EUR39 million from the National Climate Initiative and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action.³²⁷⁷ On 15 December 2022, the Bundestag adopted the energy brake draft laws that was first presented by the Federal Cabinet on 25 November 2022.³²⁷⁸ The Federal Government is providing up to EUR1.8 billion from the Economic Stabilisation Fund for the hardship case aids to help households heating with pellets, oil fuel or liquid gas that are struggling with significant cost increases.

On 16 December 2022, the Bundesrat agreed to the legally binding electricity, gas and heat price brakes.³²⁷⁹

On 1 January 2023, the Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act came into force after the Bundestag passed the Act on 16 July 2021.³²⁸⁰ The Act regulates corporate responsibility for ensuring that human rights and environmental protections are respected throughout global supply chains.

On 28 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with Argentina’s President Alberto Ángel Fernández regarding bilateral cooperation, particularly consolidating trade relations, including the EU-MERCOSUR agreement, targeted funding for start-ups and young entrepreneurs, and cooperation in the financial sector and on climate protection.³²⁸¹ Germany and Argentina signed two letters of intent: one for intensifying cooperation in connection to the energy transition, and another for developing a model project for the “German Accelerator” in the Argentine Republic which empowers German start-ups to scale globally.

On 29 January 2023, Chancellor Scholz met with Chile’s President Gabriel Boric to further develop bilateral relations.³²⁸² Both countries agreed to create new impetus for investments and to especially promote such activities of SMEs. In addition, the two ministries of economics signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the fields of research, development, and innovation.

On 30 January 2023, Germany and Brazil signed a joint declaration on their strategic partnership during the press conference.³²⁸³ The free trade agreement, as explained by the Federal Chancellor, is meant to pave the way for the transformation of German and Brazilian national economies, strengthen technological and industrial cooperation, reinforce environmental and climate protection and improve labour and social standards.

³²⁷⁶ Federation and Länder adopt comprehensive reform of regional economic assistance, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (Berlin) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2023.

<https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221213-federation-and-lander-adopt-comprehensive-reform-of-regional-economic-assistance.html>

³²⁷⁷ Habeck bolsters energy conservation assistance for low-income households, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (Berlin) 13 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221213-habeck-bolsters-energy-conservation-assistance-for-low-income-households.html>

³²⁷⁸ Energy price brakes are entering into effect, Federal Government (Berlin) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/energy-price-brakes-2156430>

³²⁷⁹ Energy price brakes are entering into effect, Federal Government (Berlin) 24 December 2022. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/energy-price-brakes-2156430>

³²⁸⁰ Supply Chain Act, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Berlin) n.d. Access Date: 27 February 2023. <https://www.csr-in-deutschland.de/EN/Business-Human-Rights/Supply-Chain-Act/supply-chain-act.html>

³²⁸¹ Further development of excellent relations with Latin America, The Federal Government (Berlin) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/scholz-in-latin-america-2161914>

³²⁸² Further development of excellent relations with Latin America, The Federal Government (Berlin) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/scholz-in-latin-america-2161914>

³²⁸³ Further development of excellent relations with Latin America, The Federal Government (Berlin) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 25 February 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/scholz-in-latin-america-2161914>

On 1 March 2023, Development Minister Svenja Schulze presented her strategy for a feminist development policy.³²⁸⁴ It is aimed at guaranteeing women the same rights and access to resources as men and working to ensure that women are equally represented and involved in political and economic decision-making processes.

On 6 March 2023, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Jochen Flasbarth announced that the BMZ would increase its support for the least developed countries (LDCs) by 200 million euros over last year's levels.³²⁸⁵ The extra funding brings the BMZ's 2023 budget for multiannual projects in LDCs to a total of EUR1.4 billion.

On 5 April 2023, the Federal Government passed the 11th amendment to the Act Against Restraints of Competition (GWB).³²⁸⁶ The draft law aimed to comprehensively enforce the principle of competition through expansion of the powers of the Federal Cartel Office and creation of the legal basis for the Bundeskartellamt to support the European Commission in enforcing the Digital Markets Act.

On 5 April 2023, the Federal Cabinet approved the draft of an amendment to the natural gas, heat and electricity price brake laws.³²⁸⁷ The draft law intended to clarify existing regulations in the Natural Gas Heat Price Brake Act (EWPBG) and in the Electricity Price Brake Act (StromPBG) and to further relieve energy suppliers and end consumers.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient and equitable and rules-based open global economic system. Germany has taken strong action in three areas of maintaining a resilient and sustainable local and global economy, creating safety nets for technological start-ups and energy-intensive companies, and supporting people affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and disadvantaged workers such as women by allocating funds towards relief, benefit, and allowance.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open economic system.

On 7 July 2022, the European Commission approved of EUR1.2 billion to support Italian investments into the agricultural economy.³²⁸⁸ These funds were for increasing usage of photovoltaic panels and other renewable energy to sustain climate-neutral growth of Italian farming.

³²⁸⁴ Development Minister Schulze presents feminist strategy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-minister-schulze-presents-feminist-strategy-146512>

³²⁸⁵ German Development Ministry increases support for poorest countries, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-ministry-increases-support-for-poorest-countries-146562>

³²⁸⁶ Federal cabinet decides to tighten the law against restraints of competition, Federal Ministry Of Economy And Climate Protection (Berlin) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2023/04/20230405-bundeskabinett-beschliesst-verschaerfung-des-gesetzes-gegen-wettbewerbsbeschaerungen.html>

³²⁸⁷ The federal cabinet adopts an amendment to the energy price brakes, Federal Ministry Of Economy And Climate Protection (Berlin) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2023/04/20230405-bundeskabinett-verabschiedet-anpassungsnovelle-fur-energiepreisbremsen.html>

³²⁸⁸ State Aid: Commission Approves €1.2 Billion Italian Scheme Under Recovery and Resilience Facility to Support Investments in Photovoltaic Panels in Agricultural Sector, European Commission (Brussels) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4331

On 14 September 2022, Italy announced a new communication campaign to advance the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.³²⁸⁹ The plan constitutes 132 investments and 58 reforms which are expected to add 0.3 per cent to national gross domestic product and 240,000 jobs.

On 20 October 2022, the Bank of Italy issued a recommendation to introduce a systemic risk buffer rate of 2 per cent for exposures secured by immovable property in Germany.³²⁹⁰ This is to secure credit futures for certain European areas.

On 25 October 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced a three-pillar system for macroeconomic growth: extension of flat taxes to incentivize more individual economic growth, tax truces that allows citizens and businesses to solve their tax disputes more easily with the government and a pledge to fight against tax evasion through reforming the revenue agency review process.³²⁹¹

On 15 November 2022, Prime Minister Meloni met with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to discuss strengthening bilateral trade relations and utilizing the Mediterranean's vast potential.³²⁹²

On 9 December 2022, Italy released a joint statement with the United Kingdom and Japan pledging to uphold "the rules-based, free and open international order."³²⁹³ Italy will help do so by investing in technological and manufacturing advancements.

On 15 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni addressed the General Confederation of Italian Agriculture and announced EUR100 million to support Italian farmers with a 20 per cent tax credit for purchasing fuel for farm technology.³²⁹⁴

On 16 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni issued further support for the reform of Procurement codes.³²⁹⁵ These reforms are supposed to be implemented in March 2023 to simplify procedures in a balanced and comprehensive fashion.

On 29 December 2022, the Senate passed Italy's 2023 budget, which designated EUR 21 billion to combat rising bills for households and businesses.³²⁹⁶

On 12 January 2023, Italy held a steering committee meeting for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, emphasizing plans to complete 27 additional objectives by 30 June 2023. The committee also announced that

³²⁸⁹ "Italia Domani Si Fa Insieme," the New Ad To Promote Italy's NRRP, Government of Italy (Rome) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.italiadomani.gov.it/content/sogei-ng/it/en/news/-italia-domani-si-fa-insieme---the-new-ad-to-promote-italy-s-nrr.html>

³²⁹⁰ Decision to Reciprocate a German Macroprudential Measure Pursuant to Recommendation ESRB/2022/4 of the European Systemic Risk Board. Banca D'Italia (Rome). 20 October 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/comunicati/documenti/2022-02/pr_20102022_ESRB.pdf?language_id=1

³²⁹¹ President of the Council of Ministers Giorgia Meloni's Parliamentary Address on the Government Programme, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-council-ministers-giorgia-meloni-s-parliamentary-address-government-programe>

³²⁹² President Meloni Meets with President Erdoğan of the Republic of Türkiye, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-president-erdo-republic-t-rkiye/21004>

³²⁹³ GCAP Joint Leader's Statement, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/gcap-joint-leaders-statement/21236>

³²⁹⁴ President Meloni's Video Message to 2022 Confragricoltura General Meeting, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-video-message-2022-confagricoltura-general-meeting/21351>

³²⁹⁵ President Meloni's Statement on the Procurement Code Reform, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-statement-procurement-code-reform/21343>

³²⁹⁶ 2023 Budget Law Approved by Parliament, Ministero Dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome). 29 December 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.mef.gov.it/en/inevidenza/2023-Budget-Law-approved-by-Parliament-00001/>

it had completed all 55 objectives that had to be completed by 31 December 2022.³²⁹⁷ Measures included reforming tax administration, implementing sections of the water services act, improvement of energy bills and creation of a national plan to combat undeclared work.³²⁹⁸

On 2 February 2023, President Meloni announced the approval of the regional autonomy law draft framework. This subsidizes economic power, giving regions direct power over their own resources.³²⁹⁹

On 6 February 2023, Italy held a steering committee meeting for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.³³⁰⁰ The committee announced plans to consolidate the supply diversification process, ending reliance on Russian gas.

On 9 February 2023, at the economic conference of ‘Cia-Agricoltori Italia,’ Italy pledged to defend national sovereignty in agricultural production.³³⁰¹ Italy accomplishes this by fighting standardisation of global food products and safeguarding choice of production models.

On 9 February 2023, the European Special Council urged for the acceleration of the European capital markets union action plan, strengthening of sovereign European markets and advancement of the green industrial plan.³³⁰²

On 17 February 2023, Ambassador of Italy to Serbia Luca Gori met with Serbia’s Prime Minister Ana Brnabic to discuss further bilateral cooperation.³³⁰³ Subsequently, on 21 March 2023, the Italy and Serbia business forum was held, focusing on improving economic interconnectivity and innovation.³³⁰⁴

On 3 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni announced the advancement of bilateral relations with India to a strategic partnership.³³⁰⁵ This is to further invest in infrastructure for international trade between Europe and the Indo-Pacific.

On 16 March 2023, Italy approved a bill reducing federal income tax rates, also reducing the number of brackets from 4 to 3.³³⁰⁶ The bill also increased tax incentives for companies that invest and hire people within Italy, decreased corporate income tax and claims to improve the general tax structure and burden.

³²⁹⁷ NRRP Steering Committee Meeting Held at Palazzo Chigi, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 12 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/nrrp-steering-committee-meeting-held-palazzo-chigi/21511>

³²⁹⁸ Minister Fitto: NRRP Objectives for 31 December 2022 Met, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 28 December 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/minister-fitto-nrrp-objectives-31-december-2022-met/21407>

³²⁹⁹ President Meloni’s Statement on Regional Autonomy Draft Framework Law, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 2 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-statement-regional-autonomy-draft-framework-law/21688>

³³⁰⁰ NRRP Steering Committee Meeting, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 6 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/nrrp-steering-committee-meeting/21731>

³³⁰¹ President Meloni’s Message of Greeting to the IX Economic Conference of ‘Cia-Agricoltori Italiani’, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 9 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-message-greeting-ix-economic-conference-cia-agricoltori-italiani/21843>

³³⁰² Special European Council 9 February 2023, European Council (Brussels). 9 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2023/02/09/>

³³⁰³ Further Steps on Improving the Economic Relations Between Serbia and Italy, The Government of the Republic of Serbia (Belgrade) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.srbija.gov.rs/vest/en/202032/further-steps-on-improving-economic-relations-between-serbia-italy.php>

³³⁰⁴ Italy-Serbia Business and Science Forum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/eventi/2023/03/belgrado-21-22-marzo-2023-business-and-science-forum-italia-serbia/

³³⁰⁵ Meloni’s Speech at the Raisina Dialogue Conference, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 3 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-melonis-speech-raisina-dialogue-conference/21957>

³³⁰⁶ Italy Approves Bill Cutting Income Tax, Easing Sanctions for Evaders, Reuters (Rome). 16 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/italy-present-bill-cutting-income-tax-easing-sanctions-evaders-2023-03-16/>

On 29 March 2023, Prime Minister Meloni affirmed Italy's goal to reform the economy with reduced tax evasion, improved tax codes, clearer rules and cut red tape. In the address, Prime Minister Meloni also advocated for the importance of small and medium sized businesses to Italy's economy.³³⁰⁷

On 5 April 2023, Italy announced plans to collaborate with Spain to reform the Stability and Growth pact, emphasizing economic innovation and improvement.³³⁰⁸

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open economic system. Italy maintained safety in the economy by encouraging climate-neutral energy solutions in agriculture. Italy supported building a resilient economy by reforming economic policies and investing into the advancement of manufacturing, technology and agriculture. Italy encouraged a safe global economy by funding the fight against global disease and advocating for increased human security. Italy also pledged to increase international order to encourage a rules-based landscape.

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 27 July 2022, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Koichi Hagiuda attended the Ministerial Discussion of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.³³⁰⁹ Discussions led by Japan focused on helping form an open, fair and inclusive economic order in the region's supply chains and the importance of pursuing a balanced package based on rules and cooperation to address 21st century issues such as digital technology.

On 30 July 2022, Minister Hagiuda and Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi attended the US-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee meeting acting towards realizing peace and prosperity through the rules-based economic order, countering economic coercion and opaque lending practices, promoting and securing critical and emerging technologies and critical Infrastructure and strengthening supply chain resilience.³³¹⁰ These measures included promotion of competition and improving resiliency through the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, expanding the Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules Forum, reaffirming the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, fostering supply chain resilience in strategic sectors, and strengthening coordination in international and multilateral venues on digital policy issues.

On 8 September 2022, Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Yasutoshi Nishimura and Minister for Foreign Affairs Kenji Yamada attended the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) in Los Angeles, California.³³¹¹ The leaders jointly committed to regularly sharing information among IPEF partners to improve economic conditions for all members involved.

³³⁰⁷ President Meloni's video message on 75th anniversary of CONFAPI, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-video-message-75th-anniversary-confapi/22241>

³³⁰⁸ President Meloni's Press Statement with the President of the Government of Spain. Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome). 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-press-statement-president-government-spain/22291>

³³⁰⁹ Ministerial Discussion of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) for Prosperity Held, Ministry of Trade, Economy, and Industry (Tokyo) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0727_004.html

³³¹⁰ U.S.-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee 2022 Plan of Action, Ministry of Trade, Economy, and Industry (Tokyo) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/07/20220730005/20220730005-4.pdf>

³³¹¹ Ministerial Statement for Pillar IV of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100391691.pdf>

On 20 September 2022, Deputy Director General of Foreign Policy Bureau Takao Imafuku attended the Financing for Women’s Employment in the Green Economy event hosted by UN Women.³³¹² At the event, Deputy Director General Imafuku stated that “investing in women’s employment in green economy is an investment to our better future.”³³¹³

On 29 September 2022, the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Satomi Ryuj attended the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Plus Three Ministers on Energy Meeting and East Asian Summit Energy Ministers built on the necessity for supply security on regional energy markets and international cooperation to achieve sustainable economic recovery.³³¹⁴

On 25 October 2022, Minister Hayashi and Minister Nishimura met with Executive Vice President of the European Commission for an Economy that Works for People Valdis Dombrovskis and European Commissioner for Trade and Financial Services Mairead McGuinness to reaffirm plans to respond to challenges imposed by authoritarian states by addressing market-distorting measures.³³¹⁵

On 1 November 2022, Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs Masato Kanda and Australia’s Deputy Secretary of Macroeconomic Group Luke Yeaman and took part in the Australia-Japan Economic Dialogue Joint Statement.³³¹⁶ Both parties sought to further enhance collaboration on supporting developing countries through strengthening disaster risk management, fostering safer and more resilient economies.

On 2 November 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida attended the 13th meeting of the Council of Economic and Fiscal Policy.³³¹⁷ Participants in this discussion engaged in the topics of macroeconomic management, specifically on matters of monetary policy, commodity prices and strengthening their defensive and economic base, improving and building the safety and reliability of the Japanese economy.

On 4 November 2022, Japan pledged “JPY 377 billion for the development of the North–South Commuter Railway project in the Philippines” and discussed other projects.³³¹⁸ The projects are intended to contribute to the development of three major metropolitan areas, as well as further assistance in information and communications, energy transitions, and disaster risk-management.

³³¹² Message by IMAFUKU Takao, Ambassador in charge of UN Affairs and Deputy Director General of Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan at TICAD8 Side Event “Financing for Women’s Employment in the Green Economy” hosted by UN Women, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023.

³³¹³ Message by IMAFUKU Takao, Ambassador in charge of UN Affairs and Deputy Director General of Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan at TICAD8 Side Event “Financing for Women’s Employment in the Green Economy” hosted by UN Women, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023.

³³¹⁴ ASEAN+3 Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM+3) and East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM) Held, Ministry of Trade, Economy, and Industry (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

³³¹⁵ Japan-EU High-Level Economic Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

³³¹⁶ Australia-Japan Economic Dialogue Joint Statement, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

³³¹⁷ Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Cabinet Office (Tokyo) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 17 March 2023.

³³¹⁸ 13th Meeting of the Japan–Philippines High Level Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

On 21 November 2022, the Government of Japan committed to providing emergency relief goods through the Japan International Cooperation Agency to South Sudan.³³¹⁹ The emergency relief goods included, but were not limited to, tents, blankets, plastic sheets, and sleeping pads.

On 22 November 2022, the Government of Japan committed to extend the Emergency Grant Aid of USD2.57 million for winterization assistance in Ukraine.³³²⁰ The Government of Japan will implement the aid through the Office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees with generators and solar lanterns being the primary piece of assistance.

On 29 November 2022, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Kei Takagi delivered a video message at the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative Conference hosted by the UK Government in London, England.³³²¹ Minister Takagi expressed Japan's support for providing economic empowerment to those affected by sexual violence in conflict.

On 3 December 2022, Japan hosted the World Assembly for Women (WAW) conference. The conference's main theme was "Mainstreaming Gender into a New Form of Capitalism" where participants discussed the wage gap, women in business, and women's health and economy.³³²² Prime Minister Fumio Kishida "introduced not only domestic efforts for gender equality, but also international development cooperation" such as providing shelter for the female refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

On 31 January 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar.³³²³ The ministers agreed to further strengthen economic and security relations. They confirmed that the visa waiver system for the Qatari ordinary passport holders will start operating as soon as possible to promote economic relations and tourism.

On 18 March 2023, Minister Hayashi met with German Minister of Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock.³³²⁴ The ministers exchanged views on addressing economic security issues, including economic coercion, and the importance of transparent and fair development finance. Both ministers reaffirmed their member's commitment to working together.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to maintaining and strengthening a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system. Japan provided economic assistance packages to South Sudan and Ukraine showcasing its commitment to a resilient global economic order by providing relief to those affected by an ongoing environmental and geopolitical crises. Japan's WAW conference and projects aimed at supporting women affirm its commitment to equity. Japan promoted a rules-based economic order through its continuation of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ankit Timari

³³¹⁹ Emergency Assistance to the Republic of South Sudan in Response to the Flood, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000503.html

³³²⁰ Emergency Grant Aid for winterization assistance in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003183.html

³³²¹ Video message by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs TAKAGI at the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) Conference in London (Tokyo) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page3e_001278.html

³³²² World Assembly for Women: WAW! 2022 (Result), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo), 3 December 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page3e_001283.html

³³²³ Second Japan-Qatar Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000438.html

³³²⁴ Japan-Germany Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 18 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003230.html

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 22 August 2022 and 29 September 2022, the United Kingdom conducted its first round of negotiations with the Gulf Cooperation Council for a free trade agreement.³³²⁵ The deal expects to increase trade by at least 16 per cent and contribute more than USD724 million toward workers' wages.

On 23 September 2022, Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng announced the Growth Plan 2022, a package of tax cuts, including Stamp Duty cuts to help property market homebuyers, income tax cuts and abolishing additional rate of tax in 2023.³³²⁶

On 1 October 2022, the Prime Minister's Office implemented the new Energy Price Guarantee, which is aimed at saving households at least GBP1000 thousand a year in addition to the GBP400 hundred energy bills discount for all households.³³²⁷

On 3 October 2022, the UK Government announced the payment of the Cost of Living Payment to over eight million families by the Department for Work and Pensions. This payment aims to improve the social safety net for vulnerable families.³³²⁸

On 7 November 2022, Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands visited Taiwan to tackle barriers to trade and promote United Kingdom expertise.³³²⁹ By upholding annual trade talks with Taiwan, the United Kingdom aimed to diversify resilient supply chains and create greater economic cooperation under a rule-based global market.

On 8 November 2022, the United Kingdom Export Finance offered the Climate Resilient Debt Clause in its direct sovereign lending.³³³⁰ The United Kingdom committed to improving the financial resilience of vulnerable countries in the face of climate shocks.

On 20 December 2022, Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Finance Mohammed Al-Jadaan signed a Memorandum of Understanding on financial services cooperation.³³³¹ This memorandum aims to "enhance cross-border trade in financial services, promote financial stability, and foster greater cooperation on priority issues, such as green finance, in support of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030."

³³²⁵ Gulf Cooperation Council trade negotiations update, Department for International Trade (London) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gulf-cooperation-council-trade-negotiations-update>

³³²⁶ Chancellor announces new Growth Plan with biggest package of tax cuts in generations, HM Treasury (London) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-announces-new-growth-plan-with-biggest-package-of-tax-cuts-in-generations>

³³²⁷ Energy bills support factsheet, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (London) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-bills-support/energy-bills-support-factsheet-8-september-2022#support-for-households>

³³²⁸ Over eight million households to receive second Cost of Living Payment from 8 November, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-eight-million-households-to-receive-second-cost-of-living-payment-from-8-november-1>

³³²⁹ UK strengthens Taiwan trade ties as Minister visits Taipei, Department of International Trade (London). 7 November 2022. Access Date: 8 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-strengthens-taiwan-trade-ties-as-minister-visits-taipei>

³³³⁰ UK Export Finance launches new debt solution to help developing countries with climate shocks, UK Export Finance (London). 8 September 2022. Access Date: 8 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-export-finance-launches-new-debt-solution-to-help-developing-countries-with-climate-shocks>

³³³¹ HM Treasury and the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia sign new MoU on Financial Services, HM Treasury (London) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hm-treasury-and-the-ministry-of-finance-of-the-kingdom-of-saudi-arabia-sign-new-mou-on-financial-services>

On 16 December 2022, the Secretary of State for International Trade approved new anti-dumping measures against Aluminium Extrusions from China.³³³²

On 9 January 2023, the United Kingdom announced the new “Energy Bills Discount Scheme” for UK businesses, charities, and the public sector.³³³³

On 10 January 2023, the United Kingdom and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand signed a new Memorandum of Understanding on financial services to promote inclusive economic growth.³³³⁴

On 20 January 2023, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced funding for British industrial sectors to support their plans to develop greener technologies by moving away from using red diesel.³³³⁵ The GBP 32.5 million funding package hopes to limit reliance on fossil fuels and boost energy resilience within the industrial economy.

On 20 January 2023, an agreement to invest GBP100 million in Orkney, Shetland, and the Outer Hebrides was signed by the United Kingdom and Scottish Government and the Council Leaders of the three islands groups.³³³⁶ The ten-year program will invest in the Islands’ low-carbon projects, industry growth, and sustainability communities.

On 7 February 2023, the Bank of England and His Majesty’s Treasury announced plans to consult on a potential digital pound, or a central bank digital currency.³³³⁷ The research into the use of the digital pound would promote the financial stability and resilience of the United Kingdom’s economy.

On 23 February 2023, the United Kingdom launched the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, a five-year plan aimed at reducing the impact on women of global conflicts and crises.³³³⁸ The plan will prioritize tackling sexual violence in conflict through conferences and the United Kingdom’s collaboration with women peacebuilders. The plan will ensure a fair and equitable economy for women and girls in conflict.

On 24 February 2023, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announced a new package of internationally coordinated sanctions and trade measures against Russia, including export bans on every item Russia is using on the battlefield.³³³⁹ The sanctions are to enforce a rules-based global order by discouraging Russian violence against Ukraine.

On 1 March 2023, the United Kingdom joined IDB Invest, the private sector arm of Latin America and the Caribbean’s largest development bank, to support reliable investment and climate change initiatives across Latin

³³³² New measures tackling China’s dumping of Aluminium Extrusions to come into force, Trade Remedies Authorities (London) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-tackling-chinas-dumping-of-aluminium-extrusions-to-come-into-force>

³³³³ The government unveils new “Energy Bills Discount Scheme” for businesses, HM Treasury (London) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-unveils-new-energy-bills-discount-scheme-for-businesses>

³³³⁴ The UK and the SEC Thailand sign new MoU on financial services, British Embassy Bangkok (London) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-and-the-sec-thailand-sign-new-mou-on-financial-services>

³³³⁵ Government to support British industry in cutting fossil fuels with £32.5 million, Government of UK (London). 20 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-support-british-industry-in-cutting-fossil-fuels-with-325-million>

³³³⁶ UK Government signs Islands Growth Deal worth £393m, Government of UK (London). 20 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-signs-islands-growth-deal-worth-393m>

³³³⁷ HM Treasury and Bank of England consider plans for a digital pound, Government of UK (London). 7 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hm-treasury-and-bank-of-england-consider-plans-for-a-digital-pound>

³³³⁸ New UK plan launched to protect women and girls in conflict, Government of UK (London). 23 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-plan-launched-to-protect-women-and-girls-in-conflict>

³³³⁹ New sanctions ban every item Russia is using on the battlefield, Government of UK (London). 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sanctions-ban-every-item-russia-is-using-on-the-battlefield>

America and the Caribbean.³³⁴⁰ The United Kingdom can now influence investments that the institution makes annually and promote the United Kingdom's development objectives within a global economy.

On 7 March 2023, the United Kingdom and the European Union agreed to a new trade deal for Northern Ireland, known as the Windsor Framework.³³⁴¹ The introduction of the Framework will overcome sensitivities of trade across the border of North Ireland post-Brexit.

On 6 March 2023, the United Kingdom and Canada agreed to cooperate on critical minerals essential to a sustainable green economy, such as solar panels and electric vehicles.³³⁴² The partnership will elevate the United Kingdom as a manufacturer of cutting-edge sustainable technologies and will aid Canadian businesses by driving innovation and growth.

On 8 March 2023, the United Kingdom provided a renewed pay offer for the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers union, which brought union strikes to a halt.³³⁴³ This is a renewed development on part of the government to provide fair and equitable pay raises for union workers.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable, and rules-based open global economic system. The United Kingdom has supported safe and resilient growth by supporting households and businesses through the energy crisis. The United Kingdom has signed various memorandums of understanding that promote inclusive growth and approved anti-dumping measures that support a rules-based open global economic system.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tung Kwan Nathan Ching

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 29 July 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo welcomed Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi and Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Koichi Hagiuda, for the US-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee.³³⁴⁴ The two countries seek to further develop the economic policies in the Indo-Pacific region through innovative economic arrangements including the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.³³⁴⁵

On 30 August 2022, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the USD105 million grant for the Internet for All Initiative to five tribal entities in Arizona, which will fund high-speed internet infrastructure deployment projects through the Internet for All Initiative's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program among

³³⁴⁰ New UK partnership to tackle climate change in Latin America, Government of UK (London). 1 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-partnership-to-tackle-climate-change-in-latin-america>

³³⁴¹ Windsor Framework: How does the new post-Brexit trade deal work?, World Economic Forum (Cologne). 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-energy-secretaries-meet-as-shapps-pledges-greater-energy-independence-for-the-uk>

³³⁴² UK and Canada sign agreement to boost green tech supply chains, Government of UK (London). 6 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-canada-sign-agreement-to-boost-green-tech-supply-chains>

³³⁴³ RMT union suspends Network Rail strikes after new pay offer, The Independent (London). 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-canada-sign-agreement-to-boost-green-tech-supply-chains>

³³⁴⁴ Joint Statement of the U.S.-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee: Strengthening Economic Security and the Rules-Based Order, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-of-the-u-s-japan-economic-policy-consultative-committee-strengthening-economic-security-and-the-rules-based-order/>

³³⁴⁵ FACT SHEET: In Asia, President Biden and a Dozen Indo-Pacific Partners Launch the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/fact-sheet-in-asia-president-biden-and-a-dozen-indo-pacific-partners-launch-the-indo-pacific-economic-framework-for-prosperity/>

the Indigenous communities and accelerate the international trade among the Indigenous communities and the U.S. in general.³³⁴⁶

On 12 September 2022, President Joe Biden met with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador established a Supply Chain Working Group, with a focus on the U.S.-Mexico semiconductor and information and communications technology supply chain ecosystems.³³⁴⁷

On 20 September 2022, Secretary Raimondo conducted the first official in-person Ministerial meeting of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity with Philippine Secretary of Trade and Industry Alfredo Pascual.³³⁴⁸

On 20 September 2022, the Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency “extended awards for the Access to Capital Innovative Finance Grant to two projects that will address historical barriers faced by minority business enterprises.”³³⁴⁹

On 21 September 2022, the International Trade Administration awarded USD1.7 million in financial and technical assistance to “promote U.S. exports and reduce barriers to U.S. products and services across the world, including creating and retaining high-quality jobs.”³³⁵⁰

On 7 October 2022, Secretary Blinken met with Peruvian Foreign Minister César Landa to strengthen trade and investment links and ensure the necessary resources are present to fill the gaps of each economy.³³⁵¹

On 19 October 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration released a new Framework to promote the creation of diverse and telecom jobs.³³⁵²

On 27 October 2022, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Marisa Lago and Singapore Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry Gabriel Lim met at the inaugural U.S.-Singapore Partnership for Growth and Innovation annual dialogue.³³⁵³ Both countries agree to focus the 2023

³³⁴⁶ Biden-Harris Administration Awards More Than \$105 Million in Grants to Expand High-Speed Internet Access on Tribal Land in Arizona, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/08/biden-harris-administration-awards-more-105-million-grants-expand-high>

³³⁴⁷ FACT SHEET: 2022 U.S. – Mexico High-Level Economic Dialogue, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 September 2022.

Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/12/fact-sheet-2022-u-s-mexico-high-level-economic-dialogue/>

³³⁴⁸ Readout of Secretary Raimondo’s Meeting with Philippine Secretary of Trade and Industry Alfredo Pascual, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/09/readout-secretary-raimondos-meeting-philippine-secretary-trade-and>

³³⁴⁹ Minority Business Development Agency Awards \$1.68 Million to Fund Innovative Access to Capital Projects for Minority-Owned Businesses, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/09/minority-business-development-agency-awards-168-million-fund-innovative>

³³⁵⁰ U.S. Department of Commerce Awards Market Development Cooperator Program Grants to Generate Exports and Support High Quality U.S. Jobs, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/09/us-department-commerce-awards-market-development-cooperator-program>

³³⁵¹ Secretary Antony J. Blinken And Peruvian Foreign Minister César Landa At a Joint Press Availability, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-peruvian-foreign-minister-cesar-landa-at-a-joint-press-availability/>

³³⁵² Biden-Harris Administration Releases New Framework for Diverse, High-Paying Telecom Jobs, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/10/biden-harris-administration-releases-new-framework-diverse-high-paying>

³³⁵³ Joint Statement: U.S. Department of Commerce and Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry Celebrate Inaugural U.S.-Singapore Partnership for Growth and Innovation Annual Dialogue, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/10/joint-statement-us-department-commerce-and-singapore-ministry-trade-and>

development plan on cybersecurity, technology partnership programs, and development of Artificial Intelligence governance structure.

On 18 November 2022, the Department of Commerce announced partnership with the government of Poland in which Westinghouse Electric of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, will serve as technology supplier for its new national nuclear power program — a project that will support 62,500 American jobs and further Poland’s transition to clean energy.³³⁵⁴

On 22 November 2022, the United States contributed USD4.5 billion to support the government of Ukraine. This fund aims to “allow the Government of Ukraine to withstand the immense economic, social, and political pressures from Russia’s aggression in Ukraine.”³³⁵⁵

On 14 December 2022, the United States and the Puerto Rican government launched the Puerto Rico Economic Dialogue to “align on shared policy priorities that benefit all Puerto Rican communities, especially given the recent, unprecedented flow of federal funds to the island.”³³⁵⁶

On 15 December 2022, President Biden announced the USD15 billion partnership in US-Africa trade and investment commitments and deals.³³⁵⁷ The deal will aim to advance key priorities, including sustainable energy, health systems, agribusiness, digital connectivity, infrastructure, and finance.

On 21 December 2022, Department of Commerce launched the Capital Readiness Program grant competition, which dedicates USD93.5 million to help minority and other underserved entrepreneurs launch.³³⁵⁸

On 17 January 2023, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves introduced the Capital Readiness Program of the Minority Business Development Agency.³³⁵⁹ The program is designed to provide financial assistance to minority, women, and other underserved entrepreneurs so they can expand and develop their businesses. The grant competition dedicated for this program will be USD93.5 million to incentivize growth of minority business.

On 31 January 2023, The U.S. Department of Commerce convened today the first Congress of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Councils to accelerate a shared mission to deliver equitable services to underserved communities and create a culture where employees can succeed and thrive.³³⁶⁰ The overarching

³³⁵⁴ Advocating for U.S. Businesses: Commerce Secretary Lauds Westinghouse Electric for Major Export Win to Poland, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/11/advocating-us-businesses-commerce-secretary-lauds-westinghouse-electric>

³³⁵⁵ The United States Contributes \$4.5 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine, USAID (Washington D.C.) 22 November 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-22-2022-united-states-contributes-45-billion-support-government-ukraine>

³³⁵⁶ Announces Millions in New Philanthropic Commitments Aligned to Puerto Rico Economic Dialogue, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/12/biden-harris-administration-announces-millions-new-philanthropic>

³³⁵⁷ Secretary Raimondo Joins President Biden in Announcing \$15 Billion in U.S.-Africa Trade Commitments, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2022/12/secretary-raimondo-joins-president-biden-announcing-15-billion-us-africa-trade>

³³⁵⁸ Commerce Department’s Minority Business Development Agency Announces Nearly \$100 Million to Expand Opportunities for Underserved Entrepreneurs, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/12/commerce-departments-minority-business-development-agency-announces>

³³⁵⁹ Commerce Deputy Secretary Don Graves Travels to Chicago and Promotes New Grant Competition Focused on Supporting Minority and Women Businesses and Entrepreneurs, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2023/01/commerce-deputy-secretary-don-graves-travels-chicago-and-promotes-new-grant>

³³⁶⁰ U.S. Department of Commerce Looks to Accelerate Equitable Services for Workforce and Underserved Communities, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/01/us-department-commerce-looks-accelerate-equitable-services-workforce>

objective is to optimize productivity, stimulate innovation and harness the diverse talent pools that exist within the nation's population.

On 7 February 2023, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo met with German Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Change Robert Habeck and French Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire to discuss about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to reaffirm the United States' dedication to the transatlantic economic partnership.³³⁶¹

On 10 February 2023, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo met virtually with European Commission Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager to assure the lasting pledge of the U.S. to the transatlantic economic partnership, with a particular emphasis on propelling the transatlantic commercial association to promote expansion and ingenuity in both the United States and the European Union.³³⁶²

On 16 February 2023, The Department of Commerce recently appointed Ines Hernandez as the first-ever Counselor for Equity.³³⁶³ In her capacity as the recently appointed Counselor, Hernandez will collaborate closely with the Equity (DEIA) Council of the U.S. Department of Commerce, which is overseen by Deputy Secretary Don Graves and Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade Diane Farrell in their respective roles as co-chairs.

On 24 February 2023, President Biden announced a series of economic sanctions and restrictions against the Russian Federation, on the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.³³⁶⁴ This action aims to further weaken Russia's economy and limit its capability to engage in hostilities against Ukraine.

On 2 March 2023, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves and U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm met with Ukrainian Minister of Energy German Galushchenko to express the U.S. Government's ongoing support for Ukraine and its strong commitment to engaging the US private sector in reconstructing Ukraine's infrastructure and its energy structure needs.³³⁶⁵

On 2 March 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration released the National Cybersecurity Strategy to position the United States and its allies and partners to build a digital ecosystem that is defensible, resilient, and aligned with our values.³³⁶⁶

On 14 March 2023, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves met with Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Federal Cultural Institutions Hadja Lahbib to discuss key areas of mutual interest including the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council, the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act, and supporting partner countries in Africa through the

³³⁶¹ Readout of Secretary Raimondo's Meeting with German Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Change Robert Habeck and French Minister of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/02/readout-secretary-raimondos-meeting-german-vice-chancellor-and-minister>

³³⁶² Readout of Secretary Raimondo's Meeting with European Commission Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 10 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/02/readout-secretary-raimondos-meeting-european-commission-executive-vice>

³³⁶³ U.S. Department of Commerce Appoints First Counselor for Equity, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2023/02/us-department-commerce-appoints-first-counselor-equity>

³³⁶⁴ FACT SHEET: On One Year Anniversary of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, Biden Administration Announces Actions to Support Ukraine and Hold Russia Accountable, The White House (Washington D.C.) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/24/fact-sheet-on-one-year-anniversary-of-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-biden-administration-announces-actions-to-support-ukraine-and-hold-russia-accountable/>

³³⁶⁵ Readout of Deputy Secretary Graves' and Secretary Granholm's Meeting with Ukraine's Minister of Energy German Galushchenko, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/03/readout-deputy-secretary-graves-and-secretary-granholms-meeting-0>

³³⁶⁶ National Cybersecurity Strategy, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/National-Cybersecurity-Strategy-2023.pdf>

Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment. The meeting emphasized the importance of resilient production and access to semiconductors, including funding opportunities for the CHIPS Act. US-EU cooperation on semiconductors and increasing transparency around public incentives for the sector were also discussed. These actions demonstrate the US commitment to promoting economic partnerships that strengthen the global economy and support sustainable infrastructure investment in partner countries.³³⁶⁷

On 29 March 2023, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor released the Declaration of the Summit for Democracy, which emphasizes their commitment to democracy to safeguard the full and effective exercise of human rights, including civil and political rights, as well as the progressive realization of economic, social, and cultural rights. This Declaration aligns with the commitment to promoting a global economic system that is safe, resilient, and follows a set of equitable and transparent rules.³³⁶⁸

On 3 April 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative announced that a U.S. delegation will attend the third negotiating round of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in Singapore from May 8-15, 2023. The interagency U.S. delegation will be led by Sharon H. Yuan and Sarah Ellerman. The IPEF negotiations are relevant to the US commitment to maintaining and strengthening a safe, resilient, equitable, and rules-based open global economic system by promoting economic cooperation, transparency, and development in the Indo-Pacific region.³³⁶⁹

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system. The United States promoted a safe and resilient economic system by supporting the economies of those in crises and strengthening trade links abroad. The United States has promoted an equitable economy by creating jobs for marginalized communities and launching aid programs to support underserved businesses. The United States has promoted a rules-based open economic global system by working towards the realization of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity and reducing trade barriers.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable and rules-based open global economic system.

On 30 June 2022, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the regulation of foreign subsidies distorting the internal market.³³⁷⁰ The Council states that the regulation aims to “to restore fair competition between all undertakings — both European and non-European — operating in the internal market.”

On 5 July 2022, the InvestEU program signed a EUR6.7 million agreement with Italian promotional institution Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) to provide “advisory support to infrastructure and social investment

³³⁶⁷ Readout of Deputy Secretary Don Graves Meeting with Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Federal Cultural Institutions Hadja Lahbib, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/03/readout-deputy-secretary-don-graves-meeting-belgian-minister-foreign>

³³⁶⁸ Declaration of the Summit for Democracy, U.S. Department of States (Washington D.C.) 29 March 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/declaration-of-the-summit-for-democracy-2023/>

³³⁶⁹ United States to Participate in Third Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Negotiating Round in Singapore, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington DC) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2023. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/04/united-states-participate-third-indo-pacific-economic-framework-ipef>

³³⁷⁰ Timeline: Moving to a deeper single market, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/deeper-single-market/timeline-single-market/>

projects.”³³⁷¹ This advisory support will contribute to investment projects that “improve access to finance and investments in infrastructure development, attract private resources and strengthen the capacity of public and private project promoters to develop financing and investment operations in the areas of social and public infrastructure, sustainable energy, transport as well as digital and innovative infrastructure.”

On 31 August 2022, the European Investment Bank (EIB) lent EUR60 million to German municipal housing provider hanova.³³⁷² This loan will strengthen hanova’s construction of social housing in the city of Hanover, addressing the imbalances of the local housing market being inadequate and unaffordable for low and middle income residents.

On 7 September 2022, the European Commission proposed a second EUR5 billion of macro-financial assistance (MFA) to Ukraine.³³⁷³ MFA assistance helps “support the implementation of a broad reform agenda in areas such as the fight against corruption, an independent judicial system, the rule of law, and improving the business climate.”

On 14 September 2022, Czech EU Affairs minister Mikuláš Bek and president of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola signed the Digital Markets Act.³³⁷⁴ The Act aims to “ensure a competitive and fair digital sector with a view to promoting innovation, high-quality digital products and services, fair prices, and high quality and choice in the digital sector.”

On 27 September 2022, the European Investment Fund (EIF) partnered with BT Mic, Romania’s largest microfinance institution, providing EUR8.4 million to guarantee microfinance operations of RON500 million by BT Mic.³³⁷⁵

On 4 October 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted EU law on rules that promote the adequacy of minimum wages.³³⁷⁶ The new law establishes procedures for the adequacy of statutory minimum wages, promotes collective bargaining on wage setting, and enhances the effective access to minimum wage protection for those workers who are entitled to a minimum wage under national law.

On 4 October 2022, the Council of the European Union approved the Netherlands’ national recovery and resilience plan.³³⁷⁷ The Netherlands will be able to receive up to EUR4.7 billion in grants for COVID-19 recovery and investment into a “greener, more digital and more competitive economy.”

³³⁷¹ InvestEU in Italy: European Commission and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti sign €6.7 million Advisory Agreement to support infrastructure projects, European Commission (Brussels) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4272

³³⁷² InvestEU in Germany: EIB supports social and affordable housing in Hanover with €60 million, European Commission (Brussels) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5226

³³⁷³ European Commission proposes second €5 billion tranche of macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5373

³³⁷⁴ Timeline – Digital Europe, Council of the EU and European Council (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/a-digital-future-for-europe/timeline-digital-europe/>

³³⁷⁵ InvestEU: Romanian microfinance strengthened by new European Investment Fund backing for BT Mic, European Commission (Brussels) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5813

³³⁷⁶ Timeline – Adequate minimum wages, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/adequate-minimum-wages/timeline-adequate-minimum-wages/>

³³⁷⁷ A recovery plan for Europe, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-recovery-plan/>

On 4 October 2022, the Council of the European Union adopted the “Daisy Chain” regulation, introducing targeted adjustments to improve the resolvability of banks.³³⁷⁸ This strengthens the prudential regulatory framework of credit institutions and ensures banks will remain stable and resilient during economic shocks.

On 27 October 2022, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on stricter carbon dioxide emission performance standards for new cars and vans.³³⁷⁹ The purpose is to move towards zero-emission mobility.³³⁸⁰

On 15 November 2022, the European Commission approved a EUR1.23 billion scheme to support the Czech economy in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.³³⁸¹

On 17 November 2022, the European Commission approved EUR500 million Romanian scheme to support companies in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.³³⁸²

On 21 December 2022, the European Commission approved “EUR49 billion German scheme to support the economy in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.”³³⁸³

On 22 December 2022, the European Commission approved a EUR3 billion Polish measure to “support companies active in the Polish gas market in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.”³³⁸⁴

On 22 December 2022, the European Commission provided EUR869 million to Spain to support their transition into a climate neutral economy through the Just Transition Fund.³³⁸⁵

On 22 December 2022, the European Commission adopted the Partnership Agreement with Hungary. The agreement is worth almost EUR22 billion for the period 2021-2027 will “help the country implement joint EU priorities such as a balanced territorial development and a fair climate and digital transition, whilst supporting an innovative and inclusive social market economy.”³³⁸⁶

On 5 January 2023, the European Commission authorised France’s plan to pay restructuring aid of EUR119.3 million “to enable the airline Air Austral to return to viability.”³³⁸⁷ France will pay a further EUR17.5 million

³³⁷⁸ Economic and Financial Affairs Council, 4 October 2022, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/ecofin/2022/10/04/>

³³⁷⁹ Timeline – European Green Deal and Fit for 55, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/green-deal/timeline-european-green-deal-and-fit-for-55/>

³³⁸⁰ Timeline – European Green Deal and Fit for 55, Council of the EU and the European Council (Brussels) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/green-deal/timeline-european-green-deal-and-fit-for-55/>

³³⁸¹ State aid: Commission approves €1.23 billion Czech scheme to support the economy in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6891

³³⁸² State aid: Commission approves €500 million Romanian scheme to support companies in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6982

³³⁸³ Commission approves €49 billion German scheme to support the economy in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7837

³³⁸⁴ State aid: Commission approves €3 billion Polish scheme to support companies active in the Polish gas market in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7887

³³⁸⁵ EU Cohesion policy: €869 million for a just climate transition in Spain, European Commission (Brussels) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7868

³³⁸⁶ EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027: Investing in a fair climate and digital transition while strengthening Hungary’s administrative capacity, transparency and prevention of corruption, European Commission (Brussels) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7801

³³⁸⁷ State aid: Commission approves EUR 119.3 million French restructuring aid for Air Austral and EUR 17.5 million compensation for damage suffered as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, European Commission (Brussels) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_42

in aid “to compensate the company for damage suffered as a result of the coronavirus pandemic between 17 March and 30 June 2020.”

On 12 January 2022, the European Commission put the Foreign Subsidies Regulation into force. The regulations will “address distortions caused by foreign subsidies will allow the EU to remain open to trade and investment, while ensuring a level playing field for all companies operating in the Single Market.”³³⁸⁸

On 17 January 2023, the European Commission disbursed a first instalment of EUR3 billion as part of the Macro-financial Assistance+ (MFA+) package for Ukraine. This package will provide “stable, regular and predictable financial support”³³⁸⁹ for Ukraine to continue to pay wages and pensions for its citizens. It will also allow Ukraine to maintain “essential public services, such as hospitals, schools, and housing for relocated people.” Finally, it will allow Ukraine to “ensure macroeconomic stability and restore critical infrastructure destroyed by Russia.”

On 20 January 2023, the European Union pledged EUR1 million for the Fisheries Funding Mechanism, a crucial part of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies. This mechanism will “support sustainability in fisheries and eliminate harmful fisheries subsidies.”³³⁹⁰ It will also provide equitable grants to least developed countries so that they can “benefit from technical assistance and capacity-building to implement the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.”

On 27 January 2023, European Union External Action High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell pledges continued support for South Africa in implementing their green energy vision.³³⁹¹ Borrell reaffirms the EU’s cooperation with South Africa in implementing the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP). The EU will fund this partnership through EUR35 million of grants and EUR1 billion of concessional loans through the European Investment Bank.

On 30 January 2023, the European Union Council adopted its recommendation on adequate minimum income, aiming to “combat poverty and social exclusion,”³³⁹² while “fostering labour market integration” and enabling access to essential services for “persons lacking sufficient resources.” This recommendation strengthens existing social safety nets for citizens in EU member states.

On 31 January 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR1.6 billion investment to set up the Romanian Investment and Development Bank.³³⁹³ The Bank will aim at “supporting economic and social development, competitiveness, innovation and growth across Romania’s economy.” The Bank will aim to ensure safe economic development by addressing market failures and supporting infrastructure projects that require long-term financing.

³³⁸⁸ Foreign Subsidies Regulation: rules to ensure fair and open EU markets enter into force, European Commission (Brussels) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_129

³³⁸⁹ Commission disburses first €3 billion to Ukraine of the up to €18 billion Macro-financial Assistance+ package, European Commission (Brussels) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_228

³³⁹⁰ EU pledges €1 million for landmark WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, European Commission (Brussels) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_267

³³⁹¹ South Africa: Joint press conference by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor, Diplomatic Service of the European Union (Brussels) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/south-africa-joint-press-conference-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-and_en

³³⁹² Council adopts recommendation on adequate minimum income 30 January 2023, European Commission (Brussels) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/30/council-adopts-recommendation-on-adequate-minimum-income/>

³³⁹³ State aid: Commission approves €1.6 billion Romania measure to capitalise new investment and development bank, European Commission (Brussels) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_463

On 1 February 2023, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to act on the Green Deal Industrial Plan.³³⁹⁴ The plan outlines the EU's intention to fulfil four sustainable macroeconomic pillars: first, “a conducive regulatory environment for the net-zero industries; second, national and EU funding; third, ensuring proper skills for the green transition; and fourth, an ambitious trade agenda.”

On 2 February 2023, the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) committed to continuing the course of raising three key ECB interest rates by 50 basis points, and affirmed its intention to raise rates by another 50 basis points in March.³³⁹⁵ The goal of this monetary policy is to keep rates at restrictive levels to reduce inflation over time “by dampening demand” and “guard against the risk of a persistent upward shift in inflation expectations.”

On 2 February 2023, High Representative Borrell updates the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) with Kazakhstan to cover “29 broad areas of cooperation –from economy, trade and investment to cooperation in aviation.”³³⁹⁶ Borrell further affirmed the EU's “full support for Kazakhstan's large-scale political and economic reforms to advance its vision of a Just and Fair Kazakhstan.”

On 8 February 2023, the European Commission proposed to support 559 Belgian workers dismissed by the logistics company TNT. The EUR1.9 million funding will come from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF).³³⁹⁷ This funding will allow workers to “find new jobs through tailored guidance and advice, training, and support to start their own business.”

On 14 February 2023, the European Union Council added the British Virgin Islands, Costa Rica, Marshall Islands and Russia to the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes.³³⁹⁸ This aims to “promote fair tax competition and address harmful tax practices” in non-complying countries around the world.

On 20 February 2023, the European Commissioner Janez Lenarčič announced over EUR193 million in funding “for the most vulnerable people in Yemen.”³³⁹⁹ The funding aims to create more jobs for Yemenis and strengthen local food production capabilities to build towards a “resilient and sustainable food system.” On 23 February 2023, the European Commission proposed to renew the “suspension of import duties, quotas and trade defence measures on Ukrainian exports to the European Union”³⁴⁰⁰ for an additional year. The main aim is to support Ukrainian exporters affected by Russia's invasion.

³³⁹⁴ Statement by President von der Leyen on the Green Deal Industrial Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_521

³³⁹⁵ Monetary Policy Decisions, European Central Bank (Brussels) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2023/html/ecb.mp230202~08a972ac76.en.html>

³³⁹⁶ Kazakhstan – EU: Joint statement by Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi and the HR/VP Josep Borrell on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, The Diplomatic Service of the European Union (Brussels) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/kazakhstan-%E2%80%93-eu-joint-statement-deputy-prime-minister-%E2%80%93-minister-foreign-affairs-republic_en

³³⁹⁷ €1.9 million from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to support dismissed workers in Belgium, European Commission (Brussels) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_644

³³⁹⁸ Taxation: British Virgin Islands, Costa Rica, Marshall Islands and Russia added to EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Council (Brussels) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/14/taxation-british-virgin-islands-costa-rica-marshall-islands-and-russia-added-to-eu-list-of-non-cooperative-jurisdictions-for-tax-purposes/>

³³⁹⁹ Yemen: EU allocates over €193 million for the most vulnerable, European Commission (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_1022

³⁴⁰⁰ Commission proposes to renew trade benefits for Ukraine for a year, European Commission (Brussels) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1023

On 23 February 2023, the European Union and the Republic of Tajikistan opened “negotiations to develop a new comprehensive framework” to strengthen relations.³⁴⁰¹ The EU negotiated for an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) to “enlarge the areas of mutual cooperation” in areas including trade and “key economic sectors.”

On 28 February 2023, negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the creation of European green bonds (EuGB). This regulation lays out standard requirements for issuers of bonds that wish to designate their bonds as “EuGB.”³⁴⁰² Further, it establishes a “registration system and supervisory framework for external reviewers of European green bonds.” This will improve the process of the European Union’s transition to green energy and enable greater economic resilience to environmental issues.

On 1 March 2023, High Representative Borrell seeks to “reenergise” the EU’s strategic economic partnership with Brazil.³⁴⁰³ To this end, he seeks to work with Brazil and President Lula to fight against climate change, while ensuring environmental policies are “flanked by strong measures for a fairer and more inclusive economy, so [Brazil does] not risk leaving vulnerable communities behind.”

On 7 March 2023, the European Commission completed “unannounced inspections at the premises of companies and an association active in the fragrance industry in various Member States.”³⁴⁰⁴ This measure will greatly aid in sustainable, long-term macroeconomic development in the fragrance industry.

On 7 March 2023, the European Union Council adopted a “redesigned regulatory framework” for European long-term investment funds (ELTIF) that will make these investment funds more attractive.³⁴⁰⁵ ELTIFs are uniquely created to fund long-term investments which are well-suited to help finance the “green and digital transitions.”

On 14 March 2023, the EIB pledged a total of EUR3.4 billion to “modernise and upgrade 178 km of the Palermo-Catania railway line.”³⁴⁰⁶ The project will “contribute to the region’s economic and social development and promote sustainable mobility.”

On 16 March 2023, the European Commission proposed to “support 303 workers dismissed by aluminium producer Alu Ibérica in the region of Galicia in Spain” with EUR1.2 million from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF).³⁴⁰⁷ This funding will “help them find new jobs through tailored guidance and advice, vocational training and job-matching.”

³⁴⁰¹ Tajikistan: The European Union and the Republic of Tajikistan launch negotiations for a new Enhanced Comprehensive Partnership Agreement, European Commission (Brussels) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/tajikistan-european-union-and-republic-tajikistan-launch-negotiations-new-enhanced_en

³⁴⁰² Sustainable finance: Provisional agreement reached on European green bonds, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/28/sustainable-finance-provisional-agreement-reached-on-european-green-bonds/>

³⁴⁰³ Reenergising the EU partnership with Brazil, The Diplomatic Service of the European Union (Brussels) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/reenergising-eu-partnership-brazil_en

³⁴⁰⁴ Antitrust: Commission confirms unannounced inspections in the fragrance sector, European Commission (Brussels) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1532

³⁴⁰⁵ Capital markets union: Council adopts revised framework for European long-term investment funds, Council of the European Union 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/07/capital-markets-union-council-adopts-revised-framework-for-european-long-term-investment-funds/>

³⁴⁰⁶ InvestEU: €3.4 billion to modernise the Palermo-Catania railway line, European Commission (Rome) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1651

³⁴⁰⁷ €1.2 million from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to support 300 dismissed workers in Spain, European Commission (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1657

On 16 March 2023, the ECB Governing Council increased the three key interest rates by 50 basis points to ensure that inflation would return to the 2% medium-term target.³⁴⁰⁸ This monetary policy will allow the provision of “liquidity support to the euro area financial system if needed.”

On 16 March 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR650 million Slovenian project to “support companies facing increased energy costs in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.”³⁴⁰⁹ These transfers will take the form of direct grants to cover part of “the increased costs of natural gas and electricity” in supporting the EU’s measures to “accelerate the green transition and reduce fuel dependencies.”

On 19 March 2023, the ECB, along with the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, the Federal Reserve, and the Swiss National Bank, announced “a coordinated action to enhance the provision of liquidity via the standing US dollar liquidity swap line arrangements.”³⁴¹⁰ The support for central bank swap lines “serves as important liquidity backstop to ease strains in global funding markets, thereby helping to mitigate the effects of such strains on the supply of credit to households and businesses.”

On 22 March 2023, the EIF pledged a total of EUR60 million to Tenax Sustainable Credit Fund, a fund managed by Tenax.³⁴¹¹ These guarantees will “help improve access to finance for Italian small businesses and small mid-caps active in the fields of sustainability and innovation and digitalisation.”

On 27 March 2023, the EIF signed an agreement to support up to EUR155 million in loans to “improve access to finance for Portuguese small and medium-sized enterprises.”³⁴¹² The policy aims to leverage “financing for eligible companies in Portugal, for activities in three categories: cultural and creative sectors, innovation and digitalisation, and sustainability.”

On 28 March 2023, the European Union and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste signed a deal “concluding their bilateral market access negotiations on services and goods as part of Timor-Leste’s accession process to the World Trade Organization (WTO).”³⁴¹³ Timor-Leste’s accession is expected “to make a lasting contribution to the process of stabilization, economic reform and sustainable development in Timor-Leste.” As the WTO is the “heart of the multilateral trading system that underpins open and fair trade,” the EU claims that this agreement will therefore support “rules-based trade more generally.”

On 30 March 2023, the European Parliament and the European Council reached a provisional agreement to reinforce the EU Renewable Energy Directive.³⁴¹⁴ This policy will bring the EU “one step closer to completing the “Fit for 55” legislation to deliver the European Green Deal and the REPowerEU objectives.” It also will “reaffirm the EU’s determination to gain its energy independence through a faster deployment of home-grown renewable energy, and to meet the EU’s 55% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for 2030.”

³⁴⁰⁸ Monetary policy decisions, European Commission (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2023/html/ecb.mp230316~aad5249f30.en.html>

³⁴⁰⁹ State aid: Commission approves €650 million Slovenian scheme to support companies facing increased energy costs in context of Russia’s war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1689

³⁴¹⁰ Coordinated central bank action to enhance the provision of US dollar liquidity, European Central Bank (Frankfurt) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2023/html/ecb.pr230319_1~8d62af24ac.en.html

³⁴¹¹ InvestEU: EIF provides Tenax with guarantees worth €60 million to promote the sustainability, innovation and digitalisation of Italian small businesses and mid-caps, European Commission (Luxembourg) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1818

³⁴¹² InvestEU: EIF and Banco BPI sign €155 million guarantee agreement to support the green and digital transition of Portuguese companies, European Commission (Luxembourg) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1925

³⁴¹³ EU and Timor-Leste sign deal on WTO accession, Delegation of the European Union (Brussels) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/world-trade-organization-wto/eu-and-timor-leste-sign-deal-wto-accession_en

³⁴¹⁴ European Green Deal: EU agrees stronger legislation to accelerate the rollout of renewable energy, European Commission (Brussels) 30 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2061

On 31 March 2023, the European Union financially supported District Councils in Sierra Leone's predominantly rural areas to roll out a "new administration system to manage cadastres."³⁴¹⁵ These cadastre technologies will offer "ways to make land tenure more secure, economic activity more productive thereby enhancing accountability, transparency and trust between the local authorities and the communities."

On 3 April 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR450 million Italian scheme "to support the production of renewable hydrogen with the aim to foster the transition to a net-zero economy, in line with the Green Deal Industrial Plan."³⁴¹⁶ This measure will support "investments in the integrated production of renewable hydrogen and renewable electricity in brownfield industrial areas", thereby helping promote the EU's transition to a net-zero economy.

On 4 April 2023, the EIF signed an agreement with Swedish financier Lisa& to "make available over SEK278 million (EUR24.8 million) for SMEs that support the shift to a circular economy."³⁴¹⁷ The collaboration will allow SMEs to get better financing terms and will "accelerate the green transition and supports circular economy business models."

On 4 April 2023, the European Union, along with its implementing partner World Vision, launched the socio-economic recovery project GRACE (Grassroots Conflict Prevention) at the Divisional Secretariat in Wattala, Sri Lanka³⁴¹⁸. Over an 18-month period, Wattala and other Sri Lankan communities that will benefit from a grant of EUR2 million euros. The GRACE project will "support over 130,000 individuals including women and young people with training on conflict resolution and improve their income opportunities."

On 4 April 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR2 billion Austrian measure to "support the energy supplier Wien Energie GmbH in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine."³⁴¹⁹ The purpose of the measure will be "to ensure that Wien Energie has sufficient liquidity for the provision of financial collaterals for its trading activities on energy markets."

On 4 April 2023, the European Commission approved a EUR3.5 billion French scheme "to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and microenterprises in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine."³⁴²⁰ These measures will be integral in helping "accelerate the green transition and reduce fuel dependencies."

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to maintain and strengthen a safe, resilient, equitable, and rules-based open global economic system. The European Union has taken strong action to ensure job security and robust social welfare systems through investment in infrastructure and financial institutions. The European Union has built resilient economies in its member states in the face of economic crises and in accordance with environmental principles. The European Union has ensured fair and equitable

³⁴¹⁵ EU supporting New Cadastre System for District Councils in Sierra Leone, Delegation of the European Union (Freetown) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sierra-leone/eu-supporting-new-cadastre-system-district-councils-sierra-leone_en

³⁴¹⁶ State aid: Commission approves €450 million Italian scheme to support the production of renewable hydrogen to foster the transition to a net-zero economy, European Commission (Brussels) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2044

³⁴¹⁷ InvestEU: EIF and Lisa& sign guarantee agreement to support Swedish SMEs with a circular economy business model, European Commission (Luxembourg) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2122

³⁴¹⁸ European Union and World Vision launch project for socio-economic support, Delegation to the European Union (Colombo) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sri-lanka/european-union-and-world-vision-launch-project-socio-economic-support_en

³⁴¹⁹ State aid: Commission approves €2 billion Austrian support to Wien Energie in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2103

³⁴²⁰ State aid: Commission approves €3.5 billion French scheme to support small companies in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 4 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1688

competition and growth for its own citizens and marginalized nations. The European Union has joined and upheld initiatives and norms that benefit economic development around the world.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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15. Health: Noncommunicable Diseases

“[We are strongly committed to] ... continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.88 (94%)		

Background

On 28 June 2022, at the Elmau Summit, G7 leaders committed to “continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” This pledge by G7 leaders builds on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which recognized noncommunicable diseases as a major public health challenge.³⁴²¹ Sustainable Development Goal 3 was set with a target to reduce premature mortality as a result of noncommunicable diseases by one-third by 2030. Because of the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases throughout the world and their impact on the most vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly, G7 members have addressed this issue on a global level since 1997. While different aspects of the issue have been focused on at different times, such as indicating specific target groups like the elderly or addressing specific issues such as mental health, the topic of noncommunicable diseases has been steadily addressed at summits for over two decades.

At the 1997 Denver Summit, G7 leaders first made a statement regarding noncommunicable diseases and declared “increased life expectancy and improved health among our elderly” as a major achievement of the past century.³⁴²² Leaders acknowledged that longer life expectancies in the next century would present opportunities and challenges for healthcare and perceptions of disability.

At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, G8 leaders recognized that the health situation in Africa, which was already burdened by infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis, was further aggravated by the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases.³⁴²³ Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to address the health needs of vulnerable populations.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders emphasized the need for health systems to develop universal health coverage, which includes addressing noncommunicable diseases, “including those due to environmental factors and aging.”³⁴²⁴ Leaders also pledged to support the work of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases and

³⁴²¹ Progress and challenges in achieving noncommunicable diseases targets for the sustainable development goals, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (Bethesda) 23 March 2021. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1096/fba.2020-00117>

³⁴²² Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 1997. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1997denver/g8final.htm>

³⁴²³ Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2009. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-declaration.pdf>

³⁴²⁴ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#health>

acknowledge the impacts of ageing and noncommunicable diseases on the caregivers of the elderly population.³⁴²⁵ This summit marked a shift in the global health agenda to include mental health, as G7 leaders also committed to “promoting women’s, children’s, and adolescents’ mental and physical health, ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights without discrimination of any kind.”³⁴²⁶

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders committed to advancing global health security and pursuing policies regarding both physical and mental health globally by “strengthening health systems, preparedness for, and a prompt, effective and coordinated response to public health emergencies and long-term challenges.”³⁴²⁷ This commitment acknowledged global health’s importance to broader economic, social and security gains, highlighting the importance of continuing to promote women’s and adolescents’ health and healthcare, as well as the role of environmental factors in human health.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “bringing greater attention to mental health” to support growth and equal participation that benefits everyone and ensure citizens lead healthy and productive lives.³⁴²⁸ To ensure that citizens lead healthy lives, leaders also committed to promoting access to quality and affordable healthcare.

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged the physical and mental health needs of survivors of sexual violence.³⁴²⁹ Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “support efforts to promptly respond to ongoing cases of [conflict-related sexual violence] victims’ specific medical, psychological and social needs” through the adoption of the Declaration on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders addressed COVID-19’s impacts on physical and mental health.³⁴³⁰ Leaders committed to “support a robust global recovery from COVID-19, ensuring that countries are able to effectively address the indirect impacts on physical and mental health and broader socio-economic consequences of the [COVID-19] pandemic.”

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders “strongly committed to ... continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” This commitment can be broken down into three components, and to receive full compliance, G7 members must take action in both components. The components are: 1) addressing issues concerning mental health specifically, 2) addressing other types of noncommunicable diseases, including but not limited to cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory illnesses, and 3) recognizing the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

“Address” is understood to mean giving attention to or dealing with a matter or problem.³⁴³¹ In the context of this commitment, it refers to taking actions that centre around the issue of noncommunicable diseases in a manner that brings focus to the diseases, such as creating programs and providing funding to mitigate these illnesses.

³⁴²⁵ G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/health.html>

³⁴²⁶ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#health>

³⁴²⁷ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

³⁴²⁸ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

³⁴²⁹ Declaration on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/declaration-on-gender-equality.pdf>

³⁴³⁰ G7 Carbis Bay Health Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-carbis-bay-health-declaration.html>

³⁴³¹ Address, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/address>

“Noncommunicable diseases” (NCDs), which includes “chronic diseases,” refer to a group of conditions that are not mainly caused by infections.³⁴³² These include, but are not limited to: cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, mental health illnesses and chronic respiratory illnesses.³⁴³³

“Mental health” refers to a state of mental well-being that allows people to realize their full abilities and contribute to their own lives and to their community.³⁴³⁴ Mental health disorders include, but are not limited to: anxiety, depression, substance abuse and eating disorders.³⁴³⁵ It refers to overall psychological and emotional well-being, rather than simply the absence of disorders.

“Recognize” means to explicitly acknowledge something.³⁴³⁶

“Accessible” means to make something so that people are able to obtain or use it.³⁴³⁷

“Effective” refers to something that produces a desired effect.³⁴³⁸ Effectiveness relates to the provision of mental health services and refers to services that bring about a positive change for those with mental health illnesses, either by treating or mitigating those illnesses.

“Mental health services” refers to any interventions, both private and public, for the maintenance and wellbeing of mental health.³⁴³⁹ Mental health services can include, but are not limited to: psychotherapy, support groups, medication, and in-hospital programs for mental health treatment.

This commitment has a breadth component regarding how many NCDs are addressed by G7 members. As the commitment refers to NCDs “including mental health,” it is implied that members committed to addressing more than one NCD beyond mental health. However, as the commitment explicitly identifies mental health, the G7 member needs to take strong action in this area to achieve a score of +1.

This commitment also applies a depth analysis. The strength of compliance can be assessed based on the types of domestic and international actions undertaken. Examples of strong domestic action include, but are not limited to: changing domestic regulations, laws or statutes to provide resources for NCDs and their treatment; initiating domestic programs that publicize NCDs, their treatment options, or how to support those with these diseases; and allocating funding to establish services that address and treat NCDs. Examples of weak domestic actions include but are not limited to verbally reaffirming a commitment to address NCDs; attending meetings that discuss NCDs and mental health; and assigning the responsibility for addressing NCDs onto a national official or institution for future implementation. Examples of strong international actions include, but are not limited to: providing financial support, either directly or through an international institution, to other countries, especially low- and middle-income countries who require assistance in taking effective actions regarding NCDs; joining, participating in, or sending officials to international organizations where a central focus is on NCDs; and sponsoring or ratifying treaties that address NCDs. Examples of weak international action include, but are not limited to: sharing information with other countries regarding options for NCDs, including treatment and monitoring; and making bilateral or multilateral agreements that reaffirm the importance of addressing NCDs but leaving actual implementation of actions for a future date. The qualifier in the depth component is only for

³⁴³² Noncommunicable Diseases, Pan American Health Organization (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.paho.org/en/topics/noncommunicable-diseases>

³⁴³³ Noncommunicable diseases, United Nations Children’s Fund (New York) n.d. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <https://www.unicef.org/health/non-communicable-diseases>

³⁴³⁴ Mental health: strengthening our response, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-health-strengthening-our-response>

³⁴³⁵ Mental disorders, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-disorders>

³⁴³⁶ Recognize, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recognize>

³⁴³⁷ Accessible, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accessible>

³⁴³⁸ Effective, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/effective>

³⁴³⁹ Mental Health Services, American Psychological Association (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://dictionary.apa.org/mental-health-services>

the third aspect of the commitment, in which G7 members “recogniz[e] the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” “Recognize” is a low binding commitment word, meaning that full compliance does not require a strong action. Full compliance with this criterion can therefore be a verbal acknowledgment of accessibility and effectiveness in a policy action.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong actions to address mental health AND at least one other NCD, and that also recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong action to address mental health OR at least a few other NCDs OR some of both, and may or may not recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member takes weak action to address mental health OR another NCD and does not recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services, OR fails to take any action towards the commitment OR takes action that is antithetical to the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has only taken weak actions to address mental health OR another noncommunicable disease (NCD) and has not recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services OR has NOT taken any actions towards the commitment OR has taken actions that are antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to address mental health OR at least a few other NCDS OR some of both and may or may not have recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong actions to address mental health AND at least one other NCD and has recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 29 June 2022, Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos announced that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research is funding CAD3.8 million to support research on sleep health and insomnia.³⁴⁴⁰ The research conducted will identify biological and behavioral measures of sleep and sleep disorders and conduct clinical research into the prevention, detection and management of insomnia and other sleep disorders.

On 30 June 2022, Minister Duclos announced new regulations regarding labelling for packages foods to allow Canadians to make informed choices on their food intake and lower the risk of diet-related chronic diseases.³⁴⁴¹ The regulations address excess consumption of saturated fat, sugars and sodium, which is linked to increased chronic disease risks.

On 18 August 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Élisabeth Brière announced the funding of CAD150,000 for Tel-Aide Montréal to provide

³⁴⁴⁰ Government of Canada invests in research to improve sleep for Canadians, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/06/government-of-canada-invests-in-research-to-improve-sleep-for-canadians.html>

³⁴⁴¹ Government of Canada unveils new front-of-package nutrition symbol, Cision Canada (Ottawa) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-unveils-new-front-of-package-nutrition-symbol-800108024.html>

support for its crisis line during the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁴⁴² The funding will provide the organization with the training and resources required to help meet the needs of callers in terms of mental health.

On 19 August 2022, Parliamentary Secretary Brière announced the funding of CAD4.7 million to support new research projects regarding mental health at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute.³⁴⁴³ The research funded will provide insights into the neural processes in the brain that contribute to mental illnesses.

On 31 August 2022, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) released a statement promoting the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission's decision to establish a national telephone helpline for suicide prevention and mental health crisis.³⁴⁴⁴ The three-digit number 988 is meant to be easier to remember in a time of crisis than a ten-digit number.

On 21 September 2022, Minister Duclos released a statement for World Alzheimer's Day to restate Canada's commitment to supporting Canadians with dementia, as well as their family members and caregivers.³⁴⁴⁵ This includes implementing Canada's 2019 dementia strategy, which aims to prevent dementia, advance cures and treatments for dementia, and improve the lives of those with dementia and their caregivers.

On 3 October 2022, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Carolyn Bennett released a statement for Mental Illness Awareness Week.³⁴⁴⁶ She stressed that the Canadian government is committed to working with experts, frontline workers, provincial officials, and other partners to develop a comprehensive and efficient plan to improve mental health supports in Canada.

On 4 October 2022, Minister Bennett announced an investment of CAD1.2 million in mental health support for long-term care frontline workers and essential service providers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁴⁴⁷ The investment will equip long-term care homes with facilitators trained in destigmatizing mental illness and addressing and promoting mental health resilience in the workplace.

On 5 October 2022, Minister Duclos announced a new framework for directing policy regarding diabetes in Canada.³⁴⁴⁸ The Framework for Diabetes was established using information from various groups, including

³⁴⁴² Government of Canada invests in mental health and distress centres, Public Health Agency of Canada (Montreal) 18 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-in-mental-health-and-distress-centres.html>

³⁴⁴³ Government of Canada announces \$4.7M to support new mental health research projects at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Montreal) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-announces-47m-to-support-new-mental-health-research-projects-at-the-douglas-mental-health-university-institute.html>

³⁴⁴⁴ Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada on the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission's decision to implement a national three-digit number for suicide prevention and mental health crisis, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/08/statement-from-the-public-health-agency-of-canada-on-the-canadian-radio-television-and-telecommunication-commissions-decision-to-implement-a-nation.html>

³⁴⁴⁵ Statement from the Minister of Health on World Alzheimer's Day, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/09/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-world-alzheimers-day.html>

³⁴⁴⁶ Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on Mental Illness Awareness Week, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/statement-from-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions-and-associate-minister-of-health-on-mental-illness-awareness-week.html>

³⁴⁴⁷ Government of Canada invests \$1.2 million in mental health support for long-term care frontline workers and essential service providers, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-invests-12-million-in-mental-health-support-for-long-term-care-frontline-workers-and-essential-service-providers.html>

³⁴⁴⁸ Government of Canada Announces New Framework for Diabetes in Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-announces-new-framework-for-diabetes-in-canada.html>

people living with diabetes, researchers, Indigenous communities and other partners to ensure that it makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those living with diabetes.

On 7 October 2022, Minister Bennett announced CAD3 million in funding to support the mental wellness of young people from Indigenous, Black, newcomer and underserved communities in Canada.³⁴⁴⁹ This investment will be used to expand two programs. The Weaving Threads program will be expanded to reach Indigenous communities nationally and be adapted for Black and newcomer communities. The funding for Kids Help Phone will help expand its Counsellor in the Classroom program, which educates elementary school students on how counsellors can support them with their mental health.

On 13 October 2022, Minister Duclos announced the investment of about CAD1.7 million towards four organizations to support their initiatives to promote physical activity, healthy eating and decreased tobacco usage in low-income neighbourhoods and marginalized communities within Quebec to support healthy behaviours that address risk factors of chronic diseases.³⁴⁵⁰

On 14 October 2022, Minister Bennett attended the Global Mental Health Summit as part of the Canadian delegation.³⁴⁵¹ At this summit, the Government of Canada committed to continue to work with its international partners to increase mental health awareness, reaffirm global cooperation and advance approaches to mental health and substance use that focus on community relations.

On 15 October 2022, PHAC released a statement for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day to raise awareness for the mental health of those who have suffered ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, stillbirths, or death in infancy.³⁴⁵² The statement addresses the mental health of a target group in order to promote larger awareness.

On 2 November 2022, Minister Duclos released a statement stating that the Government of Canada would raise awareness for radon, a radioactive gas which leads to lung cancer.³⁴⁵³

On 7 November 2022, Minister Bennett announced an expansion of the Pain Canada Network, an organization dedicated to addressing chronic pain, as well as government funding of CAD4.5 million over the next five years.³⁴⁵⁴

On 10 November 2022, Minister Responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Filomena Tassi announced that the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) would invest up to CAD2 million in SQI Diagnostics Inc., a medical diagnostics company

³⁴⁴⁹ Government of Canada invests \$3 million to support the mental wellness of young people, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-invests-3-million-to-support-the-mental-wellness-of-young-people.html>

³⁴⁵⁰ Government of Canada supports healthy living for priority populations in the province of Quebec, Public Health Agency of Canada (Quebec City) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-supports-healthy-living-for-priority-populations-in-the-province-of-quebec.html>

³⁴⁵¹ Canada meets with international officials and partners at the Global Mental Health Summit, Public Health Agency of Canada (Rome) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/canada-meets-with-international-officials-and-partners-at-the-global-mental-health-summit.html>

³⁴⁵² Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/message-from-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions-and-associate-minister-of-health--pregnancy-and-infant-loss-remembrance-day.html>

³⁴⁵³ Statement from the Minister of Health on Radon Action Month, Health Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/11/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-radon-action-month.html>

³⁴⁵⁴ Government of Canada announces over \$5 million to enhance support for people living with chronic pain and to expand the Pain Canada Network, Health Canada (Vancouver) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-announces-over-5-million-to-enhance-support-for-people-living-with-chronic-pain-and-to-expand-the-pain-canada-network.html>

working on tests for respiratory diseases.³⁴⁵⁵ FedDev Ontario's investment will allow SQI to bring the tests to market faster.

On 19 November 2022, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Parliament (MP) Mona Fortier announced on behalf of Minister Bennett that CAD500,000 in funding would be granted to a project supporting youth mental health in Ottawa.³⁴⁵⁶ The project plans to use well-being activities as mental illness prevention to help youth reach their full potential.

On 28 November 2022, Minister Bennett announced up to CAD18 million in funding for projects aimed at addressing mental health and substance use issues in youth.³⁴⁵⁷ The funding seeks to create a network of learning health systems to inform policies addressing youth addiction and mental health.

On 7 December 2022, MP Wilson Miao announced on behalf of Minister Bennett that CAD1.2 million in funding will go to the United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society.³⁴⁵⁸ The goal of the funding is to promote the mental health of postpartum women and their families in Asian and Southeast Asian communities.

On 13 December 2022, Federal MP David McGuinty announced on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD2.8 million in funding to increase mental health literacy in coaches and leaders in sport.³⁴⁵⁹ The initiative seeks to increase mental health awareness in coaches and sports leaders within remote, economically disadvantaged and Indigenous communities, newcomers to Canada and disabled individuals.

On 10 January 2023, Minister Bennet announced that nearly CAD7 million in funding would be allotted to YMCA Canada in order to benefit the mental health of youth.²¹ The "Y Mind" and "Mind Medicine" programs that this funding is set to go to are intended for youth between 13-30 who suffer from mild to moderate symptoms of depression and anxiety.

On 18 January 2023, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health Adam van Koeverden and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety Pam Damoff Announced on behalf of Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos CAD23 million in funding to establish the Canadian Pediatric Cancer Consortium.³⁴⁶⁰ This research seeks to increase treatment for pediatric cancer, a noncommunicable disease affecting children.

³⁴⁵⁵ Government of Canada supports growth of medical diagnostics company leading to job creation, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (Etobicoke) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-supports-growth-of-medical-diagnostics-company-leading-to-job-creation.html>

³⁴⁵⁶ Government of Canada invests \$447K to support mental health through Ottawa youth mental health project, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-invests-447k-to-support-mental-health-through-ottawa-youth-mental-health-project.html>

³⁴⁵⁷ The Government of Canada and partners establish a Canada-wide network to support integrated mental health and substance use services for youth, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Toronto) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/11/the-government-of-canada-and-partners-establish-a-canada-wide-network-to-support-integrated-mental-health-and-substance-use-services-for-youth.html>

³⁴⁵⁸ Government of Canada invests \$1.2 million to promote mental health in postpartum women and their families within Asian and South Asian immigrant communities, Public Health Agency of Canada (Vancouver) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-12-million-to-promote-mental-health-in-postpartum-women-and-their-families-within-asian-and-south-asian-immigrant-comm.html>

³⁴⁵⁹ Government of Canada invests \$2.8 million to increase mental health literacy among Coaches and Sports Leaders, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2022. Access date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-28-million-to-increase-mental-health-literacy-among-coaches-and-sports-leaders2.html>

³⁴⁶⁰ Government of Canada invests \$23 million in pediatric cancer research, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Toronto), 18 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/01/government-of-canada-invests-23-million-in-pediatric-cancer-research.html>

On 10 February 2023, Federal MP Yasir Naqvi announced, on behalf of Minister Duclos, CAD568,106 in funding to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.³⁴⁶¹ The funding will be used for research into preventing and treating cardiovascular disease in women.

On 16 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced an investment of over CAD365,000 to promote mental health and well-being amongst Black youth in Ottawa school districts.³⁴⁶² This will be done by raising awareness about the social determinants of health and educating teachers and administrators about the mental health challenges faced by Black youth.

On 21 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced an investment of nearly CAD4 million in funding to OCAD University to support their mental health programs on campus.³⁴⁶³ This funding will go to promotional materials associated with a peer support program on campus, as well as mindfulness training and practice programs.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research had invested nearly CAD5 million in 25 research projects examining guidelines of mental health and substance use services for children, youth and young adults.³⁴⁶⁴

On 28 February 2023, Minister of Seniors Kamal Khera announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD2.5 million in funding for the Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health.³⁴⁶⁵ This funding will be used to investigate multiple mental health disorders in older adults and their providers and caregivers.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced close to CAD1 million in funding to support five research teams in Quebec researching and examining standards and guidelines for delivery of mental health and substance use services for children and young adults.³⁴⁶⁶

On 2 March 2023, David McGuinty announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD798,500 in funding for the Canadian Teacher's Federation in order to prevent mental illnesses and promote mental health in educators and administrators working in K-12 schools.³⁴⁶⁷

³⁴⁶¹ Government of Canada Supports Initiatives to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease in Women, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa), 10 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-supports-initiatives-to-prevent-cardiovascular-disease-in-women.html>

³⁴⁶² Government of Canada announces \$365,000 to The Centre for Resilience and Social Development for their project to support Black youth in Ottawa, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa), 16 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-announces-365k-to-the-centre-for-resilience-and-social-development-for-their-project-to-support-black-youth-in-ottawa.html>

³⁴⁶³ Government of Canada invests nearly \$4 million to OCAD University to support mental health of students, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 21 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-4-million-to-ocad-university-to-support-mental-health-of-students.html>

³⁴⁶⁴ Government of Canada invests nearly \$5M in national mental health and substance use standards for children, youth and young adults, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Halifax), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-5m-in-national-mental-health-and-substance-use-standards-for-children-youth-and-young-adults.html>

³⁴⁶⁵ Government of Canada invests \$2.5 million in the mental health of older adults and caregivers, Public Health Agency of Canada (North York), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-25-million-in-the-mental-health-of-older-adults-and-caregivers.html>

³⁴⁶⁶ Government of Canada invests close to \$1M in Quebec research teams to examine mental health and substance use standards for children, youth and young adults, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Gaspésie-Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-close-to-1m-in-quebec-research-teams-to-examine-mental-health-and-substance-use-standards-for-children-youth-and-young.html>

³⁴⁶⁷ Government of Canada invests \$798,500 to support the mental health of educators, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa), 2 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-798500-to-support-the-mental-health-of-educators.html>

On 2 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced CAD4.2 million in funding to Community Health and Social Services Network.³⁴⁶⁸ This funding will go towards enhancing the ability of anglophone communities in Quebec to better promote mental health and prevent mental illnesses.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced nearly CAD4 million in funding to the Alliance for Healthier Communities to expand their social prescription program.³⁴⁶⁹ This program “socially prescribes” a variety of activities to individuals in order to promote mental health and well-being.

On 8 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced CAD2.7 million in funding to Jack.org for its digital hub of mental health resources.³⁴⁷⁰ This program serves to provide an online hub for mental health resources for members of disenfranchised communities.

On 10 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced nearly CAD3 million in funding for six organizations in Toronto.³⁴⁷¹ This funding will be used to address the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black communities in Canada.

On 13 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD7 million in funding to address mental health in Ontario.³⁴⁷² This funding will go towards eight different projects, allowing Ontarians to access better care for mental health.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD13 million in funding to address harms related to substance abuse in the Prairies, Northwest Territories and Yukon.³⁴⁷³

On 16 March 2023, Minister Kamal Khara announced on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD1 million in funding towards funding for Peel Region’s mental health services.³⁴⁷⁴ This funding will go towards the Indus Community Services’ programs, which provide mental health support to newcomers and international students in the South Asian community.

³⁴⁶⁸ Government of Canada invests \$4.2 million to organizations to promote mental health in Quebec, Public Health Agency of Canada (Quebec City), 2 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-42-million-to-organizations-to-promote-mental-health-in-quebec.html>

³⁴⁶⁹ Government of Canada invests nearly \$4 million in the Alliance for Healthier Communities to promote mental health, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 3 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-4-million-in-the-alliance-for-healthier-communities-to-promote-mental-health.html>

³⁴⁷⁰ Government of Canada invests \$2.7M in Jack.org for youth mental health education, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 8 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-27m-in-jackorg-for-youth-mental-health-education.html>

³⁴⁷¹ Government of Canada announces \$3 million to support the mental health of Black communities, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-3-million-to-support-the-mental-health-of-black-communities.html>

³⁴⁷² Government of Canada announces over \$7 million to help address harms related to substance use in Ontario, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 14 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-7-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-ontario.html>

³⁴⁷³ Government of Canada announces over \$13 million to help address harms related to substance use in the Prairies, Northwest Territories and Yukon, Health Canada (Winnipeg), 15 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-13-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-the-prairies-northwest-territories-and-yukon.html>

³⁴⁷⁴ Government of Canada invests \$1 million to support mental health through Indus Community Services, Public Health Agency of Canada (Mississauga), 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-1-million-to-support-mental-health-through-indus-community-services.html>

On 17 March 2023, MP Andy Fillmore announce on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD1.28 million in funding to support mental health in Nova Scotia.³⁴⁷⁵ This funding is being used to support youth with eating disorders in Nova Scotia, and to expand their peer support programs to a national scale.

On 17 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD3 million in funding to address substance use related harms in British Columbia.³⁴⁷⁶ The funding will go towards three programs, allowing those in BC to access greater prevention, harm reduction and treatment services for substance use and abuse.

On 17 March 2023, MP Leah Taylor Roy announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD666,054 in funding to support the needs of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth.³⁴⁷⁷ This funding will go towards the Gilbert Center for Social and Support Services to further fund their online program for mental health support for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address NCDs including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. It has funded multiple programs to address NCDs, including mental health, diabetes and cancer. National measures to address NCDs included funding research initiatives for treatments and cures, as well as establishing frameworks for mental health services and diabetes services. Canada has also provided sufficient recognition to the need to promote effective and accessible mental health resources by funding and training services and service providers. Canada has also reiterated its commitment to addressing mental health on a global scale, and the public research funding it has provided towards cures and treatments will support global efforts towards such purposes.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 19 September 2022, Minister of Health and Prevention François Braun announced that French health insurance will cover three free medical visits at ages 25, 45 and 65 to address physical and mental health.³⁴⁷⁸ Assessments at visits will include screening for cardiovascular diseases, cancers and possible mental health disorders at age 45 and screening for cancers and preventable diseases at age 65.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health and Prevention and the French Public Health Agency announced the launch of Tobacco Free Month in November 2022, encouraging French residents to stop smoking for 30

³⁴⁷⁵ Government of Canada invests \$1.28M to support youth experiencing eating disorders, Public Health Agency of Canada (Halifax), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-128m-to-support-youth-experiencing-eating-disorders.html>

³⁴⁷⁶ Government of Canada announces over \$3 million to help address harms related to substance use in British Columbia, Health Canada (British Columbia), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-3-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-british-columbia.html>

³⁴⁷⁷ Government of Canada invests over \$660,000 to The Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services to support 2SLGBTQIA+ youth mental health, Public Health Agency of Canada (Barrie), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-over-660k-to-the-gilbert-centre-for-social-and-support-services-to-support-2slgbtqia-youth-mental-health.html>

³⁴⁷⁸ Des consultations médicales gratuites aux trois âges clés de la vie, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 19 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/des-consultations-medicales-gratuites-aux-trois-ages-cles-de-la-vie>

days.³⁴⁷⁹ This is intended to promote improved respiratory health in order to prevent chronic respiratory diseases.

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research announced the provision of an additional EUR8.2 million to the Student Health Services (SSE), which, among other objectives, contribute to action for mental health support and prevention of mental illnesses.³⁴⁸⁰ This funding, which will be disbursed in 2023, will allow for a reform of the SSEs, and bring in student voices to address their mental health needs and bring about a strategy for all areas of student health, including mental health and addictions.

On 13 October 2022, France took part in the World Summit for Mental Health in Rome and engaged in discussions regarding the importance of a “community-focused approach to mental health,” organizations to support recovery, challenges facing the mental health profession and the involvement of those affected by mental health issues in determining public policies.³⁴⁸¹ Additionally, France reaffirmed its commitment to addressing mental health internationally and discussed ongoing actions in support of this mission.

On 16 October 2022, Minister Braun attended the World Health Summit in Berlin and participated in discussions surrounding global healthcare systems and reducing inequalities.³⁴⁸² As part of his speech at the summit, he reaffirmed France’s support of international efforts to address communicable and non-communicable diseases.

On 25 October 2022, the National Assembly published a proposal for a European resolution to prohibit the usage of nitrate additives in charcuterie products due to their carcinogenic properties as recognized by the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization.³⁴⁸³ The proposal calls for several actions, including urging the European Food Safety Authority to broaden their current assessment to include the work of the National Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety regarding the dangers posed by the use of nitrates or nitrites in food; requesting the European Commission to regard the issue of the cancer-causing effects of nitrites in charcuterie as one of its priorities; and reviewing the consumption recommendations by the European Food Safety Authority in light of this risk.

On 27 October 2022, Delegate for European and International Affairs Antoine Saint-Denis participated in the G20 Health Ministers meeting in Bali and partook in discussions regarding global health standards and systems.³⁴⁸⁴ As part of the meeting, the Ministers reaffirmed the importance of achieving “the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health” and considered how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the

³⁴⁷⁹ En novembre, relevez le défi du mois sans tabac !, Gouvernement de France, (Paris) 10 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/en-novembre-relevez-le-defi-du-mois-sans-tabac>

³⁴⁸⁰ Les Services de santé universitaires (SSU) deviennent des Services de santé étudiants (SSE) : 8,2 millions d'euros supplémentaires pour la santé des étudiants, Ministère de L'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 13 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/les-services-de-sante-universitaires-ssu-deviennent-des-services-de-sante-etudiants-sse-82-millions-87514>

³⁴⁸¹ Sommet mondial sur la Santé mentale 2022 : renforcer l'action mondiale des gouvernements (Rome, 13 et 14 octobre 2022), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 14 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/sommet-mondial-sur-la-sante-mentale-2022-renforcer-l-action-mondiale-des>

³⁴⁸² Retour sur le Sommet mondial de la Santé : « Faire le choix de la santé », à l'échelle mondiale et au-delà des crises (16 – 18 octobre 2022, Berlin), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 18 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/retour-sur-le-sommet-mondial-de-la-sante-faire-le-choix-de-la-sante-a-l-echelle>

³⁴⁸³ Proposition de Résolution Européenne relative à l'interdiction des additifs nitrés dans les produits de charcuterie, Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 25 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16b0381_proposition-resolution-europeenne

³⁴⁸⁴ G20 Indonésie | Retour sur la réunion des ministres de la santé et des finances à Bali (27 – 29 octobre 2022), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/g20-indonesie-retour-sur-la-reunion-des-ministres-de-la-sante-et-des-finances-a>

mental health of care workers.³⁴⁸⁵ The Ministers also discussed seven steps to implement the One Health approach, which is deemed essential to preventing NCDs.

On 5 December 2022, the French Government announced the Paris Saclay Cancer Cluster (PSCC) as the first winner of the France 2030 Biocluster plan to accelerate research and development.³⁴⁸⁶ The PSCC will be situated in Villejuif and funded by France 2030 conditionally for ten years, during which time it will focus on “improving prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up” for cancer. The overall goal of the PSCC will be to work towards a cure and to improve the quality of life for those living with cancer.

On 9 December 2022, Minister for Territorial Organization and Health Professions Agnès Firmin Le Bodo participated in the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting in Brussels and engaged in discussions with European health ministers regarding vaccinations and cancer.³⁴⁸⁷ The Council adopted a recommendation that aims to support cancer prevention by enabling the early detection of cancers, in part through “new organized programs for certain cancers such as prostate and lung.”³⁴⁸⁸ Additionally, the Ministers discussed mental health policy during their lunch, in preparation of an upcoming initiative.

On 19 December 2022, Minister Braun announced that Kaftrio, “an innovative treatment for cystic fibrosis,” will become available for all children suffering from cystic fibrosis in France.³⁴⁸⁹ The treatment was previously only available to those above 12 years of age.

On 10 January 2023, the French Government announced the winners of the ninth wave of the i-Nov Innovation Contest, which provides funding to winners by the France 2030 investment plan.³⁴⁹⁰ 24 of the 53 winners selected are contributing to the contest’s health innovation theme, most of which aim to develop treatments for mental illnesses and noncommunicable diseases.³⁴⁹¹ DAMAE medical was granted EUR1.9 million to improve the management of skin cancers, Phost’in Therapeutics was granted EUR1.67 million to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the N-glycosylation inhibitor in treating tumours such as glioblastomas and Healthy Mind was granted EUR452,000 to support its development of a digital therapy for depression using virtual reality and neurofeedback.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Braun offered a progress report on the 50 measures set forth in the government’s 2018 Mental Health and Psychiatry Roadmap, including the establishment of a national number of suicide

³⁴⁸⁵ Chair’s Summary: Health Ministers’ of the G20, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221028-health.html>

³⁴⁸⁶ France 2030 : « Paris Saclay Cancer Cluster », premier lauréat de l’AMI « Biocluster », Ministère de L’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 5 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/france-2030-paris-saclay-cancer-cluster-premier-laureat-de-l-ami-biocluster-88378>

³⁴⁸⁷ Conseil EPSCO | Lutte contre le cancer et vaccination au cœur de la réunion des ministres européens de la Santé - 9 décembre 2022, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/conseil-epsco-lutte-contre-le-cancer-et-vaccination-au-coeur-de-la-reunion-des>

³⁴⁸⁸ Conseil EPSCO | Lutte contre le cancer et vaccination au cœur de la réunion des ministres européens de la Santé - 9 décembre 2022, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/conseil-epsco-lutte-contre-le-cancer-et-vaccination-au-coeur-de-la-reunion-des>

³⁴⁸⁹ Un traitement contre la mucoviscidose généralisé pour les enfants, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 19 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/un-traitement-contre-la-mucoviscidose-generalise-pour-les-enfants>

³⁴⁹⁰ France 2030 : annonce des 53 lauréats de la 9e vague du concours d’innovation i-Nov et lancement de la vague 11, Ministère de L’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 10 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/france-2030-annonce-53-laureats-9e-vague-concours-innovation-i-nov-et-lancement-vague-11-88861>

³⁴⁹¹ Recueil des Lauréats i-Nov Wave IX (2022), Gouvernement de France (Paris) December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 February 2023. https://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/contenu/piece-jointe/2023/01/recueil_des_laureats_i-nov_vague_9_vf.pdf

prevention and first aid training for mental health.³⁴⁹² He also announced five new objectives, with respect to accomplishing the ambitions outlined in the Roadmap. The objectives include supporting innovative research, strengthening cooperation regarding mental health between authorities, promoting mental wellbeing and supporting the early detection of mental health issues, especially for youth.

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address NCDs including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. This includes strong domestic action, such as budgets for broad health goals, including funding directed towards cancer research and mental health services, and legislative changes for insurance for NCDs. France has also recognized the need for mental health support by promoting local approaches to addressing and treating mental health at an international forum.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mabek Kaur

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 14 July 2022, the Ministry of Health organized an interview with patient representatives Andrea Hahne and Dr. Christine Mundlos, who are participants in the German government's genomDE initiative that aims to increase awareness of and access to genomic medicine for those suffering with rare genetic diseases, such as cancers.³⁴⁹³ Genomic medicines can increase preventative measures and early detection of genomic cancers, and this interview was intended to increase public involvement with the initiative.

On 24 August 2022, Federal Minister for Family Affairs Lisa Paus announced the investment of EUR4 billion in children's daycare and childhood education through the Children's Daycare Quality Act.³⁴⁹⁴ The funding will be dispersed within the next two years and aims to, among other things, promote health, nutrition and exercise in childhood education to combat the increase of mental and physical disorders among children after the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 21 September 2022, State Secretary Jörg Kukies met with leaders from Barbados, Mauritius, Samoa and Tonga at the first ever Annual Gathering of a Heads of State and Government Group for the Prevention and Control of NCDs on behalf of the G7.³⁴⁹⁵ Leaders discussed the importance of the Global NCD Compact, which aims to, among other things, involve the 1.7 billion people worldwide living with NCDs and mental health conditions in policy decisions and guarantee access to medical care and health coverage.

On 1 October 2022, two Joint Actions of the EU4Health Workprogram 2021 ("CraNE" and "JANE") were launched with the participation of the German Federal Ministry of Health and other key national

³⁴⁹² Santé mentale : François Braun fait le point sur l'avancement des actions de la Feuille de route Santé mentale et Psychiatrie (Paris) 3 March 2023. Translatin provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/sante-mentale-francois-braun-fait-le-point-sur-l-avancement-des-actions-de-la>

³⁴⁹³ "To ensure good care, we also need the patient perspective," Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 24 July 2022. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/en/international/european-health-policy/genomde-en/to-ensure-good-care-we-also-need-the-patient-perspective.html>

³⁴⁹⁴ Further improvement in children's daycare, The Federal Government (Berlin) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/childrens-daycare-quality-act-2078520>

³⁴⁹⁵ First Annual Gathering of the Group of Heads of State and Government on NCDs, World Heart Federation (Geneva) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://world-heart-federation.org/news/first-annual-gathering-of-the-group-of-heads-of-state-and-government-on-ncds/>

stakeholders.³⁴⁹⁶ These two Joint Actions will help implement “Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan,” which aims to establish EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures by 2025.

On 2 November 2022, the German Federal Statistical Office released a report on Men’s World Day that stated that the number of inpatient treatments for those with testicular cancer had decreased by 40 per cent in the last 20 years, as compared to a 5 per cent decrease in the 20 years before that.³⁴⁹⁷ Germany has been steadily noting and tracking rates of testicular cancer, demonstrating a recognition of its severity.

On 14 November 2022, the Federal Ministry of Health adopted and published the “National Education and Communication Strategy on Diabetes Mellitus” with the aim of improves diabetes prevention in Germany.³⁴⁹⁸ The strategy aims to gather health professionals and experts in the field into a network titled ‘Diabetes Network Germany – Healthier Together.’

On 15 November 2022, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) announced EUR2.6 million in funding to the Central Institute of Mental Health (CIMH) in Mannheim and the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin to study how the psychedelic substance psilocybin could be used to combat treatment-resistant major depression.³⁴⁹⁹ Previous studies have shown that psilocybin can have a rapid and long-lasting effect on depression, so the funding will be used to determine whether it can safely be used as treatment for people who have tried other treatments for depression without success.

On 23 November 2022, researchers from Heidelberg University Hospital and the German Cancer Research Center, which is funded by the BMBF, published the results of a study examining leukemia stem cells.³⁵⁰⁰ The results provide insight into the development of tumor cells and will be used in attempts to create new treatments for leukemia and other blood cancers.

On 5 December 2022, the Federal Office for Radiation Protection released a report stating that women between the ages of 70 and 75 could benefit from Germany’s mammography screening programme for early detection of breast cancer.³⁵⁰¹ The Federal Office is now advocating to extend the age limit for participants to 75 years of age.

³⁴⁹⁶ Joint Action on network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres JA Crane, European Commission (Brussels) 2 October 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/ev_20211126_co03_en.pdf

³⁴⁹⁷ Number of in-patient treatments for testicular cancer down by 40% within 20 years, Federal Statistical Office (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.destatis.de/EN/Press/2022/11/PE22_N064_23.html

³⁴⁹⁸ The Federal Center For Health Education (Bzga) To Publish Their “National Education And Communication Strategy On Diabetes Mellitus”, Deutsches Zentrum für Diabetesforschung (Hamburg) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.dzd-ev.de/en/latest/news/news/article/the-federal-center-for-health-education-bzga-to-publish-their-national-education-and-communicatio/index.html>

³⁴⁹⁹ BMBF approves an additional 2.6 million euros for the psilocybin depression study EPIsoDE at CIMH and Charité, Informationsdienst Wissenschaft (Bayreuth) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://nachrichten.idw-online.de/2022/11/15/bmbf-approves-an-additional-2-6-million-euros-for-the-psilocybin-depression-study-episode-at-cimh-and-charite>

³⁵⁰⁰ How blood cancer cells renew themselves, German Cancer Research Center (Hiedelberg) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.dkfz.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/2022/dkfz-pm-22-66b-How-blood-cancer-cells-renew-themselves.php>

³⁵⁰¹ Mammography screening programme: also useful for women over 70, Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz (Salzgitter) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.bfs.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/BfS/EN/2022/022.html>

On 13 December 2022, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community launched the *Entwicklungsplan Sport*, an action plan to promote physical activity and sports at all levels to promote a healthier lifestyle and combat obesity.³⁵⁰²

On 13 December 2022, a new drug against prostate cancer, whose active ingredient was developed under the leadership of the German Cancer Research Center, was approved by the European Commission to improve the outcomes of patients.³⁵⁰³

On 2 February 2023, the Federal Statistical Authority reported on World Cancer Day that the number of cancer-related hospital treatments had decreased by 1.2 per cent in 2021.³⁵⁰⁴ Germany tracks the rate of cancer treatments, noting that it is still the fourth-most common reason for treatment, with lung and bronchial cancers being the most common. This demonstrates Germany's continued willingness to report on and raise awareness for cancer.

On 1 March 2023, the Federal Foreign Office released "Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy," a series of guidelines for Germany's foreign policy, which includes taking into account the vulnerability of women and girls, who face a higher risk of developing cancer due to radioactive fallout from nuclear explosions.³⁵⁰⁵ This is a demonstration of Germany's willingness to take into account noncommunicable diseases in its policymaking.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Germany has taken strong action to address some mental health challenges and NCDs through funding and releasing reports. It has also taken some action towards raising awareness for access to mental health resources by discussing the need for improved health coverage for conditions including mental illnesses.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zekai Zhu

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address non-communicable diseases including mental health, recognizing the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 26 September 2022, the Ministry of Health held a conference called "The projects of the Dementia Fund: what changes in the diagnosis and assistance of people with dementia?" to present projects based on the three-year plans established by the "Fund for Alzheimer's and dementia" in order to promote a public health

³⁵⁰² *Entwicklungsplan Sport* (action plan 'Physical Activity and Sports for all'), European Commission (Brussels) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://sport.ec.europa.eu/healthylifestyle4all/pledges/entwicklungsplan-sport-action-plan-physical-activity-and-sports-for-all>

³⁵⁰³ New drug for metastatic prostate cancer now also approved in Europe, Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (Heidelberg) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.dkfz.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/2022/dkfz-pm-22-72-New-drug-for-metastatic-prostate-cancer-now-also-approved-in-Europe.php>

³⁵⁰⁴ World Cancer Day: record low of in-patient cancer treatments in 2021, Statistisches Bundesamt (Berlin) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. https://www.destatis.de/EN/Press/2023/02/PE23_N007_231.html

³⁵⁰⁵ Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2585076/4d2d295dad8fb1c41c6271d2c1a41d75/ffp-leitlinien-data.pdf>

intervention for dementia.³⁵⁰⁶ This was done to mark World Alzheimer's Day. The conference will present regional and Provincial projects as well as initiatives by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità.³⁵⁰⁷

On 29 September 2022, the Working Group on Cardiovascular Diseases of the Italian Alliance for Cardio-Cerebrovascular Diseases released an informative brochure on "How to prevent cardiovascular diseases" to provide information to citizens on how to prevent cardiovascular disease, focusing on risk factors, healthy lifestyles, and primary prevention.³⁵⁰⁸ This was done to mark World Heart Day in order to raise awareness on heart health.

On 30 September 2022, the IncontraDonna Foundation and the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group hosted the Frecciarosa campaign for health promotion and prevention in order to promote healthy lifestyles and increase awareness on the importance of cancer prevention through regular check-ups.³⁵⁰⁹ This initiative was part of the Ministry of Health's observance of Breast Cancer Prevention Month.

On 5 October 2022, the Italian Cooperation Service donated EUR1.75 million in humanitarian aid to Lebanon.³⁵¹⁰ Out of this, EUR1 million will be directed to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to assist with medical and sanitation facilities and first aid facilities, while EUR750,000 will be directed to the World Health Organization to provide necessary medication for patients with cancer and other diseases.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health commemorated World Mental Health Day to bring attention to the goal of making mental health and well-being a priority internationally.³⁵¹¹

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Health hosted the Global Mental Health Summit in Rome to raise awareness and find solutions for mental health both domestically and internationally.³⁵¹² The two main focuses of the summit, held in collaboration with the World Health Organization, was to highlight a community-based approach to mental health and the importance of the direct involvement of those living with mental illnesses as well as their families in the psychosocial care and recovery process.

On 16 November 2022, the Ministry of Health held the fourth meeting of the General Assembly of the Italian Alliance for cardio-cerebrovascular diseases to elect ten companies working towards cardio-cerebrovascular

³⁵⁰⁶ Giornata mondiale dell'Alzheimer, 21 settembre 2022, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 21 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5998

³⁵⁰⁷ Demenze, il 26 settembre all'ISS il Convegno "Le progettualità del fondo demenze: quali cambiamenti nella diagnosi ed assistenza delle persone con demenza?", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5986

³⁵⁰⁸ 29 settembre, Giornata mondiale del cuore - World Heart Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 29 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5999

³⁵⁰⁹ Prevenzione del tumore al seno, riparte la campagna "Frecciarosa", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6010

³⁵¹⁰ Lebanon. Italy's Cooperation Service provides emergency contributions to the IFRC and WHO, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/libano-contributi-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-favore-della-ificross-e-delloms/

³⁵¹¹ 10 ottobre, Giornata mondiale della salute mentale – World Health Mental Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6019

³⁵¹² Global Mental Health Summit 2022. Al via a Roma il 13 e 14 ottobre. L'evento in diretta streaming, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6020

health as an Executive Committee.³⁵¹³ The Alliance oversees the development of a national prevention agenda or cardiovascular health.³⁵¹⁴

On 6 December 2022, Minister of Health Orazio Schillaci presented a speech to the Commissions of the Chamber and Senate (Social Affairs - Health and Work).³⁵¹⁵ In the speech, he reiterated his commitment to obtain a guarantee on financial coverage with regards to improving the healthcare system and provide lines for investment into various spheres of healthcare, hospitals, and staff. He also reinforced the guarantee to assist all citizens with rare diseases and support the recently established National Committee for Rare Diseases. Furthermore, he reinforced the commitment to the National Cancer Plan for the years 2022-2027, in which Italy is planning to increase and improve screenings, coverage and overall aid the oncology field. Additionally, Minister Schillaci is planning to provide EUR10 million in 2023 and EUR10 million in 2024 to fight cancer.

On 19 December 2022, Minister Schillaci presented the report “The numbers of cancer in Italy 2022” to recognize the setback caused in Italy actions against cancer as diagnostic events were slowed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁵¹⁶ He outlined the necessity of providing the best quality of prevention, treatment, and assistance to cancer patients, as well as the need to ensure that all such patients are vaccinated against COVID-19. Lastly, he reaffirmed the Ministry of Health’s previous commitment to adopting the National Oncology Plan to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and assistance of cancer patients.

On 26 January 2023, the Italian Government adopted the National Cancer Plan 2023-2027, which aims to reduce inequalities in access to prevention and treatment interventions.³⁵¹⁷ The goals of the Plan are to complete setting up the national cancer registry and establish full organizational functionality across the country. The Plan will look at primary prevention in accordance with the 2020-2025 National Prevention Plan through the adoption of a healthy lifestyle. It will also promote intervention through vaccination against cancer-causing infectious agents, as well as secondary prevention through strengthening of organized screening programs.

On 9 February 2023, Minister Schillaci spoke at a talk show about cancer prevention at Casa Sanremo with information on the three screening programs organized by the Italian Government for breast, colorectal and cervical cancer in order to promote the awareness campaign.³⁵¹⁸

On 15 February 2023, the Ministry of Health released a statement relating to the World Childhood Cancer Day explaining the statistics that approximately 2,400 childhood cancer diagnoses are expected in Italy every year.³⁵¹⁹ The ministry reinforced its strong stance on battling cancer and stated that its National Oncology Plan 2023-

³⁵¹³ Alleanza italiana per le malattie cardio-cerebrovascolari: nella seduta del 16 novembre l'Assemblea generale rinnova il Comitato Esecutivo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 6 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6083

³⁵¹⁴ Secondary prevention of heart attack and stroke: Country Profile for Italy, The Health Policy Partnership (London) 2021. Access Date: 4 January 2023. <https://www.healthpolicypartnership.com/app/uploads/Secondary-prevention-of-heart-attack-and-stroke-in-Europe-Italy.pdf>

³⁵¹⁵ Prova attitudinale per il riconoscimento del titolo di medico veterinario conseguito in un paese terzo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 6 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 February 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6091

³⁵¹⁶ Tumori, presentato al Ministero della Salute “I numeri del cancro 2022”, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 20 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6105

³⁵¹⁷ Piano oncologico nazionale 2023-2027, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=5928

³⁵¹⁸ Screening oncologici, la campagna di prevenzione a Casa Sanremo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

³⁵¹⁹ 15 Febbraio, Giornata mondiale contro il cancro infantile - Childhood Cancer Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 15 February 2023. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6157

2027 is in line with the World Health Organization's Global Childhood Cancer Initiative aiming to ensure at least 60 per cent survival for all children diagnosed with cancer by 2030.

On 21 February 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced the National Conference on Nutrition, taking place over three days, to bring together institutions, scientific committees, academics and representatives of the agri-food chain to discuss health promotion and the prevention of diet-related diseases.³⁵²⁰

On 12 March 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced World Glaucoma Week, attempting to raise awareness for glaucoma, the world's second-leading cause of blindness.³⁵²¹ The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Italia (IAPB Italia Onlus) released data from the Vista in Salute campaign from the Ministry of Health, which had offered screening for glaucoma, maculopathies and diabetic retinopathy, leading to a greater understanding of vision diseases. The IAPB Italia Onlus also announced prevention and awareness-raising activities in conjunction with the Italian Union for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 85 cities.

On 15 March 2023, the Ministry of Health marked National Lilac Bow Day, which is dedicated to eating disorders including anorexia, bulimia nervosa and binge eating.³⁵²² The Ministry of Health announced a series of guidelines to combat these diseases, especially in youth, including an interactive platform to publicize the availability of interventions and the creation of a census of organizations working with those suffering from eating disorders. Eating disorders are both a cause and symptom of mental health illnesses and can cause a series of organ complications, including cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and endocrine diseases.

On 18 March 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced the National Week for Oncological Prevention and announced a collaboration with the Italian League for the Fight against Tumors to spread prevention culture and raise public awareness on the importance of adopting a correct lifestyle to prevent cancer.³⁵²³ This includes preventing smoking, adopting healthy diets and maintaining regular physical activity.

On 28 March 2023, the Ministry of Health published a press release on World Endometriosis Day to raise awareness about the disease and inform about its impact, as well as different ways to detect and treat the disease.³⁵²⁴ The Ministry of Health also commented and ensured its compliance with the 2021 plan authorizing the expenditure of EUR3 million spread over the three years of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Italy has taken strong actions to promote mental health, cardiovascular health and cancer prevention, with a particular emphasis on cancer prevention. This includes hosting the Global Mental Health Summit, providing funding to be used in Lebanon to treat those with cancer, releasing reports and domestic initiatives in conjunction with scientists and researchers.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

³⁵²⁰ Conferenza Nazionale sulla Nutrizione, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 18 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=5930

³⁵²¹ Settimana mondiale del glaucoma: 12-18 marzo 2023, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 13 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6184

³⁵²² Giornata nazionale del Fiocchetto Lilla 2023, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6190

³⁵²³ Settimana nazionale per la prevenzione oncologica 2023, Ministro Schillaci partecipa alla Conferenza stampa LILT, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 17 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6193

³⁵²⁴ 28 Marzo 2023, Giornata mondiale dell'endometriosi, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 27 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6200

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Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 21 July 2022, the National Cancer Centre Japan announced the launch of a joint research project with the International Agency for Research on Cancer focusing on identifying associations between lifestyle risk factors and the prognosis of cancer patients.³⁵²⁵ The research has the goal of providing long-term benefits to cancer patients by identifying lifestyle risks that can be mitigated for the best prognosis, thus tackling a prominent noncommunicable disease.

On 1 August 2022, the National Cancer Centre Japan reported on its attendance at cancer registration workshops with the Ministry of Health of Vietnam as part of the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development.³⁵²⁶ Discussions focused on alignment with international standards of cancer registration and establishing standard operation procedure. This action plans to improve the quality of cancer statistics in Japan and link health insurance information to cancer statistics.

On 18 August 2022, Ambassador to Sri Lanka Hideaki Mizukoshi signed an Exchange of Note for grant assistance to provide JPY500 million worth of medical equipment to Sri Jayewardenepura Hospital.³⁵²⁷ Equipment includes an angio-CT, ophthalmic instruments and radiological instruments and is meant to improve the hospital's capacity to address NCDs.

On 25 August 2022, the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry announced that they would begin setting new guidelines for transplanting animal organs and tissues into humans over the next fiscal year.³⁵²⁸ This measure is meant to combat the shortage of organs that are needed by those suffering from chronic diseases by allocating an estimated budget of several tens of millions of yen to the project.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare commemorated World Mental Health Day 2022 by creating a promotional awareness poster for the movie "The Three Sisters of Tenmaso," which deals with the themes of sadness and mental health.³⁵²⁹ Through this initiative, the Ministry hopes to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day and increase public understanding of mental health and mental disorders.

On 27 October 2022, Ambassador Mizukoshi provided JPY800 million worth of medical equipment, including CT scanners, to the National Hospital in Sri Lanka and the Ragama Teaching Hospital.³⁵³⁰ The equipment is meant to enhance the inspection and treatment of those with noncommunicable and chronic diseases.

³⁵²⁵ Joint Research with IARC Identifying associations between lifestyle risk factors and the prognosis of cancer survivors, National Cancer Centre Japan (Tokyo) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

https://www.ncc.go.jp/en/information/press_release/20220721/index.html

³⁵²⁶ Supporting Cancer Registration in Viet Nam, National Cancer Centre Japan (Tokyo) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.ncc.go.jp/en/information/2022/0719/index.html>

³⁵²⁷ Japan Provides JPY 500 Million Grant Assistance for Strengthening Medical Capacity of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00037.html

³⁵²⁸ Health ministry to set new safety guidelines for animal organ, tissue use in humans, The Japan News (Tokyo) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp/science-nature/science/20220825-53790/>

³⁵²⁹ "World Mental Health Day" and the movie "Three Sisters of Tenmaso" tie up, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/newpage_00112.html

³⁵³⁰ Japan Grants JPY 800 million (USD 5.5 million) Medical Equipment to National Hospital and Ragama Teaching Hospital to Strengthen the Sustainable Medical System under the Current Economic Crisis, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00074.html

On 22 December 2022, the Ministry of Health announced the authorization of a blood test kit to detect Alzheimer's disease.³⁵³¹ This is one of the first blood test kits of its kind to be approved. The approval of the blood test kit aims to streamline the Alzheimer's screening process in Japan, enabling physicians to decide which patients qualify for new Alzheimer's therapies and improving treatment of the disease.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Japan has taken some action towards addressing mental health, such as creating promotional material. Japan has also taken strong action towards noncommunicable diseases at large, such as through donations to Sri Lanka while also taking weak actions on diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and cancer. However, Japan has not addressed the need for accessibility.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 14 July 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) published the Building the Right Support for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People Action Plan.³⁵³² The plan, in part, outlines an intersectional approach to prevent crises and admission into mental health facilities, ensures that individuals receive the quality care when in inpatient mental health facilities and removes roadblocks preventing them from leaving inpatient facilities once their treatment is complete.

On 19 July 2022, Minister for Care and Mental Health Gillian Keegan announced the launch of the Down Syndrome Act to improve the lives of people with Down's syndrome.³⁵³³ To implement this legislation, the UK Government will be collecting information regarding the experience of people with Down's syndrome as well as experts on the disease, and will require the National Health Service (NHS), health commissioners, and integrated care boards to provide guidance.

On 10 August 2022, the DHSC announced that over the next three years, hundreds of thousands of social care staff would be offered opportunities for further training to develop necessary skills to support diabetes, stroke awareness and mental health care.³⁵³⁴ This comes as part of the UK Government's GBP500 million support package and continuation of the Workforce Development Fund for 2022 to 2023.

On 14 August 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission with a new task force to accelerate research, a vow to double annual funding for dementia research to GBP160

³⁵³¹ Japan Approves Blood Test Kit to Detect Alzheimer's as Breakthrough Therapy Round the Corner, BNN Bloomberg (New York) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/japan-approves-blood-test-kit-to-detect-alzheimer-s-as-breakthrough-therapy-round-the-corner-1.1862489>

³⁵³² Building the Right Support for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People Action Plan, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 14 July 22. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1092537/Building-the-Right-Support-for-People-with-a-Learning-Disability-and-Autistic-People-Action-Plan-accessible.pdf

³⁵³³ Government seeks views to improve lives of people with Down's syndrome, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-seeks-views-to-improve-lives-of-people-with-downs-syndrome>

³⁵³⁴ Social care staff to benefit from improved career options and training, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-care-staff-to-benefit-from-improved-career-options-and-training>

million by 2024 and an additional GBP95 million to support the national mission.³⁵³⁵ This is a step towards better understanding the causes of dementia, which is a NCD, and developing treatments for the illness.

On 1 September 2022, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Steve Barclay announced the opening of seven additional community diagnostic centres (CDCs) to provide diagnostic testing for a range of conditions including cancer, heart disease and lung disease.³⁵³⁶ The CDCs are part of a plan by the UK Government to open 160 diagnostic centres by 2025 to reduce wait times for diagnosis and mitigate health disparities.

On 9 October 2022, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities launched a new Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign.³⁵³⁷ The campaign offers a personalized “Mind Plan” with advice via the Every Mind Matters website and encourages individuals to take steps to improve their mental wellbeing.

On 10 October 2022, the Department of Work and Pensions announced GBP122 million in funding towards the national expansion of an initiative by the NHS, which brings together employment advisors and therapists to best support individuals with mental health issues, enabling them to stay employed or return to work quicker.³⁵³⁸ This is a step towards mitigating barriers that prevent individuals from entering or remaining in the workforce due to mental health concerns and pushes for individual wellbeing, which in turn supports the economy.

On 13 October 2022, the UK attended the Global Mental Health Summit in Rome and engaged in discussions regarding the human rights of people with mental health issues, community approaches to mental health, mental wellbeing in the workplace and other key issues.³⁵³⁹ The NHS’s Tim Kendall was a member of the Steering Committee for the summit. Participants of the summit came to a unanimous consensus that “there is no health without mental health” and highlighted mental health as a global health priority.³⁵⁴⁰

On 14 October 2022, the UK Government announced over GBP800 million in funding over the next five years directed towards the National Institute for Health and Care Research for addressing health inequalities and for research into innovative treatments such as experimental medicine research.³⁵⁴¹ Of this, GBP790 million will go towards innovation for diagnostic and treatment options for key diseases such as cancer, mental health issues and dementia, along with an additional GBP25 million being invested into research to address patient safety challenges, including those associated with cancer treatment.

On 8 November 2022, the UK’s Joint Committee investigating a draft Mental Health Bill continued its examination of the bill, which proposes mitigating long-term inpatient care for individuals with learning

³⁵³⁵ Prime Minister launches ‘Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission’, Prime Minister’s Office, 10 Downing Street, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP (London) 14 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-dame-barbara-windsor-dementia-mission--2>

³⁵³⁶ 7 new community diagnostic centres to offer more patients life-saving checks, Department of Health and Social Care and The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-new-community-diagnostic-centres-to-offer-more-patients-life-saving-checks>

³⁵³⁷ Every Mind Matters campaign urges people to be kind to their mind, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/every-mind-matters-campaign-urges-people-to-be-kind-to-their-mind>

³⁵³⁸ £122 million employment boost for people receiving mental health support, Department for Work and Pensions and Chloe Smith MP (London) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/122-million-employment-boost-for-people-receiving-mental-health-support>

³⁵³⁹ Global Mental Health Summit – Skills, rights, care, Ministry of Health (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/saluteMentale/dettaglioEventiSaluteMentale.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=eventi&p=daeventi&id=596>

³⁵⁴⁰ Global Mental Health Summit – Skills, rights, care, Ministry of Health (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/saluteMentale/dettaglioEventiSaluteMentale.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=eventi&p=daeventi&id=596>

³⁵⁴¹ Over £800 million to boost innovation, growth and improve patient safety, Department for Health and Social Care (London) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-800m-to-boost-innovation-growth-and-improve-patient-safety>

disabilities or autism.³⁵⁴² The Committee aims to examine whether the draft Mental Health Bill is sufficient in prohibiting unnecessary detention and addressing poor inpatient care and lack of advocacy for young people. The Committee is also investigating if the bill has enough safeguards in place to protect those with learning disabilities or autism, as well as children and young people suffering from mental illness.

On 23 November 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy shared a memorandum of understanding between the governments of the UK and South Africa “on cooperation in science, technology, research and innovation.”³⁵⁴³ In terms of health research, the governments agreed to continued cooperation between their Medical Research Councils, in part, to support the international response to NCDs.

On 23 November 2022, the UK Government announced that the UK and South Africa updated their health partnership and will take part in nine collaborative research projects that focus on a range of health issues including NCDs and mental health.³⁵⁴⁴ The governments will also “[increase] shared knowledge and expertise” and engage in training and development to improve the overall capacity of their health systems.

On 27 November 2022, the DHSC announced GBP20 million in research funding for “cutting-edge obesity treatments and technologies” to support people in living healthier lives.³⁵⁴⁵ The funding aims to make new treatment options available which enable individuals to lose up to 20 per cent of their weight, thus improving their long-term health outcomes and preventing future NCDs.

On 28 November 2022, the UK Government announced over GBP113 million in funding for the research and development of new medications and technologies for significant public health issues within the UK.³⁵⁴⁶ The funds will be divided between four healthcare missions, with GBP22.5 million being directed towards cancer research, GBP40.2 million for digital technologies to support mental health, GBP20 million for obesity-related treatments and GBP30.5 million to tackle addiction. Each mission will be led by an independent chair, selected by a panel of experts in that field.

On 28 November 2022, Innovate UK announced GBP30 million in funding to support immuno-oncology-based research for cancer treatment and to fill existing gaps in treating childhood cancer.³⁵⁴⁷ This funding will be delivered through the Biomedical Catalyst Programme and is aligned with the UK Government’s cancer mission.

³⁵⁴² Joint Committee investigates impact of draft Mental Health Bill on children and young people, and people with learning disabilities or autism, UK Parliament (London) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/605/joint-committee-on-the-draft-mental-health-bill/news/174225/joint-committee-investigates-impact-of-draft-mental-health-bill-on-children-and-young-people-and-people-with-learning-disabilities-or-autism/>

³⁵⁴³ Memorandum of Understanding between the government of the Republic of South Africa and the government of the United Kingdom on cooperation in science, technology, research and innovation, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Energy (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cooperation-in-science-technology-research-and-innovation-memorandum-of-understanding-between-uk-and-south-africa/memorandum-of-understanding-between-the-government-of-the-republic-of-south-africa-and-the-government-of-the-united-kingdom-on-cooperation-in-science>

³⁵⁴⁴ UK and South Africa to work more closely on tackling pandemics and climate change, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-south-africa-to-work-more-closely-on-tackling-pandemics-and-climate-change>

³⁵⁴⁵ New obesity treatments and technology to save the NHS billions, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 27 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-obesity-treatments-and-technology-to-save-the-nhs-billions>

³⁵⁴⁶ Government to use Vaccine Taskforce model to tackle health challenges, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Office for Life Sciences, The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, Will Quince MP, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-use-vaccine-taskforce-model-to-tackle-health-challenges>

³⁵⁴⁷ £30 million fund to advance life-changing cancer therapeutics, UK Research and Innovation (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.ukri.org/news/30-million-fund-to-advance-life-changing-cancer-therapeutics>

On 28 November 2022, the NHS shared that approximately 9,000 men with advanced prostate cancer will become eligible for Darolutamide, a “new life-extending treatment.”³⁵⁴⁸ The treatment is expected to improve quality of life and increase survival rates for those living with prostate cancer.

On 8 December 2022, Ministers of Parliament engaged in a debate about the Health and Social Care Committee’s report on Cancer Services, which highlights the need for early diagnosis and effective treatments.³⁵⁴⁹ Minister of State Helen Whately affirmed the UK Government’s commitment to addressing the pandemic backlog in relation to cancer services, to improve early diagnosis and treatment options and to “invest in research and innovation.”³⁵⁵⁰

On 9 December 2022, the DHSC and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport shared their final policy for TV and online advertising restrictions for products which are high in fat, salt or sugar (HFSS).³⁵⁵¹ The UK Government is currently seeking feedback on the draft regulations, prior to their implementation. The policy is aimed at decreasing children’s exposure to HFSS products and thus supports the government’s mission to decrease childhood obesity by 50 per cent by 2030 and preventing the development of future illnesses.

On 12 December 2022, the UK Government fulfilled its pledge to provide GBP50 million in funding for motor neurone disease (MND), with GBP29.5 million being invested in research and the remaining GBP20.5 million being directed towards treatment projects via an open call process.³⁵⁵² The funding is expected to support researchers in furthering knowledge about MND, developing treatments and eventually improving the quality of life for those living with the disease.

On 13 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP175 million in funding as part of its 2022 to 2025 Genome UK implementation plan.³⁵⁵³ GBP105 million of these funds will be used to develop diagnostic and treatment options for rare genetic diseases affecting newborns, GBP26 million will be allocated towards cancer-related innovation and GBP22 million will address healthcare inequalities in genomic research.

On 14 December 2022, Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation George Freeman announced a global research fund to further scientific collaboration between the UK and nations specializing in research and development such as Japan.³⁵⁵⁴ As part of phase one of the International Science Partnerships Fund, the UK Government will be providing GBP119 million in funding for research to address health issues such as neurodegenerative diseases and dementia.

³⁵⁴⁸ NHS fast tracks life-extending prostate cancer drug to patients, NHS England (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/11/nhs-fast-tracks-life-extending-prostate-cancer-drug/>

³⁵⁴⁹ Cancer Services, UK Parliament (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-12-08/debates/D0290891-FAB9-4E3C-BDD1-0A95530DC320/CancerServices>

³⁵⁵⁰ Cancer Services, UK Parliament (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-12-08/debates/D0290891-FAB9-4E3C-BDD1-0A95530DC320/CancerServices>

³⁵⁵¹ Introducing further advertising restrictions on TV and online products high in fat, salt or sugar: consultation on secondary legislation, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-further-advertising-restrictions-on-tv-and-online-for-products-high-in-fat-salt-or-sugar-secondary-legislation/introducing-further-advertising-restrictions-on-tv-and-online-for-products-high-in-fat-salt-or-sugar-consultation-on-secondary-legislation>

³⁵⁵² Government delivers on pledge for £50 million motor neurone disease research funding, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP (London) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-delivers-on-pledge-for-50-million-mnd-research-funding>

³⁵⁵³ Over £175 million for cutting-edge genomics research, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-175-million-for-cutting-edge-genomics-research>

³⁵⁵⁴ UK Science and Technology Minister launches new global international science partnership funding in Tokyo with initial £119m of funding, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and George Freeman MP (London) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-science-and-technology-minister-launches-new-global-international-science-partnership-funding-in-tokyo-with-initial-119m-of-funding>

On 23 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP3.6 million in funding for the National Academy of Social Prescribing (NASP) to address mental health.³⁵⁵⁵ The funding will enable NASP to continue providing access to mental health services and will support community initiatives that help those struggling with grief, loneliness, dementia or addiction.

On 29 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP1 million in funding for approximately 1,000 automated external defibrillators to be provided in community spaces across England, available to help anyone experiencing cardiac arrest.³⁵⁵⁶ In part, the funding supports the government's commitment to preventing and treating cardiovascular diseases.

On 12 January 2023, the UK Government pledged GBP10 million in funding to provide 29 new NHS breast cancer screening units and nearly 70 critical upgrades to services, including mobile breast screening units, static units and software upgrades for X-rays and ultrasound machines.³⁵⁵⁷ The funding is expected to increase cancer screening rates, resulting in earlier diagnosis and treatment.

On 16 January 2023, the UK Government approved a new community diagnostic centre in Stockton-on-Tees to provide diagnostic services, including cancer screening.³⁵⁵⁸ The centre will be able to conduct MRI, CT and ultrasound scans, x-rays, blood tests, respiratory checks and cardiology-related testing.

On 19 January 2023, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Nick Markham and Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Health Anutin Charnvirakul signed a memorandum of understanding committing to work collaboratively on genomics and improving the understanding of rare diseases and cancer.³⁵⁵⁹ The partnership will allow the UK to benefit from Thailand's capabilities regarding genomic sequencing which can accelerate diagnosis for cancer, resulting in earlier treatment and better patient outcomes.

On 23 January 2023, the UK Government announced GBP150 million in funding for improved mental health services and support for individuals experiencing mental health crises. Of this, GBP7 million will be allocated towards procuring up to 100 mental health ambulances, while GBP143 million will support 150 new projects to improve mental health crisis response and access to urgent mental health care.³⁵⁶⁰ This includes the establishment of new urgent care centres, upgrading mental health facilities in emergency departments and expanding crisis lines.

³⁵⁵⁵ £3.6 million social prescribing funding for mental health support, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Maria Caulfield MP, The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP, and Helen Whately MP (London) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/36-million-social-prescribing-funding-to-bolster-mental-health-support-and-ease-pressure-on-gps>

³⁵⁵⁶ Number of defibrillators to be increased with new funding, Department of Health and Social Care, Helen Whately MP, and The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/number-of-defibrillators-to-be-increased-with-new-funding>

³⁵⁵⁷ New breast cancer screening units to speed up diagnosis, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and Helen Whately MP (London) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-breast-cancer-screening-units-to-speed-up-diagnosis>

³⁵⁵⁸ New diagnostic centre in Stockton-on-Tees to deliver hundreds of thousands of checks, scans and tests a year, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-diagnostic-centre-in-stockton-on-tees-to-deliver-hundreds-of-thousands-of-checks-scans-and-tests-a-year-for-local-residents>

³⁵⁵⁹ UK landmark genomic partnership with Thailand to unite against health threats, Department of Health and Social Care and Nick Markham CBE (London) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-landmark-genomic-partnership-with-thailand-to-unite-against-health-threats>

³⁵⁶⁰ Mental health services boosted by £150 million government funding, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP (London) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mental-health-services-boosted-by-150-million-government-funding>

On 2 February 2023, Ministers of Parliament engaged in a debate regarding the rising challenges and costs associated with cystic fibrosis, including the cost of medication and loss of income.³⁵⁶¹ Minister Whately partook in the debate, reaffirming the government’s commitment to supporting individuals and families affected by cystic fibrosis and highlighting the government’s actions to enable individuals with cystic fibrosis to work if they are able to do so, with appropriate accommodations. She also agreed to address concerns regarding the travel costs associated with cystic fibrosis appointments and treatment.

On 3 February 2023, the UK Government announced GBP53 million in funding to support housing needs for those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.³⁵⁶² The funds, which will be split between 28 local authorities in England, are part of the government’s ten-year drug strategy and aim to enable long-term recovery.

On 13 February 2023, the UK Government announced the opening of 19 new CDCs for the upcoming year, which will perform approximately 1.1 million tests, checks and scans annually.³⁵⁶³ The CDCs aim to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing for illnesses such as cancer and lung disease, thus improving healthcare outcomes.

On 16 February 2023, the UK Government announced GBP421 million in funding between 2023 and 2025 to improve treatment and recovery for drug and alcohol addiction.³⁵⁶⁴ The funds will support 151 local authorities across England to hire more staff to work with individuals experiencing addiction, improve the quality and capacity of recovery services including residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification and increase access for life-saving overdose medications.

On 3 March 2023, the UK Government announced GBP16 million in funding for artificial intelligence healthcare technologies including systems to diagnose cancer and rare diseases, as well as treat neurological conditions like dementia.³⁵⁶⁵ The funds will be split between nine companies “to support the testing, evaluation and adoption of their technologies by the NHS.”

On 7 March 2023, Secretary Barclay announced the appointment of Professor John Deanfield as the Government Champion for Personalized Prevention.³⁵⁶⁶ Professor Deanfield will lead a taskforce to identify new prevention, diagnostic and management methods for cardiovascular diseases, develop partnerships for innovative preventative services and determine connections between cardiovascular diseases and other diseases like diabetes and dementia, which have shared risk factors.

³⁵⁶¹ Cystic Fibrosis: Living Costs, UK Parliament (London) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2023-02-02/debates/FD01387A-D4F7-4A99-B0FD-746275778C3B/CysticFibrosisLivingCosts>

³⁵⁶² £53 million cash boost to improve housing support for drug and alcohol recovery, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Neil O’Brien MP, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Felicity Buchan MP (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/53-million-cash-boost-to-improve-housing-support-for-drug-and-alcohol-recovery>

³⁵⁶³ One-stop shops for testing deliver over 3 million potentially lifesaving checks, tests and scans, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-stop-shops-for-testing-deliver-over-3-million-potentially-lifesaving-checks-tests-and-scans>

³⁵⁶⁴ £421 million to boost drug and alcohol treatment across England, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Neil O’Brien MP (London) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/421-million-to-boost-drug-and-alcohol-treatment-across-england>

³⁵⁶⁵ Thousands of patients to benefit from quicker diagnosis and more accurate tests from ground-breaking AI research, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-patients-to-benefit-from-quicker-diagnosis-more-accurate-tests-from-ground-breaking-ai-research>

³⁵⁶⁶ Government to consider radical new approach to prevent life-threatening cardiovascular disease, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-consider-radical-new-approach-to-prevent-life-threatening-cardiovascular-disease>

On 16 March 2023, the UK Government announced that its Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is testing a new stem cell robot called the CellQualia™ Intelligent Cell Processing System.³⁵⁶⁷ The MHRA's 12-month trial aims to determine if the stem cells produced by the robotic system meet the necessary standards to be used in life-saving treatments. The government hopes the robot will allow for more innovative, accessible and cost-effective stem-cell therapies to treat a range of diseases, including Parkinson's.

On 17 March 2023, the UK Government announced that it will match public donations of up to GBP6 million for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day appeal.³⁵⁶⁸ The funds will go towards Comic Relief and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's joint Shifting the Power program which supports local organizations in Ghana, Zambia and Malawi that aim, in part, to increase access to mental health services and foster childhood development.

On 28 March 2023, Minister Freeman announced GBP277 million in funding for four UK life science companies, as the first installment of the Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund grants.³⁵⁶⁹ The government will provide GBP17 million in funding, while the private sector invests GBP260 million, to support life science manufacturing projects including the production of "innovative medicines for neurological conditions," antibodies for diagnostic testing and critical gene therapies.

On 2 April 2023, Minister Freeman announced GBP50 million in funding for 90 charities to conduct research to develop cutting-edge treatments, effective diagnostic methods and preventative options for a range of diseases including cancer and dementia.³⁵⁷⁰ Charities receiving funding include Epilepsy Research UK, North West Cancer Research and Leukaemia & Lymphoma NI. The government also allocated GBP2.8 million to dementia charities including the Alzheimer's society and GBP1.7 million to motor neurone charities.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to addressing mental health issues and noncommunicable diseases both domestically and internationally, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The UK has invested in supporting accessible access to mental health services, has addressed mental health issues through public campaigns and action plans and has taken part in an international summit to address mental health, recognizing the need for accessible mental health support. The UK has also funded research, domestically and in collaboration with international counterparts, to address NCDs and develop innovative diagnostic and treatment options to address them.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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³⁵⁶⁷ MHRA trialling pioneering stem cell robot that could transform the availability of life-saving cell therapies, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-trialling-pioneering-stem-cell-robot-that-could-transform-the-availability-of-life-saving-cell-therapies>

³⁵⁶⁸ New £6 million match funding boost from the UK government for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (London) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-6m-match-funding-boost-from-the-uk-government-for-comic-relief-on-red-nose-day-2023>

³⁵⁶⁹ Life sciences companies supercharged with £277 million in government and private investment, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, HM Treasury, Department of Health and Social Care, Office for Life Sciences, George Freeman MP, the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/life-sciences-companies-supercharged-with-277-million-in-government-and-private-investment>

³⁵⁷⁰ UK's next generation of medical researchers given funding boost, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Department of Health and Social Care, George Freeman MP, the Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-next-generation-of-medical-researchers-given-funding-boost>

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The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continuing to address non-communicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 31 August 2022, President Joe Biden recognized September 2022 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to encourage US citizens to increase their awareness regarding the detection and treatment of ovarian cancer.³⁵⁷¹

On 1 September 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded USD2 million to the American Academy of Pediatrics through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in order to create a National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness in order to release information, guidance, and training on the impact of social media on youth, especially in relation to the risks to their mental health.³⁵⁷²

On 1 September 2022, HHS announced that through August, it had awarded USD40.22 million through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for youth mental health grants.³⁵⁷³ This includes USD5.3 million from American Rescue Plan for addressing stressors related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The HHS also announced USD47.6 million in new grant funding from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

On 16 September 2022, HHS released the HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration to outline policy suggestions to integrate mental healthcare and substance abuse care into the overall healthcare system.³⁵⁷⁴ This Roadmap was established based on feedback received by Health Secretary Xavier Becerra from patients and care providers. The Roadmap will build on previous investments, including USD40.22 million for youth mental health grants related to the COVID-19 pandemic and USD47.6 million in new grant opportunities for mental health programs in schools.

On 23 September 2022, the White House brought together the Childhood Cancer Forum as part of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in order to have leaders of the community focus on ways to share information, accelerate trials for treatments and cures, and mitigate the impact of childhood cancer.³⁵⁷⁵ Among the topics discussed were the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative, which provides USD50 million per year to find ways to use data so as to accelerate cancer research, and the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research Act, which provides USD30 million every year to further the research of childhood cancer. This forum was held as part of the Cancer Moonshot initiative, which aims to cut the death rate from cancer by at least 50 percent within the next 25 years.

³⁵⁷¹ A Proclamation on National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/31/a-proclamation-on-national-ovarian-cancer-awareness-month-2022/>

³⁵⁷² HHS announces award of \$2 million grant to the American Academy of Pediatrics to establish National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/02/hhs-announces-award-2-million-grant-american-academy-of-pediatrics-establish-national-center-of-excellence-on-social-media-mental-wellness.html>

³⁵⁷³ Back to School: HHS Announces \$40.22 Million in Youth Mental Health Grants Awarded in August Plus \$47.6 Million in New Grant Funding Opportunities for School-Based Mental Health Program, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/01/back-to-school-hhs-announces-40-point-22-million-in-youth-mental-health-grants-awarded-in-august-plus-47-point-6-million-in-new-grant-funding.html>

³⁵⁷⁴ After Launching National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health, HHS Releases Roadmap Based on Patient and Provider Feedback, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/16/after-launching-national-tour-strengthen-mental-health-hhs-releases-roadmap-based-on-patient-provider-feedback.html>

³⁵⁷⁵ Cancer Moonshot, The White House (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cancermoonshot/>

On 23 September 2022, HHS invested over USD5 million to 11 community health centres to provide access to cancer screening and early detection services for underserved populations to close the cancer screening gap, decrease the effects of preventable cancers, and support patients and caregivers.³⁵⁷⁶

On 27 September 2022, President Biden announced a goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity by 2030. This plan is aimed to advance the President's goal to lower diet-related diseases such as obesity and diabetes. This would improve food access and affordability, integrate better nutrition and lower chronic diet-related diseases.³⁵⁷⁷

On 30 September 2022, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Domestic Policy Council and the Department of Health and Human Services organized a meeting to discuss the United States' mental health crisis in order to advance access to mental health resources and care in recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.³⁵⁷⁸

On 3 October 2022, HHS announced the investment of around USD27 million to improve and expand pediatric mental healthcare services.³⁵⁷⁹ The funding will go towards training pediatric doctors and other healthcare providers regarding mental health conditions and offering teleservices for consultation with mental health experts for pediatric primary care providers.

On 13 October 2022, HHS and the European Commission released a press statement following their arrangement to strengthen global cooperation on health preparedness and response as well as cancer.³⁵⁸⁰ They discussed Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the US Cancer Moonshot SM, agreeing to facilitate the exchange of health information and strengthen research and funding on topics related to pediatric, rare and adult cancers in order to improve cancer prevention, detection, and care.

On 18 October 2022, HHS announced a new funding opportunity through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act for states to develop Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) as a means of improving "health outcomes while lowering costs, by delivering 24/7 mental health and substance use care to millions of Americans."³⁵⁸¹ This was reaffirmed with their promise to announce "additional resources to support our heroic mental health workers."³⁵⁸² Along with USD300 million having been provided in September for new and existing CCBHCs, USD15 million will now be provided to expand these centres.

³⁵⁷⁶ HHS Announces Health Resources and Services Administration-Funded Health Centers Partnering With National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Centers to Improve Equity in Cancer Screening, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/23/hhs-announces-health-resources-services-administration-funded-health-centers-partnering-with-national-cancer-institute-designated-cancer-centers-improve-equity-cancer-screening.html>

³⁵⁷⁷ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/27/executive-summary-biden-harris-administration-national-strategy-on-hunger-nutrition-and-health/>

³⁵⁷⁸ Readout of White House Meeting with State Legislative Leaders on Mental Health Legislation, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/30/readout-of-white-house-meeting-with-state-legislative-leaders-on-mental-health-legislation/>

³⁵⁷⁹ HHS Invests Nearly \$27 Million to Expand Support for Pediatric Mental Health Care, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/03/hhs-invests-nearly-27-million-expand-support-pediatric-mental-health-care.html>

³⁵⁸⁰ Joint EU-US press release on strengthened cooperation in the area of health, European Commission (Washington) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6163

³⁵⁸¹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Millions of Dollars in New Funds for States to Tackle Mental Health Crisis, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/18/biden-harris-administration-announces-millions-dollars-new-funds-states-tackle-mental-health-crisis.html>

³⁵⁸² Statement by President Joe Biden on New Mental Health Funding, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/18/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-new-mental-health-funding/>

On 20 October 2022, the United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released the “Surgeon General’s Framework for Mental Health and Well-Being in the Workplace” in order to promote mental healthcare and wellness for workers.³⁵⁸³ The Framework emphasizes protecting workers from psychological harm, establishing connections and social relations within the workplace, establishing work-life balance, and allowing means for dignified work and personal growth.

On 21 October 2022, HHS announced that more than USD100 million would be funded through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to states and territories for mental health emergency preparedness, crisis response, and expanding the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline services.³⁵⁸⁴ The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was established by President Joe Biden in order to address the United States’ mental health crisis. Out of this funding, USD59.4 million will be dedicated for mental health emergency preparedness and USD50 million will go towards expanding the suicide and crisis lifeline services.

On 31 October 2022, the White House issued a Proclamation on National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, with President Biden reaffirming his commitment to investing in advanced technology for cancer screening, as well as in prevention and treatment of cancer, all the while making them more affordable and effective.³⁵⁸⁵ In this statement, President Biden cited revisiting former President Obama’s Cancer Moonshot initiative, convening the nation’s first “Cancer Cabinet” and launching the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, which invest in cancer-treating technologies, as evidence of the implementation of this commitment.

On 31 October 2022, the White House issues a Proclamation on National Diabetes Month, with President Biden confirming his commitment to lowering the cost of insulin in order to ensure that treatment for diabetes is affordable for all.³⁵⁸⁶

On 16 December 2022, HHS announced that it would award more than USD130 million in 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline grants as part of the USD800 million provided to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to address the ongoing mental health and substance use crises.³⁵⁸⁷

On 19 December 2022, Health Secretary Becerra announced the release of the 2022 update to the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease, which aims to improve research on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, support caregivers and encourage preventative action.³⁵⁸⁸ The Update includes recent actions such as the Alzheimer’s Grant Program that provides funding for comprehensive dementia programs, as well as the

³⁵⁸³ U.S. Surgeon General Releases New Framework for Mental Health & Well-Being in the Workplace, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/20/us-surgeon-general-releases-new-framework-mental-health-well-being-workplace.html>

³⁵⁸⁴ HHS Announces More Than \$100 Million in Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Funds for States and Territories to Improve Mental Health Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/21/hhs-announces-more-100-million-bipartisan-safer-communities-act-funds-states-territories-improve-mental-health-services.html>

³⁵⁸⁵ A Proclamation on National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-lung-cancer-awareness-month-2022/>

³⁵⁸⁶ A Proclamation on National Diabetes Month, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-diabetes-month-2022/>

³⁵⁸⁷ HHS Awards More Than \$130 Million in 988 Lifeline Grants From the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to Address Nation’s Ongoing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/12/16/hhs-awards-more-than-130-million-988-lifeline-grants-bipartisan-safer-communities-act-address-nations-ongoing-mental-health-substance-use-crises.html>

³⁵⁸⁸ HHS Emphasizes Addressing Disparities and Risk Reduction for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/12/19/hhs-emphasizes-addressing-disparities-and-risk-reduction-for-alzheimers-disease-and-related-dementias.html>

Indian Health Geriatric Scholars program to provide training to primary care physicians working with Indian peoples. The actions in the Update include ways to reduce risk factors, such as through a National Summit on Dementia Risk Reduction in May 2023.

On 9 January 2023, HHS announced that it awarded around USD245 million in Bipartisan Communities Act. The following investment was split into USD185.7 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and USD60 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration.³⁵⁸⁹ The goal of both is to support youth, healthcare workers' mental health, and other critical mental health supports.

On 25 January 2023, HHS announced that it will be investing USD139 million in funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 for a Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI).³⁵⁹⁰ SDPI will provide diabetes prevention and treatment services for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

On 2 February 2023, HHS provided nearly USD11 million to 22 health centres to improve access to cancer screenings and early detection services for vulnerable communities in order to mark the first anniversary of President Biden's Cancer Moonshot initiative.³⁵⁹¹

On 7 February 2023, President Biden announced in his State of the Union Address that the USD35 cap on the cost of insulin, which had until that point been in place only for seniors on Medicare, would be extended to every American who required insulin in order to make it more affordable.³⁵⁹² Insulin is a necessary medication for those with diabetes.

On 10 March 2023, HHS announced USD25 million in funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration to expand primary health care in schools, including mental health services.³⁵⁹³

On 16 March 2023, HHS announced the provision of USD1 million each to 15 states through the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration as one-year Certified Community Behavioural Health Clinic planning grants.³⁵⁹⁴ These clinics are part of the Biden administration's commitment to increasing equitable behavioural health for all Americans suffering mental health illnesses or substance abuse.

³⁵⁸⁹ HHS Awards Nearly \$245 Million to Support Youth Mental Health and Help the Health Care Workforce Meet Families' Mental Health Needs, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/09/hhs-awards-nearly-245-million-support-youth-mental-health-and-help-health-care-workforce-meet-families-mental-health-needs.html>

³⁵⁹⁰ HHS Awards \$139 million for Special Diabetes Program for Indians, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/25/hhs-awards-139-million-special-diabetes-program-indians.html>

³⁵⁹¹ On First Anniversary of the President's Reignited Cancer Moonshot, the Biden-Harris Administration Awards Nearly \$11 Million to Address Disparities in Cancer Screening and Follow-Up Care, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/02/02/on-first-anniversary-presidents-reignited-cancer-moonshot-biden-harris-administration-awards-nearly-11-million-address-disparities-cancer-screening-follow-up-care.html>

³⁵⁹² Remarks of President Joe Biden – State of the Union Address as Prepared for Delivery, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/02/07/remarks-of-president-joe-biden-state-of-the-union-address-as-prepared-for-delivery/>

³⁵⁹³ HHS Announces the Availability of \$25 Million to Expand Primary Care – Including Mental Health – Services in Schools, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/03/10/hhs-announces-the-availability-of-25-million-dollars-to-expand-primary-care.html>

³⁵⁹⁴ HHS Awards CCBHC Planning Grants to 15 States to Help Address Ongoing Mental Health Crisis, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/03/16/hhs-awards-cchbc-planning-grants-to-15-states-help-address-ongoing-mental-health-crisis.html>

On 3 April 2023, HHS released the National Cancer Plan, which provides a detailed framework of collaboration across the federal government and all of society to end cancer.³⁵⁹⁵ The National Cancer Plan aims to tackle eight different goals: prevention, early detection, development of effective treatments, elimination of inequities, delivery of optimal care, individual engagement, maximisation of data utility and optimization of the workforce.

On 10 April 2023, President Biden announced the Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis, which lays out the actions that the U.S. Federal Government will take to improve maternal health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, epilepsy and mental health.³⁵⁹⁶ The Biden Administration has launched a Maternal Mental Health Hotline to aid with mental health complications during pregnancy. Moreover, this plan addresses the disparities within the Black communities and refers to Black Maternal Health Week to raise those issues.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The United States has taken strong steps to continue existing initiatives addressing these noncommunicable diseases, including by providing funding towards mental health, dementia, and cancer initiatives. The United States has also organized meetings to advance access to mental health resources, thereby recognizing the need to make treatment effective and accessible.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 29 June 2022, the European Commission announced the launch of the “Innovative Collaboration for Inter-specialty Cancer Training across Europe,” (INTERACT-Europe), co-financed by the EU4Health program.³⁵⁹⁷ The program was launched as part of Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan, with the goal of investing in high quality healthcare workforce training for high quality cancer treatment and care.

On 30 June 2022, the European Commission launched a joint project with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) focusing on cancer control in Slovakia, with the aim of developing a strategic plan to reduce cancer mortality in the region.³⁵⁹⁸ Some of the actions to be taken as part of the project include reviewing the current health infrastructure in Slovakia and improving screening programs for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer.

On 5 July 2022, the European Parliament passed a resolution noting that there currently exists unequal legal protection regarding psychosocial risks from digital work in the EU.³⁵⁹⁹ Members of European Parliament (MEPs)

³⁵⁹⁵ HHS Releases National Cancer Plan, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/04/03/hhs-releases-national-cancer-plan.html>

³⁵⁹⁶ A Proclamation on Black Maternal Health Week, 2023, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/10/a-proclamation-on-black-maternal-health-week-2023/>

³⁵⁹⁷ Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan: Inter-specialty cancer training workforce up and running, European Commission (Brussels) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/751834/en>

³⁵⁹⁸ IARC launches joint project with European Commission to support cancer control in Slovakia, International Agency for Research on Cancer (Lyon) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.iarc.who.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/pr316_E.pdf

³⁵⁹⁹ Protecting mental health in the digital workspace, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220701IPR34366/protecting-mental-health-in-the-digital-workspace>

recommended tackling this issue of mental health through an EU Mental Health Strategy, a European Care Strategy and national action plans, thus adhering to the commitment by tackling mental health in the region.

On 13 July 2022, MEPs belonging to the Committee on Culture and Education released a report with a majority stating that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including closures of schools, care providers, and other recreational facilities have produced long-term effects on the mental health of children and youth in the EU.³⁶⁰⁰ The report urged EU Member States to invest in mental health facilities and awareness in schools, as well as the promotion of mental health literacy for educational staff. The report also called for Member States and the European Commission to address the stigma surrounding mental health by means of a campaign to raise awareness about mental health in vocational and educational institutions.

On 14 September 2022, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen outlined a proposal for a new mental health initiative in a letter to the President of the European Parliament, emphasizing appropriate, affordable and accessible support.³⁶⁰¹ This is a step towards improving the mental health service capacity of the EU and increasing mental health service coverage amongst its population.

On 15 September 2022, the EU launched the canSERV project in conjunction with the IARC.³⁶⁰² The project is funded by the EU and aims to integrate the European cancer research landscape by providing academia and industry with access to services and support. This will enable research in the EU to provide personalized medicine to cancer patients.

On 16 September 2022, the EU launched a project in conjunction with the IARC to strengthen cancer screening data across Europe.³⁶⁰³ The CanScreen-ECIS project aims to update the existing European Cancer Information System and the quality of existing cancer screening programmes in the region.

On 20 September 2022, the European Commission put forth a new approach to support Member States in increasing uptake of cancer screening as part of the EU Cancer Screening Scheme under Europe's Beating Cancer plan.³⁶⁰⁴ The new recommendation will assist Member States in ensuring that 90 per cent of the EU population who qualify for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening are offered these screening services by 2025 while also expanding screen coverage to other types of cancer such as lung, prostate, and under some circumstances, gastric cancer to increase treatment options with early diagnosis.

On 28 September 2022, the European Commission released a communication to the European Parliament addressing the health risks of asbestos exposure.³⁶⁰⁵ The communication calls for implementing the European Green Deal and the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to protect against the adverse noncommunicable health risks of asbestos exposure such as cancer, as 78 per cent of cancers recognized as occupational cancer are related to asbestos.

³⁶⁰⁰ Pandemic scar: MEPs ask to address the consequences on mental health of children, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220711IPR35031/pandemic-scar-meps-ask-to-address-the-consequences-on-mental-health-of-children>

³⁶⁰¹ 2022 State of the Union Address by President von der Leyen, European Commission (Strasbourg) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/ov/speech_22_5493

³⁶⁰² Providing Cutting Edge Cancer Research Services Across Europe, canSERV (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.canserv.eu/wp-content/uploads/canserv-press-release-20220915.pdf>

³⁶⁰³ IARC and partners launch new EU-funded project to strengthen cancer screening data collection across Europe, International Agency for Research on Cancer (Lyon) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.iarc.who.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/pr319_E.pdf

³⁶⁰⁴ European Health Union: A new EU approach on cancer detection – screening more and screening better, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 25 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5562

³⁶⁰⁵ Commission acts to better protect people from asbestos and ensure an asbestos-free future, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5679

On 28 September 2022, the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides released a statement for World Heart Day to emphasize the EU's Healthier Together initiative.³⁶⁰⁶ The initiative aims to improve their citizens' health and address cardiovascular disease, improve heart health, and address diabetes.

On 5 October 2022, the EU Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and the Management of Non-Communicable Diseases held a meeting to decide on funding for actions on chronic respiratory illness, mental health and neurological disorders as part of the Healthier Together Initiative tackling NCDs in the EU for the years 2022 to 2027.³⁶⁰⁷ The Group also discussed the work undertaken by the Joint Research Centre in collecting NCD indicators harmonized at the EU level to determine disease burden and improve the EU's ability to identify and treat those who may be living with NCDs. The Steering Group suggested carrying out pilot indicator collections for diabetes due to its large disease burden in the EU and the activities of the existing European network of diabetes registries, thus helping identify the causes of high diabetes incidences in the EU.

On 13 October 2022, the European Commission and the United States Department of Health and Human Services released a press statement following their arrangement to strengthen global cooperation on cancer and health preparedness and response.³⁶⁰⁸ The Commissioner and Secretary discussed Europe's Beating Cancer Plan as well as the US Cancer Moonshot SM, agreeing to facilitate exchange of health information and strengthen research and funding on topics related to pediatric, rare and adult cancers in order to improve cancer prevention, detection and care.

On 26 October 2022, the European Commission proposed stricter legal limits on air pollutants that have adverse impacts on health in accordance with the World Health Organization's recommended limits.³⁶⁰⁹ This is part of the European Green Deal proposed by the Commission. By 2030, the Commission aims to meet these new legally binding limits, which include halving the current annual EU limit on fine particulate matter. This will help the EU reduce incidences of NCDs caused by air pollutants, such as lung disease, cancer and diabetes.

On 28 October 2022, the European Medicines Agency released a statement regarding their new measures to minimize the serious side effects of Janus kinase inhibitors used for chronic inflammatory disorders.³⁶¹⁰ These medications have been proven to cause cardiovascular conditions, blood clots and cancer as serious non-communicable side effects. Therefore, the new recommendations, warnings and educational material revisions for healthcare professionals will limit the medication's use to a subset of patients in the case where no other viable treatment options are available for their chronic inflammatory disorder, thus reducing the incidence of noncommunicable side effects.

On 13 November 2022, Commissioner Kyriakides made a statement ahead of World Diabetes Day, stating that under the Healthier Together Initiative, the EU has launched actions worth EUR156 million.³⁶¹¹ The funding aims to improve early detection of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases through screening. Commissioner

³⁶⁰⁶ World Heart Day: Listen to your heart – Statement by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_22_5820

³⁶⁰⁷ Flash Report Hybrid Meeting Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases, European Commission (Brussels) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/c55c2786-ad32-467d-a764-46a16b78da8a_en?filename=ncd_20221005_flash_en.pdf

³⁶⁰⁸ Joint EU-US press release on strengthened cooperation in the area of health, European Commission (Washington) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6163

³⁶⁰⁹ European Green Deal: Commission proposes rules for cleaner air and water, European Commission (Brussels) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6278

³⁶¹⁰ EMA recommends measures to minimise risk of serious side effects with Janus kinase inhibitors for chronic inflammatory disorders, European Medicines Agency (Amsterdam) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/ema-recommends-measures-minimise-risk-serious-side-effects-janus-kinase-inhibitors-chronic>

³⁶¹¹ Statement by Commissioner Kyriakides on World Diabetes Day, European Commission (Brussels) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6764

Kyriakides also announced that EUR75 million has been allocated to address diabetes risk factors, other NCDs and support actions to mitigate them.

On 17 November 2022, the EU launched the “Better to know about” campaign alongside the United Nations Development Programme to raise awareness for mental health issues in Ukraine.³⁶¹² The information campaign promotes awareness of psychological first aid to Ukrainians through leaflets, posters and media outlets and spreads awareness of other NCDs to promote their early detection amongst the Ukrainian population.

On 23 November 2022, the European Commission announced their ban on flavoured heated tobacco products.³⁶¹³ This ban is part of Europe’s Beating Cancer plan and aims to create a tobacco-free generation in part of a strategy to address lung cancer. Commissioner Kyriakides stated that tobacco causes 90 per cent of lung cancers, and that it is essential to take a firm stand on tobacco consumption.

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission launched the LEONARDO supercomputing system in Italy alongside the European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking.³⁶¹⁴ The system aims to use artificial intelligence to complete complex tasks, including cancer research and drug discovery.

On 24 November 2022, the EU awarded EUR7 million to the HUS Helsinki University Hospital led Consortium.³⁶¹⁵ The award aims to ensure the collection of high-quality clinical real-world data for the continuous development of cancer treatment and improvement of cancer outcomes.

On 1 December 2022, the EU saw the launch of the RE-MEND project coordinated by Uppsala University and funded by the EU.³⁶¹⁶ The project aims to improve understanding of mental health at four different life stages influenced by changes in hormonal signalling (early life, puberty, peripartum and transition into old age) and aims to find better strategies to protect vulnerable individuals at these stages from mental illness, considering biological sex and other factors that account for biological differences between individuals.

On 12 December 2022, the EU participated in a joint discussion on cardiovascular disease and diabetes health led by the Czech Society of Cardiology in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology, the European Diabetes Forum and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations CVD network.³⁶¹⁷ The aim of the expert conference was to complement the EU Commission’s Healthier Together initiative and call for public policy action to improve diagnosis and interventions for cardiovascular disease in all age groups.

On 16 December 2022, the EU announced the allocation of EUR16 million towards increasing access to mental health and psychosocial support services in Afghanistan.³⁶¹⁸ The funding is meant to ensure that vulnerable populations in Afghanistan have access to mental health and drug use disorder services that promote their physical, mental, social, psychological and economic well-being.

³⁶¹² “Better to know about” campaign to raise awareness of mental health challenges in Ukraine, United Nations Development Programme Ukraine (Kramatorsk) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/press-releases/better-know-about-campaign-raise-awareness-mental-health-challenges-ukraine>

³⁶¹³ Daily News 23 / 11 / 2022, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/MEX_22_7105

³⁶¹⁴ New world-class European supercomputer inaugurated in Italy, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7119

³⁶¹⁵ Significant EU funding for implementing value-based cancer care at European cancer hospitals, Helsinki Times (Helsinki) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/22558-significant-eu-funding-for-implementing-value-based-cancer-care-at-european-cancer-hospitals.html>

³⁶¹⁶ New major EU-funded research project takes broader approach to mental health, Uppsala University (Uppsala) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.uu.se/en/news/article/?id=19926&typ=artikel&lang=en>

³⁶¹⁷ Czech Society of Cardiology leads EU presidency discussion on joint cardiovascular disease and diabetes health, European Society of Cardiology (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/Press-Office/Press-releases/czech-society-of-cardiology-leads-eu-presidency-discussion-on-joint-cardiovascul>

³⁶¹⁸ EU gives \$17 million to improve mental health, drug use disorder services, Pakistan Observer (Islamabad) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://pakobserver.net/eu-gives-17-million-to-improve-mental-health-drug-use-disorder-services/>

On 30 January 2023, the European Commission expanded the marketing authorization for Dupixent, making it the only targeted medicine for eosinophilic esophagitis.³⁶¹⁹ This expansion aims to expand treatment options for those suffering chronically from eosinophilic esophagitis who are not candidates for conventional medical treatments.

On 1 February 2023, the European Commission presented the first Country Cancer Profiles under the European Cancer Inequalities Registry.³⁶²⁰ This action was undertaken as part of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and aims to elucidate the challenges that member states face in providing high quality care to determine the most efficient way to reduce inequalities in care through budget spending.

On 3 April 2023, the European Commission granted marketing authorisation in the EU for a citrate-free high concentration formula of a biosimilar produced by Sandoz (Hyrimoz®), which includes authorisation for the treatment for rheumatic diseases, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, plaque psoriasis, uveitis and hidradenitis suppurativa.³⁶²¹ This was done to expand treatment options for a variety of chronic diseases in the EU for which there are currently limited treatment options.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The EU has taken strong steps domestically to fund and implement initiatives tackling NCDs such as cancer in addition to mental health initiatives. The EU has also taken steps to establish international cooperation to address NCDs, which include providing funds to other countries and their populations, such as Afghanistan and Ukraine, passing regulations such as a ban on tobacco, and launching projects to improve research and understanding of diseases.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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³⁶¹⁹ Dupixent approved in EU as first and only targeted medicine for eosinophilic esophagitis, BioPharma Reporter (Crawley) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. <https://www.biopharma-reporter.com/Article/2023/01/30/Dupixent-approved-in-EU-as-first-and-only-targeted-medicine-for-eosinophilic-esophagitis>

³⁶²⁰ Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Commission presents first Country Cancer Profiles under the European Cancer Inequalities Registry, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_421

³⁶²¹ Sandoz receives approval by European Commission for Hyrimoz® (adalimumab) high-concentration formulation, Novartis (Basel) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.novartis.com/news/media-releases/sandoz-receives-approval-european-commission-hyrimoz-adalimumab-high-concentration-formulation>

16. Crime and Corruption: Transnational Crime

“To further ensure the security of our citizens, we will intensify our fight against transnational organised crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as Interpol and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.88 (94%)		

Background

Criminal groups are not always limited to one country; they often form transnational groups that require international cooperation to stop them. One treaty that focuses on how this cooperation can be achieved is the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime.³⁶²² This Convention has been discussed at past G7 Summits, but the specific type of transnational organized crime that is considered at a specific summit, including human trafficking, drug crime, environmental crime, and cybercrime, varies from year to year. Cybercrime was a focus of the 2000, 2001, 2008 and 2010 G8 summits. At the 2021 Cornwall and 2022 Elmau Summits, environmental crimes received attention. Not only do criminal organizations often transcend national boundaries, but so do the impacts of their crimes. For example, environmental crime harms the finances of developing countries and the environment.³⁶²³

At the 1998 Birmingham Summit, G8 leaders announced that they “fully support efforts to negotiate within the next two years an effective United Nations convention against transnational organised crime.”³⁶²⁴ By ratifying this Convention, law enforcement would gain more of the tools that are required to combat transnational organised crime.

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders raised the issue of drug trafficking and illegal drug use.³⁶²⁵ To combat both problems, the leaders committed to working with “other countries, the UN system and other groups.” They also pledged to improve international cooperation in the fight against precursor chemicals being used to make illegal drugs, as well as amphetamine and synthetic drug use. The topic of cybercrime also gained prominence. G8 leaders decided to study the “global economy of illegal drugs” and acknowledged that “a concerted approach to high-tech crime, such as cyber-crime” is needed.

³⁶²² United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto, United Nations (Vienna) 2004. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.unodc.org/documents/middleeastandnorthafrica/organised-crime/UNITED_NATIONS_CONVENTION_AGAINST_TRANSNATIONAL_ORGANIZED_CRIME_AND_THE_PROTOCOLS_THERETO.pdf

³⁶²³ Frequently Asked Questions on Illegal Logging, European Commission (Brussels) 21 October 2010. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/es/MEMO_10_511

³⁶²⁴ Drugs and International Crime, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 May 1998. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1998birmingham/drugs.htm>

³⁶²⁵ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their “commitment to combat transnational organised crime” and to tackle cybercrime.³⁶²⁶ Leaders also agreed to intensify their efforts against drug trafficking and illegal drug use.

At the 2002 Kananaskis Summit, G8 leaders urged other countries to ratify the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime to combat corruption, bribery and embezzlement.³⁶²⁷ Leaders also planned to establish a UN Convention on Corruption.

At the 2003 Évian-les-Bains Summit, G8 leaders urged “wider accession to and ratification of the UN Convention on Transnational Organised Crime.”³⁶²⁸ Leaders emphasized that the Convention would ensure that criminal assets can be identified and frozen. G8 leaders also said that ratifying the Convention would make “money laundering, corruption and other relevant crimes” universally criminalized.

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 leaders focused on transnational crimes as they relate to pirated and counterfeited goods.³⁶²⁹ Leaders discussed how to better coordinate actions against these two crimes and agreed to examine online counterfeiting and theft to detect and deter the distribution of counterfeit goods.

At the 2006 St. Petersburg Summit, G8 leaders agreed to work with several international organizations on creating “technical assistance pilot plans” for any interested developing country that would like to have the necessary capacity to fight counterfeiting and piracy.³⁶³⁰ Some of the international organizations mentioned include INTERPOL, the World Trade Organization, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

At the 2007 Heiligendamm Summit, G8 leaders pledged to assist the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, INTERPOL and the OECD in their efforts to “coordinate the implementation” of the UN Convention against Corruption to combat corruption worldwide.³⁶³¹

At the 2008 Hokkaido Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their commitment to stopping transnational organized crime through all possible means.³⁶³² Leaders agreed to strengthen their partnership against transnational organized crime, including through “experience-sharing.” Specific crimes targeted through this partnership include cybercrime and trafficking. Leaders also focused on combatting problems posed by the “abuse of information and communication technology.”

At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their pledge to form “capacity-building initiatives” in any country that needs help in combating transnational organized crime.³⁶³³ G8 leaders also pledged to work with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, other UN organizations, and INTERPOL to fight against transnational organized crime.

³⁶²⁶ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommuniqué.html>

³⁶²⁷ G8 Africa Action Plan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2002. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2002kananaskis/afraction-e.pdf>

³⁶²⁸ Fighting Corruption and Improving Transparency: A G8 Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 June 2003. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2003evian/corruption_en.html

³⁶²⁹ Reducing IPR Piracy and Counterfeiting Through More Effective Enforcement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/ipr_piracy.pdf

³⁶³⁰ Combating IPR Piracy and Counterfeiting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 July 2006. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2006stpetersburg/ipr.html>

³⁶³¹ Growth and Responsibility in the World Economy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 June 2007. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heiligendamm/g8-2007-economy.html>

³⁶³² G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2008. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-declaration.html>

³⁶³³ Political Issues, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2009. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-political.html>

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G8 leaders focused on “security vulnerabilities,” including the threat posed by transnational organized crime.³⁶³⁴ One of the planned strategies to reduce these vulnerabilities was increasing the number of civilian experts available internationally. Leaders also recognized cybercrime as a “growing threat” and committed to collaboratively working to weaken criminal networks.

At the 2012 Camp David Summit, G8 leaders agreed to strengthen their cooperation against transnational organized crime and other threats.³⁶³⁵ Leaders also reiterated the importance of enhancing the “integrity and implementation of the UN conventions on drug control and transnational organised crime” to eliminate support for criminal networks.

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 leaders pledged to provide “political and practical support to those regional and international organisations” that are helping other countries better oversee their borders by targeting the contributing factors, including transnational organized crime.³⁶³⁶ Leaders pointed to the major contributions of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and committed to fighting against the trafficking of protected or endangered wildlife.

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders agreed to “prevent the misuse of companies and other legal arrangements such as trusts to hide financial flows stemming from corruption, tax evasion, money laundering, and other crimes.”³⁶³⁷ Additionally, the Brussels Summit Declaration confirmed leaders’ aim to ensure that “beneficial ownership information is available in a timely fashion to financial intelligence units, tax collection and law enforcement agencies” to prevent crimes stemming from the misuse of legal arrangements.

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders focused on human trafficking and exploitation.³⁶³⁸ Leaders agreed to find ways of improving their efforts to prosecute those who act violently against women and decided to improve domestic and international cooperation around combatting human trafficking. Leaders also pledged to examine the financing of human trafficking.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders recognized the “illegal wildlife trade (IWT) as serious organised crimes” and committed to combatting money laundering of the proceeds stemming from IWT.³⁶³⁹ Leaders also agreed to cooperate with civil society and the private sector to address IWT, among other threats to nature.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “further ensure the security of our citizens, we will intensify our fight against transnational organised crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as Interpol and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”³⁶⁴⁰ This commitment can be interpreted as having one main welfare target, which is to ensure the security of citizens. This target includes two dimensions: to fight against transnational organized crime and to cooperate with civil society and international actors in the process. The

³⁶³⁴ Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html>

³⁶³⁵ Camp David Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 May 2012. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-declaration.html>

³⁶³⁶ G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2013. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communique.html>

³⁶³⁷ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

³⁶³⁸ G7 Roadmap for a Gender-Responsive Economic Environment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/gender.html>

³⁶³⁹ G7 2030 Nature Compact, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-nature-compact.html>

³⁶⁴⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Executive Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique-summary.html>

first dimension of fighting transnational organized crime includes three subsequent dimensions: fighting “cybercrime” and “environmental crime” and focusing efforts particularly in “fragile contexts.”

“To ensure” is understood to mean to make something certain to happen.³⁶⁴¹

“Security” is understood to mean the quality of being secure, such as freedom from danger, fear, or anxiety.³⁶⁴²

“To intensify” is understood to mean to increase existing actors.³⁶⁴³ In the context of this commitment, members can “intensify” their fight against transnational organized crime through escalating current efforts.

“Transnational organised crime” is understood to be profit-motivated, serious criminal activities with international implications.³⁶⁴⁴

“Cybercrime” is understood to be criminal activity committed using a computer especially to illegally access, transmit or manipulate data.³⁶⁴⁵

“Environmental crime” is understood to mean activities that breach environmental legislation and cause significant harm or risk to the environment, human health or both.³⁶⁴⁶ It can include, but is not limited to: improper collection, transport recovery or disposal of waste, illegal operation of a plant in which a dangerous activity is carried out or in which dangerous substances or preparations are stored, killing, destruction, possession or trade of protected wild animal or plant species or the production, importation, exportation, marketing or use of ozone-depleting substances.

“Fragile contexts” refers to situations which are particularly susceptible to or weak against transnational organized crime.³⁶⁴⁷ In the context of this commitment, this can include but is not limited to: countries in conflict zones, significant social, political and economic upheaval or severely suffering from natural disasters.

“Cooperation” is understood to mean the action or process of working together to the same end.³⁶⁴⁸ In the context of the commitment, members look to cooperate with civil society and international actors, specifically INTERPOL and UNODC.

“Civil society” is understood to mean any non-profit, voluntary citizen’s group which is organized on a local, national or international level.³⁶⁴⁹

³⁶⁴¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 1 December 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁶⁴² Security, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 2 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/security>

³⁶⁴³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 1 December 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁶⁴⁴ Organized Crime, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Vienna) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.unodc.org/ropan/en/organized-crime.html>

³⁶⁴⁵ Cybercrime, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cybercrime>

³⁶⁴⁶ Environmental Crime, Europol (The Hague), n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/crime-areas-and-statistics/crime-areas/environmental-crime>

³⁶⁴⁷ Fragile, Merriam-Webster (Springfield), n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fragile>

³⁶⁴⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 25 February 2021. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁶⁴⁹ Civil Society, United Nations (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/get-involved/un-and-civil-society>

“International actors” are understood to mean those who act upon or take part in any international affair.³⁶⁵⁰ In the context of this commitment, “international actors” are international stakeholders including, but not limited to INTERPOL and UNODC.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members who take strong action to ensure citizens’ security through both dimensions of the commitment. The first dimension is to fight against transnational organized crime by taking strong action against cybercrime and environmental crime. The second dimension consists of four additional criteria of equal weight, but lesser weight than the core two objectives. In fighting the two types of transnational crime, G7 members must focus on fragile contexts, cooperate with civil society, cooperate with INTERPOL and cooperate with UNODC in order to reach the aforementioned ends. Full compliance requires strong action against cybercrime and environmental crime, as well as strong action in three of the four criteria in the second dimension of the commitment. This includes both domestic and international actions that work towards fighting transnational organized crime and cooperation with civil society and international actors. Strong domestic actions include enforcement against transnational organized crime through policy action, expanding current or creating new programs which further cooperation with civil society and international actors, or allocating money to support the fight against transnational organized crime. Strong international actions include providing financial support for civil societies or international actors who will contribute to the fight against transnational organized crime or joining, participating or financing international organizations pertaining to the commitment features.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members who take strong action in at least three of the six mentioned criteria across the two dimensions of the commitment. Alternatively, a score of 0 will be assigned to those members who take a combination of strong and less than strong actions in four to five of the six criteria across the two dimensions of the commitment. Weak domestic actions include verbal reaffirmation of their commitment or attending meetings pertaining to the commitment. Weak international actions include information sharing with civil society and international actors or sponsoring, signing or ratifying relevant international treaties.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if one of the following scenarios occurs: the G7 member demonstrates weak actions in both dimensions of the commitment and no strong actions, the G7 member takes action in less than three of the six mentioned criteria across the two dimensions, or the G7 member actively threatens citizens’ security as related to transnational organized crime.

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-1	The G7 member only took weak action to fight against transnational organized crime, focus on fragile contexts, cooperate with civil society, INTERPOL and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) OR took strong action in less than three of the six objectives OR actively threatened citizens’ security across the six objectives.
0	The G7 member took strong action in at least three of the six objectives OR has taken a mix of strong and less than strong actions in four to five of the six objectives.
+1	The G7 member took strong action to fight against transnational organized crime through fighting “cybercrime” and “environmental crime” AND has taken strong action in at least three of the following: focusing on “fragile contexts,” cooperating with “civil society,” INTERPOL and UNODC.

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Lead Analyst: Mark Edwards*

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with

³⁶⁵⁰ Actor, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/actor>

civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 14 October 2022, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault reaffirmed Canada's cooperation with the Pacific Alliance under the "Americas for the Protection of the Ocean" coalition.³⁶⁵¹ The coalition, which was formed in June 2022, acknowledges the threat of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and pledges to promote the cooperation and exchange of best practices in the management of protected marine areas. The coalition also agrees to work with civil society and non-governmental actors to promote the preservation of the oceans.³⁶⁵²

On 1 November 2022, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission hosted a meeting with regulators from Canada, Ireland, Hong Kong, Australia, and the United States.³⁶⁵³ The participants discussed ways to disrupt cross-border online scams and shared ideas to address the challenges of cross-border enforcement.

On 2 November 2022, Canadian fishery and air crew officers completed Operation North Pacific Guard, an international law enforcement operation based in the North Pacific.³⁶⁵⁴ The operation was conducted in cooperation with the United States, South Korea, and Japan and focused on detecting and deterring IUU fishing activity. Fishery officers launched patrols in northern Japan, a region which suffers from high fishing activity.

On 9 November 2022, Canadian authorities arrested Mikhail Vasiliev on the grounds of participating in the LockBit global ransomware campaign.³⁶⁵⁵ Canada has cooperated with the United States Department of Justice in fighting the ransomware campaign, which has cost victims upwards of USD100 million.

On 14 November 2022, Canadian representatives began their participation in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).³⁶⁵⁶ The delegation included representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Global Affairs Canada, as well as domestic stakeholders and Indigenous partners. At the Commission, Canada co-sponsored a successful proposal by the European Union to strengthen the existing rules and regulations against IUU fishing.

³⁶⁵¹ Joint public declaration on the Council of the Canada-Chile Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Santiago) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/10/joint-public-declaration-on-the-council-of-the-canada-chile-commission-for-environmental-cooperation.html>

³⁶⁵² Joint declaration on the "Americas for the Protection of the Ocean" during the ninth Summit of the Americas, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022. <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/collaboration/declaration-eng.html>

³⁶⁵³ CRTC hosts first meeting between five countries to combat scam communications, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (Ottawa) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 9 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/radio-television-telecommunications/news/2022/11/crtc-hosts-first-meeting-between-five-countries-to-combat-scam-communications.html>

³⁶⁵⁴ Canada fights illegal fishing with *Operation North Pacific Guard*, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/11/canada-fights-illegal-fishing-with-operation-north-pacific-guard.html>

³⁶⁵⁵ Man Charged for Participation in LockBit Global Ransomware Campaign, Department of Justice (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 8 January 2023. <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/man-charged-participation-lockbit-global-ransomware-campaign>

³⁶⁵⁶ Government of Canada celebrates successful outcomes at the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas meeting, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-celebrates-successful-outcomes-at-the-international-commission-for-the-conservation-of-atlantic-tunas-meeting.html>

On 27 November 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly launched Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy.³⁶⁵⁷ Part of the strategy will allocate CAD84.3 million to support measures against IUU fishing in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 12 December 2022, Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson announced that Canada, alongside Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, would be launching the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance.³⁶⁵⁸ Each member of the Alliance has pledged to hold responsible any group that causes environmental damage.

On 31 January 2023, the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada announced a new Operational Alert, Laundering the Proceeds of Crime from Illegal Wildlife Trade.³⁶⁵⁹ The alert will aid in identifying transactions related to laundering and was developed in support of Project Anton, a public-private partnership that targets the laundering of proceeds from the illegal wildlife trade.

On 8 February 2023, during the Fifth International Marine Protected Areas Congress, the Government of Canada publicized its 2023 Marine Protected Area (MPA) Protection Standard.³⁶⁶⁰ The new standard supplements the original 2019 policy and adds clarifications based on recommendations from the National Advisory Panel on MPA Standards. The MPA standard prohibits the disposal or dumping of waste, fill, drugs, pesticides, and other matter.

On 5 April 2023, Canada was one of 14 countries to take part in an operation that took down the online black market site Genesis Market.³⁶⁶¹ Genesis Market was known to authorities for selling account access credentials stolen from hacked computers, which were then sold to cybercriminals to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society, the UNODC and INTERPOL. Canada has taken strong action to combat environmental crime by completing Operation North Atlantic Guard, dedicating CAD84.3 million towards fighting IUU fishing under the Indo-Pacific Strategy and publicizing its 2023 MPA Protection Standard. Canada has also taken strong action to fight cybercrime by arresting individuals spreading ransomware and continuing to cooperate with international partners in the fight against the LockBit ransomware campaign. Canada also cooperated with civil society by including domestic stakeholders and Indigenous peoples in the Canadian delegation to the ICCAT.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Claire Birch

³⁶⁵⁷ Canada launches Indo-Pacific Strategy to support long-term growth, prosperity, and security for Canadians, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 27 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-launches-indo-pacific-strategy-to-support-long-term-growth-prosperity-and-security-for-canadians.html>

³⁶⁵⁸ Countries Commit to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/countries-commit-to-the-sustainable-development-and-sourcing-of-critical-minerals.html>

³⁶⁵⁹ FINTRAC publishes money laundering indicators related to illegal wildlife trade in support of Project Anton, Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (Ottawa) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 22 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2023/01/fintrac-publishes-money-laundering-indicators-related-to-illegal-wildlife-trade-in-support-of-project-anton.html>

³⁶⁶⁰ Government of Canada on track to meet its 2025 and 2030 Marine Conservation Targets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Vancouver) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 22 February 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-on-track-to-meet-its-2025-and-2030-marine-conservation-targets.html>

³⁶⁶¹ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 21 August 2022, Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin announced the planned launch of 3,000 “green police stations.”³⁶⁶² Each ‘green brigade’ will be tasked with assisting in the judicial investigation process against ecological attacks and bioterrorism.

On 18 October 2022, the Senate adopted a bill granting a EUR15 billion increase to the Ministry of Interior budget, which is intended for digital technology and the prevention of cybercrime and crises.³⁶⁶³ The bill acknowledges the need for a digital security force to address the potential for cyber-delinquency and threats. The bill also directs the allocation of funds to domestic organizations for crisis management and fighting cyber-attacks.

On 14 November 2022, France, as a member state of Europol and alongside INTERPOL, completed the 13th edition of Operation In Our Sites, which investigates and seizes websites deemed to have hosted “illicit content.”³⁶⁶⁴ Seized content primarily included intellectual property and trademark infringements.

On 23 November 2022, INTERPOL fraud investigators, in cooperation with France and other partner states, completed Operation HAECHI III – a five-month operation to combat a variety of financial cyber crimes.³⁶⁶⁵ The operation saw the arrest of almost 1000 suspects and the seizure of nearly USD130 million.

On 12 December 2022, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States joined together to launch the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance.³⁶⁶⁶ Each member of the Alliance has pledged to hold responsible any group that causes environmental damage.

On 19 January 2023, France’s Constitutional Council largely affirmed the legality of the Ministry of the Interior’s orientation and programming law.³⁶⁶⁷ This law will ensure the online safety of French citizens by strengthening and creating new penalties for cyber offenses. The law will also allow law enforcement to investigate and intervene against online crime offenders on prohibited platforms.

³⁶⁶² Environmental damage: Gérald Darmanin Promises “3000 green police stations,” Le Parisien (Paris) 21 August 2022.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.leparisien.fr/environnement/atteintes-a-lenvironnement-darmanin-promet-3000-postes-de-gendarmes-verts-21-08-2022-QISYJRPTZRJDB3MV66FK2EWOU.php>

³⁶⁶³ Orientation and programming bill of the Ministry of the Interior, Department of Legal and Administrative Information (Paris) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.vie-publique.fr/loi/284424-projet-loi-securite-lopmi-2023-27-programmation-ministere-interieur>

³⁶⁶⁴ International operation shuts down websites offering counterfeit goods and pirated content, Europol (The Hague) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/international-operation-shuts-down-websites-offering-counterfeit-goods-and-pirated-content>

³⁶⁶⁵ Cyber-enabled financial crime: USD 130 million intercepted in global INTERPOL police operation, International Criminal Police Organization (Lyon) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/Cyber-enabled-financial-crime-USD-130-million-intercepted-in-global-INTERPOL-police-operation>

³⁶⁶⁶ Countries Commit to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/countries-commit-to-the-sustainable-development-and-sourcing-of-critical-minerals.html>

³⁶⁶⁷ Gérard Darmanin, Minister of the Interior and Overseas, welcomes the decision of the Constitutional Council validating the orientation and programming law of the ministry, Ministry of the Interior and Overseas (Paris) 20 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 January 2023. <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués/gerard-darmanin-ministre-de-linterieur-et-des-oultre-mer-salue-decision-du>

On 25 January 2023, the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion announced new measures to protect marine ecosystems from industrial plastic pellet pollution.³⁶⁶⁸ France ordered plastic granule sites to improve their equipment and implement mechanisms to ensure that granules cannot enter the environment.

On 5 April 2023, France was one of 14 countries to take part in an operation that took down the online black market site Genesis Market.³⁶⁶⁹ Genesis Market was known to authorities for selling account access credentials stolen from hacked computers, which were then sold to cybercriminals to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

France has partially complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society, UNODC and INTERPOL. France has cooperated with INTERPOL to combat financial cyber crimes through Operation HAECHI III. France has also agreed to hold accountable any group that harms the environment and has fought against environmental crime by creating green police stations and announcing new measures against industrial plastic pellets. However, France has not taken strong action against cyber and environmental crime in cooperation with civil society and UNODC, nor has it focused on fragile contexts.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Olivia Xu

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 10 August 2022, the Federal Cabinet announced that a 2021 report regarding measures taken to delete telemedia with child pornographic content fell within the meaning of Section 184(b) of the country's Criminal Code.³⁶⁷⁰ The report also contains other measures and initiatives prioritising the protection of children and young people on the internet. Federal Minister of the Interior and Homeland Nancy Faeser also welcomed the European Commission's proposal for Europe-wide regulations regarding sexual violence against children.

On 1 November 2022, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection stated that Germany would not support deep-sea mining until further notice.³⁶⁷¹ The Ministry believes that the current level of knowledge and research on deep-sea mining is insufficient to rule out the possibility of serious environmental damage. This is a significant step in fighting wildlife destruction, with Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke stating that "deep-sea mining would further pollute the oceans and irretrievably destroy ecosystems."

³⁶⁶⁸ The Government is stepping up its fight against industrial plastic pellets, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion and Ministry of Energy Transition (Paris) 25 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 January 2023. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/gouvernement-renforce-lutte-contre-granules-plastiques-industriels>

³⁶⁶⁹ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

³⁶⁷⁰ Report 2021 on measures to delete telemedia offerings with child pornographic content within the meaning of Section 184b of the Criminal Code, Federal Ministry of Justice (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 October 2022. https://www.bmj.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2022/0810_Loeschbericht_2022.html

³⁶⁷¹ Protection of the seas: Germany will not support deep-sea mining until further notice, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 1 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2022/11/20221101-schutz-der-meere-deutschland-unterstuetzt-bis-auf-weiteres-keinen-tiefseebergbau.html>

On 14 November 2022, Germany expressed support for an ambitious species protection plan and strict sustainability checks when dealing with endangered animals and plants.³⁶⁷² The plan prioritizes placing numerous tree species used in wood supply and medicinal plants under protection, as well as woods that are heavily traded. The species protection plan and sustainability checks are also important because Germany is a key target and transit market for trade in exotic pets.

On 14 November 2022, Germany, in partnership with the United States, the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe and the UNODC, organized a workshop for Ukrainian experts on countering criminal usage of the virtual assets market, including cryptocurrency.³⁶⁷³ This workshop looked to provide participants with knowledge on cryptocurrencies and how to investigate them, as well as the tools used to investigate it.

On 16 November 2022, Minister Faeser appeared at the Federal Criminal Police Office's autumn conference and presented her strategy for combating organized crime.³⁶⁷⁴ She supported the introduction of a general upper cash limit of well under EUR10,000, saying it would reduce the risk of criminal assets being concealed. Minister Faeser also plans to form an alliance against clan crime using the combined forces of federal and state investigative authorities.

On 7 December 2022, Germany, in partnership with other countries and UNODC, funded a project that brought Ukrainian legislators and experts together to discuss virtual assets legislation.³⁶⁷⁵ Participants discussed challenges and solutions pertaining to money laundering risks of cryptocurrencies and legal frameworks to combat laundering.

On 12 December 2022, Germany, alongside the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France, Japan and the United States, launched the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance.³⁶⁷⁶ Each member of the Alliance has pledged to hold responsible any group that causes environmental damage.

On 6 January 2023, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection reaffirmed the its alliance with Brazil regarding environmental and climate protection.³⁶⁷⁷ While in Brazil, Minister Steffi Lemke visited protected areas and forest and marine protection projects, which encouraged the new Brazilian government to further prioritize such policies.

On 24 January 2023, the German Federal Criminal Police Office was visited by prosecutors and a judge from the Serbian Prosecutor's Office working on cases of organized crime.³⁶⁷⁸ The visit was meant to strengthen

³⁶⁷² World Wildlife Conference in Panama adopts improved protection for sharks, reptiles and tropical timber, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/world-wildlife-conference-in-panama-adopts-improved-protection-for-sharks-reptiles-and-tropical-timber>

³⁶⁷³ OSCE and UNODC organize workshop for Ukrainian experts on countering criminal use of virtual assets and cryptocurrencies, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Vienna) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.osce.org/oceea/531098>

³⁶⁷⁴ Breaking up criminal structures, consistently withdrawing income, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (Berlin) 16 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 January 2023. <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/pressemitteilungen/DE/2022/11/ok-strategie.html>

³⁶⁷⁵ Experts from Ukraine discuss virtual assets regulation at OSCE-UNODC joint workshop, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Vienna) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.osce.org/oceea/533732>

³⁶⁷⁶ Countries Commit to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/countries-commit-to-the-sustainable-development-and-sourcing-of-critical-minerals.html>

³⁶⁷⁷ Alliance for environmental and climate protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 6 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 February 2023. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/allianz-fuer-umwelt-und-klimaschutz>

³⁶⁷⁸ OSCE facilitates exchanges on asset recovery between German Federal Criminal Police Office and Serbian Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Vienna) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.osce.org/secretariat/536482>

cooperation at the borders in response to transnational organized crime, as well as to discuss practices of tracing illegal financial flows and seizing cryptocurrency.

On 15 February 2023, German law enforcement authorities, in cooperation with Italian counterparts, Europol and Eurojust, dismantled a transnational organized crime group committing environmental crime.³⁶⁷⁹ 14 suspects were arrested in connection to the redistribution of 165,000 tonnes of non-recycled scrap iron and manipulation of significant amounts of hazardous waste such as tar.

On 25 February 2023, Germany attended a New York conference where negotiations surrounding a global marine protection agreement, one that Germany had advocated for, were finalized.³⁶⁸⁰ This agreement will allow for binding first-time rules for the high seas, including protecting marine areas, assessing impacts to the environment, and protecting endangered species and habitats.

On 5 April 2023, Germany was one of 14 countries to take part in an operation that took down the online black market site Genesis Market.³⁶⁸¹ Genesis Market was known to authorities for selling account access credentials stolen from hacked computers, which were then sold to cybercriminals to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors. Germany has worked alongside UNODC to develop legal frameworks against cyber crime, and rescinded support for deep sea mining in light of the potential fragile context which has emerged as a result of a lack of knowledge on the matter and potential associated consequences. Germany has also shown support for education on cyber crime protection by funding projects dedicated to learning about money laundering through the virtual assets market, and Germany has made significant contributions to marine protection. Finally, Germany has reduced the resources available for cybercrime by taking part in plans to prevent criminals from accessing sensitive account information.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nejat Ahmed

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 30 September 2022, Italian law enforcement, working in collaboration with INTERPOL, arrested members linked to the Black Axe transnational cybercrime syndicate as part of a week-long operation codenamed “Jackal.”³⁶⁸² Italian police allege that three of those arrested acted as criminal operators and money mules.

³⁶⁷⁹ Crackdown on a criminal network dealing with waste trafficking and money laundering, Eurojust (The Hague) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/crackdown-criminal-network-dealing-waste-trafficking-and-money-laundering>

³⁶⁸⁰ Historic breakthrough for ocean protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 5 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/historischer-durchbruch-fuer-den-schutz-der-weltmeere>

³⁶⁸¹ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

³⁶⁸² International crackdown on West-African financial crime rings, International Criminal Police Organization (Lyon) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/International-crackdown-on-West-African-financial-crime-rings>

On 14 November 2022, Italy, as a member state of Europol, completed the 13th edition of Operation In Our Sites alongside INTERPOL.³⁶⁸³ The operation investigates and seizes websites deemed to have hosted “illicit content,” with seized content primarily included intellectual property and trademark infringement.

On 29 November 2022, Italian law enforcement authorities participated in an exchange visit with Mozambican officials, which was organized by UNODC.³⁶⁸⁴ During the visit, Mozambican authorities worked with their Italian counterparts to foster “formal and informal cooperation on tackling transnational crime among States.” The exchange looked to further assist Mozambique in countering its vulnerability to transnational organized crime.

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Italy has partially complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society, UNODC and INTERPOL. Italy has taken strong action to fight transnational organized cybercrime through collaboration with INTERPOL in the arrest of Black Axe members. Through cooperation with UNODC, Italy also sought to assist Mozambique in improving its preparedness for future combat against transnational organized crime, given the susceptibility of that country to such activities. Further, Italy has taken action against environmental crime through the dismantlement and arrest of organizations and individuals participating in the manipulation and distribution of bio-hazardous materials.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Donell Rodrigues

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

³⁶⁸³ International operation shuts down websites offering counterfeit goods and pirated content, Europol (The Hague) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/international-operation-shuts-down-websites-offering-counterfeit-goods-and-pirated-content>

³⁶⁸⁴ Officers Of Mozambique’s National Criminal Investigation Service (SERNIC) Participate In Exchange Visit With Italian Counterparts, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Southern Africa (Rome) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.unodc.org/southernafrica/en/aml/italy.html>

³⁶⁸⁵ Crackdown on a criminal network dealing with waste trafficking and money laundering, Eurojust (The Hague) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/crackdown-criminal-network-dealing-waste-trafficking-and-money-laundering>

³⁶⁸⁶ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

On 25 July 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi met with UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly.³⁶⁸⁷ Minister Hayashi reaffirmed Japan's commitment to support UNODC in strengthening measures against international human trafficking in Ukraine and drug trafficking in Afghanistan.

On 5 August 2022, Minister Hayashi attended the 12th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' meeting and committed to attending upcoming conferences on combating wildlife trafficking.³⁶⁸⁸ He also pledged to develop meaningful policies and actions to stop international trafficking.

On 23 September 2022, Minister Hayashi attended the Quadrilateral Foreign Ministers meeting, which included Japan, Australia, India, and the United States.³⁶⁸⁹ The Ministers discussed their ongoing commitment to ensuring the security of cyberspace and renewed their collective intention to fight ransomware threats as a part of the United States-led counter ransomware initiative.

On 29 October 2022, the Ministry of Defence announced its plan to increase the number of cybersecurity personnel to 5,000 by 2027, as well as revise its defence guidelines by the end of 2022.³⁶⁹⁰ The announcement is aimed at combating growing cyber threats to Japanese infrastructure.

On 2 November 2022, Japan, in cooperation with the United States, Korea and Canada, completed Operation North Pacific Guard.³⁶⁹¹ The operation focused on detecting and deterring illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activity.

On 23 November 2022, INTERPOL fraud investigators, in cooperation with Japan and other partner states, completed Operation HAECHI III – a five-month operation to combat a variety of financial cyber crimes.³⁶⁹² The operation saw the arrest of almost 1000 suspects and the seizure of nearly USD130 million.

On 12 December 2022, Japan, alongside the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France, Germany and the United States, launched the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance.³⁶⁹³ Each member of the Alliance has pledged to hold responsible any group that causes environmental damage.

On 23 December 2022, Minister of the Environment Nishimura Akihiro and Uzbekistan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Vladimir Norov signed a memorandum announcing their cooperation for environmental and ecological protection.³⁶⁹⁴ The two countries will work together on areas including air and waste pollution.

³⁶⁸⁷ Courtesy Call on Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa by Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000426.html

³⁶⁸⁸ Chairman's Statement of the 12th East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Southeast Asian Nations Cambodia 2022 (Phnom Penh) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100380513.pdf>

³⁶⁸⁹ Quad Foreign Ministers' Statement on Ransomware, Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting (New York City) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100396822.pdf>

³⁶⁹⁰ Japan plans to boost cyberdefense personnel to 5,000 by fiscal 2027, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 30 October 2022. Access Date: 18 November 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/10/30/national/japan-cyber-defense/>

³⁶⁹¹ Canada fights illegal fishing with Operation North Pacific Guard, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2022/11/canada-fights-illegal-fishing-with-operation-north-pacific-guard.html>

³⁶⁹² Cyber-enabled financial crime: USD 130 million intercepted in global INTERPOL police operation, International Criminal Police Organization (Lyon) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/Cyber-enabled-financial-crime-USD-130-million-intercepted-in-global-INTERPOL-police-operation>

³⁶⁹³ Countries Commit to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/countries-commit-to-the-sustainable-development-and-sourcing-of-critical-minerals.html>

³⁶⁹⁴ Ministry of the Environment, Japan, and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection Sign the Memorandum of Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 27 December 2022. Access Date: 29 January 2023. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00940.html

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors. Japan has committed resources and participated in operations to combat cyber and environmental crime. Japan has also done so in cooperation with INTERPOL and UNODC while focusing on fragile contexts such as over-fished northern Japanese fisheries.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia Xu

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 25 July 2022, Home Secretary Priti Patel reaffirmed the UK's commitment alongside Ghana to address Ghana's national cyber security and organized crime concerns.³⁶⁹⁵ To promote regional and international stability, the UK promised to enhance its defence cooperation with Ghana. Regional and international stability refers to international security relations with Ghana's neighbouring states.

On 3 October 2022, Environment Secretary Ranil Jayawardena announced a proposal to raise the civil penalty for water companies polluting the environment from GBP25,000 to GBP250 million.³⁶⁹⁶ The 1000-fold civil penalty increase will speed up the process of enforcing laws against environmental harm by sanctioning companies faster than lengthy criminal prosecutions.

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On 7 December 2022, the UK, in partnership with other countries and UNODC, funded a project that brought Ukrainian legislators and experts together to discuss virtual assets legislation.³⁶⁹⁸ Participants discussed challenges and solutions pertaining to money laundering risks of cryptocurrencies and legal frameworks to combat laundering.

On 12 December 2022, the UK, alongside Germany, Canada, Australia, France, Japan and the United States, launched the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance.³⁶⁹⁹ Each member of the Alliance has pledged to hold responsible any group that causes environmental damage.

³⁶⁹⁵ UK and Ghana reaffirm commitment to tackle global threats, Home Office (London) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-ghana-reaffirm-commitment-to-tackle-global-threats>

³⁶⁹⁶ Water companies face new penalties up to £250million, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 10 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/water-companies-face-new-penalties-up-to-250million>

³⁶⁹⁷ Cyber-enabled financial crime: USD 130 million intercepted in global INTERPOL police operation, International Criminal Police Organization (Lyon) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/Cyber-enabled-financial-crime-USD-130-million-intercepted-in-global-INTERPOL-police-operation>

³⁶⁹⁸ Experts from Ukraine discuss virtual assets regulation at OSCE-UNODC joint workshop, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Vienna) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.osce.org/ocea/533732>

³⁶⁹⁹ Countries Commit to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals, Natural Resources Canada (Montreal) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/12/countries-commit-to-the-sustainable-development-and-sourcing-of-critical-minerals.html>

On 9 February 2023, the UK, together with the US, sanctioned seven members of Trickbot, a cybercrime gang based in Russia.³⁷⁰⁰ The organized cybercrime group has previously targeted critical infrastructures and participated in money laundering through use of virtual currency.

On 5 April 2023, the UK was one of 14 countries to take part in an operation that took down the online black market site Genesis Market.³⁷⁰¹ Genesis Market was known to authorities for selling account access credentials stolen from hacked computers, which were then sold to cybercriminals to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society, UNODC and INTERPOL. The UK has focused on fighting cybercrime in fragile contexts within Ghana and Ukraine with cooperation from the UNODC. The UK has also worked alongside INTERPOL to combat financial cybercrime and has pledged to hold accountable groups causing environmental damage.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sammy Kogan

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 30 June 2022, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the launch of the Green Trade Strategy, which aims to combat climate change by enhancing current enforcement actions against environmental trade crimes including wildlife trafficking and illegal logging, mining and fishing.³⁷⁰² The CBP will work to combat environmental trade crimes through collaboration with stakeholders in the international trade environment.

On 14 September 2022, officials from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), US Border Patrol, and Homeland Security Investigations participated in a conference on border security hosted by INTERPOL.³⁷⁰³ The parties discussed their ongoing collaborations, including a “campaign to crack down on transnational criminal organizations.” The DHS has also committed over USD50 million to strengthen efforts to combat transnational organized crime.

On 21 October 2022, the US Embassy in the Philippines’ Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs hosted a meeting between Filipino and American security and justice representatives to share practices and knowledge on addressing cybercrime issues.³⁷⁰⁴ American officials “committed to closer

³⁷⁰⁰ United States and United Kingdom Sanction Members of Russia-Based Trickbot Cybercrime Gang, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1256>

³⁷⁰¹ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

³⁷⁰² CBP Announces Launch of Green Trade Strategy, United States Customs and Border Protection (Washington D.C.) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 23 October 2022. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-announces-launch-green-trade-strategy>

³⁷⁰³ Readout of DHS Participation at Interpol Conference on Border Security in the Americas, United States Department of Homeland Security (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/09/14/readout-dhs-participation-interpol-conference-border-security-americas>

³⁷⁰⁴ U.S., Philippine Law Enforcement Personnel Meet to Address Cybersecurity Threats, United States Embassy in the Philippines (Manila) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://ph.usembassy.gov/u-s-philippine-law-enforcement-personnel-meet-to-address-cybersecurity-threats/>

interagency collaboration to enhance the capacity of law enforcement personnel amid the increasingly advanced tools and technology used by cyber criminals.”³⁷⁰⁵

On 14 November 2022, the US, alongside Europol and INTERPOL, completed the 13th edition of Operation In Our Sites, which investigates and seizes websites deemed to have hosted “illicit content.”³⁷⁰⁶ Seized content primarily included intellectual property and trademark infringements.

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On 30 November 2022, the US Attorney’s Office East District of Texas announced a multi-year investigation into transnational cryptocurrency money laundering networks.³⁷⁰⁸ The US Attorney’s Office has charged 21 individuals with allegedly laundering millions from American fraud victims.

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The US has fully complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society, UNODC and INTERPOL. The US has taken strong action to fight cybercrime through collaboration with INTERPOL and UNODC and has taken strong action against environmental crime to prevent groups from committing acts in fragile contexts.

³⁷⁰⁵ U.S., Philippine Law Enforcement Personnel Meet to Address Cybersecurity Threats, United States Embassy in the Philippines (Manila) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 4 April 2023. <https://ph.usembassy.gov/u-s-philippine-law-enforcement-personnel-meet-to-address-cybersecurity-threats/>

³⁷⁰⁶ International operation shuts down websites offering counterfeit goods and pirated content, Europol (The Hague) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/international-operation-shuts-down-websites-offering-counterfeit-goods-and-pirated-content>

³⁷⁰⁷ Cyber-enabled financial crime: USD 130 million intercepted in global INTERPOL police operation, International Criminal Police Organization (Lyon) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/Cyber-enabled-financial-crime-USD-130-million-intercepted-in-global-INTERPOL-police-operation>

³⁷⁰⁸ Eastern District of Texas Announces Multi-Year Investigation into Transnational Cryptocurrency Money Laundering Networks, United States Attorney’s Office East District of Texas (Tyler) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/eastern-district-texas-announces-multi-year-investigation-transnational-cryptocurrency>

³⁷⁰⁹ Experts from Ukraine discuss virtual assets regulation at OSCE-UNODC joint workshop, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Vienna) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.osce.org/oceea/533732>

³⁷¹⁰ United States and United Kingdom Sanction Members of Russia-Based Trickbot Cybercrime Gang, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1256>

³⁷¹¹ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Donell Rodrigues

European Union: +1

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors such as INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

On 28 June 2022, the Council of the EU reached a political agreement to strengthen the resilience of critical entities, such as the drinking water and energy sectors.³⁷¹² The agreement will fortify each member state's ability to provide essential functions for citizens, including resisting and protecting these entities from terrorist threats or hybrid attacks. The Council also reached an agreement to address terrorist threats or hybrid attacks as they relate to cybersecurity and cybercrime.

On 29 June 2022, the Council of the EU reached a provisional agreement to enhance financial transparency by requiring specific information whenever there is a domestic or international transfer of cryptocurrency assets.³⁷¹³ This agreement is meant to make the use of cryptocurrency for money laundering and terrorist financing harder while fortifying the EU's ability to manage the risks of cryptocurrency.

On 6 October 2022, the European Commission Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs co-organized the first-ever EU-UNODC Anti-Corruption Dialogue with UNODC to discuss future cooperation between the two organizations to address corruption and money laundering.³⁷¹⁴ Participants also discussed asset recovery and effects on civil society.

On 14 November 2022, Europol, alongside INTERPOL, completed the 13th edition of Operation In Our Sites, which investigates and seizes websites deemed to have hosted "illicit content."³⁷¹⁵ Seized content primarily included intellectual property and trademark infringements.

On 9 December 2022, the Council of the EU proposed negotiating mandates for improving the EU's ability to fight environmental crime.³⁷¹⁶ The mandates include expanding encompassed crimes, defining set penalties, sentences and fines and recommending training for those investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes.

³⁷¹² EU resilience: Council presidency and European Parliament reach political agreement to strengthen the resilience of critical entities, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/28/eu-resilience-council-presidency-and-european-parliament-reach-political-agreement-to-strengthen-the-resilience-of-critical-entities/>

³⁷¹³ Anti-money laundering: Provisional agreement reached on transparency of crypto asset transfers, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/29/anti-money-laundering-provisional-agreement-reached-on-transparency-of-crypto-asset-transfers/>

³⁷¹⁴ UNODC and European Union hold first-ever anti-corruption dialogue, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Brussels) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 10 January 2023. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2022/October/unodc-and-european-union-hold-first-ever-anti-corruption-dialogue.html>

³⁷¹⁵ International operation shuts down websites offering counterfeit goods and pirated content, Europol (The Hague) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 7 January 2023. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/international-operation-shuts-down-websites-offering-counterfeit-goods-and-pirated-content>

³⁷¹⁶ Council agrees its negotiating mandate on the environmental crime directive, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 27 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/09/council-agrees-its-negotiating-mandate-on-the-environmental-crime-directive/>

On 10 January 2023, the European Council reaffirmed the joint declaration on co-operation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).³⁷¹⁷ The EU and NATO will improve their strategic partnership to better address evolving security threats and challenges, including countering hybrid and cybercrimes.

On 14 February 2023, the Council of the EU authorized member states to ratify the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention).³⁷¹⁸ Ratification of the Protocol will allow for greater cross-border access to data and evidence used in the fight against cybercrime, particularly in fragile contexts such as prosecutions that require cooperation between member and third-party states.

On 16 February 2023, the EU established new protective measures for porpoises and seabirds at the suggestion of Germany.³⁷¹⁹ Actions taken include several measures in fisheries management and limiting or banning certain fishing techniques.

On 3 March 2023, the EU joined the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Action Alliance.³⁷²⁰ Through this partnership, the EU will combat IUU fishing by working with multiple partners, including non-governmental organizations.

On 20 March 2023, the EU Foreign Affairs Council adopted a new set of contributions to the Global Digital Compact.³⁷²¹ Among other contributions is a commitment to fund civil society initiatives targeting digital security training.³⁷²²

On 21 March 2023, EU lawmakers made amendments to a pre-existing draft law pertaining to illegal timber trade and environmental crime at large.³⁷²³ Lawmakers agreed that any conduct which may cause serious harm to health, quality of air, soil, water animals or plants should constitute a criminal offence punishable by at least 10 years of imprisonment.

On 5 April 2023, the EU, through Eurojust and Europol, took part in an operation that took down the online black market site Genesis Market.³⁷²⁴ Genesis Market was known to authorities for selling account access credentials stolen from hacked computers, which were then sold to cybercriminals to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

³⁷¹⁷ Joint Declaration on EU-NATO Cooperation, European Council (Brussels) 10 January 2023. Access Date: 22 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/01/10/eu-nato-joint-declaration-10-january-2023/>

³⁷¹⁸ Access to e-evidence: Council authorises member states to ratify international agreement, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 22 February 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/14/access-to-e-evidence-council-authorises-member-states-to-ratify-international-agreement/>

³⁷¹⁹ Better protection for harbor porpoises and seabirds in the North Sea marine protected areas, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 16 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/besserer-schutz-fuer-schweinswale-und-seevoegel-in-den-meeresschutzgebieten-der-nordsee-1>

³⁷²⁰ Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Action Alliance Welcomes New Members and Outlines Joint Pledge to Combat IUU Fishing at Our Ocean, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Panama City) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2023/03/illegal-unreported-and-unregulated-iuu-fishing-action-alliance-welcomes-new-members-and-outlines-joint-pledge-to-combat-iuu-fishing-at-our-ocean-pa.html>

³⁷²¹ The Global Digital Compact: a bold step towards digital transformation, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York (New York) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/global-digital-compact-bold-step-towards-digital-transformation_en#:~:text=On%2020%20March%202023%2C%20the,%2Dcentric%2C%20global%20digital%20transformation

³⁷²² European Union Contribution to the Global Digital Compact, European Union (Brussels) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 24 March 2023. https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/GDC-submission_European-Union.pdf

³⁷²³ EU lawmakers toughen up draft law on environmental crimes, Reuters (London) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 25 March 2023. <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/eu-lawmakers-toughen-up-draft-law-environmental-crimes-2023-03-21/>

³⁷²⁴ Online market selling stolen account credentials to criminals worldwide taken down in multi-country effort dubbed Operation Cookie Monster, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (The Hague) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/news/takedown-online-market-sold-stolen-account-credentials-Operation-Cookie-Monster>

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to intensify efforts against transnational organized crime, including cybercrime and environmental crime, particularly in fragile contexts, and in close cooperation with civil society and international actors. The EU expanded and reaffirmed its commitment to fighting international cybercrime through the monitoring of criminal transfers of cryptocurrency funds and fortifying entities crucial to preventing cyber crime. Further, the EU will improve EU-NATO cooperation relating to cybercrime and has authorized member states to ratify an agreement on cybercrime. The EU has also cooperated with INTERPOL through Europol to combat cybercrime by taking down websites publishing “illicit content.” As well, the EU has worked to expand encompassed crimes and penalties pertaining to environmental crime. Finally, the EU has committed to fund civil society digital security training projects.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sammy Kogan

17. Labour and Employment: Social Protection

“To address these effects, we will accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all by 2030 in line with the UN Secretary-General’s initiative for a ‘Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transition,’ which aims to create 400 million jobs and to extend social protection.”

G7 Elmau Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union		0	
Average		+0.88 (94%)	

Background

The need for adaptive and inclusive social protection has become a priority for G7 leaders in recent years, especially in the face of COVID-19, climate change and other global crises. The effects of climate change, in particular, have exacerbated existing inequalities, as they disproportionately harm vulnerable and marginalized communities. Moreover, many industries have witnessed an increase in the “frequency and intensity of various environment-related hazards” in workplaces, and are suffering due to environmental degradation.³⁷²⁵ As countries strive to shift away from ecologically unsustainable sectors, and towards a more digital labour force, those employed in these sectors require further social protection. G7 members have also emphasized the need for robust social protection in light of other global disruptions such as inflation to mitigate the effects of rising energy and food prices. Highlighting the human right to security, the G7 leaders affirmed their decision to address these effects with “universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all,” particularly for women and marginalized groups.³⁷²⁶

The 2022 Elmau Summit was the first summit to explicitly address the impact of climate change on employment.³⁷²⁷ Prior to the summit, commitments regarding climate change focused on sustainable energy sources, greenhouse gas emissions and low-carbon technology.³⁷²⁸ Concerns about labour and employment have largely been focused on developing countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) until the 2017 Taormina Summit, where G7 leaders committed to promoting labour force stability.³⁷²⁹

³⁷²⁵ The Employment Impact of Climate Change Adaptation, G20 Climate Sustainability Working Group (Geneva) August 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022. http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/ilo_-_the_employment_impact_of_climate_change_adaptation.pdf

³⁷²⁶ 2022 G7 Elmau Goals Set and Met (Toronto) 2 July 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2022elmau/goals-met.html>

³⁷²⁷ 2021 G7 Cornwall Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2021compliance-final/05-2021-G7-final-compliance-vehicles.pdf>

³⁷²⁸ Climate Change Accountability: The G8’s Compliance Record from 1975 to 2009, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 28 November 2009. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/scholar/kirton-guebert-climate-091128.pdf>

³⁷²⁹ 2017 Taormina G7 Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 4 June 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2017compliance-final/16-2017-G7-final-compliance-labour.pdf>

At the 2011 Deauville Summit, G8 members launched the Deauville Partnership in the aftermath of the Arab Spring to help MENA countries transition towards “free, democratic and tolerant societies.”³⁷³⁰ The partnership specifically focused on providing support to Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Libya, and Morocco.³⁷³¹ On 10 September 2011, G8 members partnered with “international and regional financial institutions,” as well as Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates to give economic assistance to MENA countries.³⁷³²

At the 2012 Camp David Summit, G8 members reaffirmed their commitment to the Deauville Partnership to provide MENA countries with economic assistance. They also committed to promoting the creation of jobs for youth within MENA countries, facilitating “youth-oriented training programs” to promote economic participation and stability.³⁷³³

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 members reaffirmed their commitments to the Deauville Partnership “through measures such as providing aid to the MENA Transition Fund and participating in the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery.”³⁷³⁴ The summit communiqué expressed “renewed commitment” to economic aid for MENA countries.³⁷³⁵

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 members pledged to maintain their commitment to the Deauville Partnership and support MENA countries as they made political and economic reforms. They committed to job creation, particularly for youth and women in MENA countries, by “making contributions to programs aimed at providing people with the skills and/or education that they need to attain jobs,” such as the Arab Women’s Enterprise Fund.³⁷³⁶

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 members committed to promoting stability in the labour force by implementing sound labour market policies and adjusting their welfare systems to protect workers. They prioritized labour reforms, redistributing tax burdens and “changing the coverage of social insurance programs such as healthcare, unemployment insurance and pensions.”³⁷³⁷

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 members committed to equipping workers with the necessary skills and education to use emerging technology. Members committed to working with businesses, civil society organizations and educational organizations to prepare workers for the needs of the changing labour market.³⁷³⁸

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau summit, leaders committed to “accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all by 2030 in line with the UN Secretary-General’s initiative for a ‘Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transition,’ which aims to create

³⁷³⁰ 2011 Deauville G8 Summit Final Compliance Report. 18 May 2012. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2011compliance-final/2011g8finalcompliance.pdf>

³⁷³¹ G7 Deauville Partnership – MENA Transition Fund Project. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<https://www.oecd.org/mena/governance/deauville-partnership-mena-transition-fund-project.htm>

³⁷³² 2011 Deauville G8 Summit Final Compliance Report. 18 May 2012. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2011compliance-final/2011g8finalcompliance.pdf>

³⁷³³ 2012 Camp David G8 Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 14 June 2012. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2012compliance/2012compliance.pdf>

³⁷³⁴ 2013 Lough Erne G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 4 June 2014. Access Date: 23 September

2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2013compliance-final/17-2013-g8-compliance-deauville.pdf>

³⁷³⁵ 2013 Lough Erne G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 4 June 2014. Access Date: 23 September

2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2013compliance-final/17-2013-g8-compliance-deauville.pdf>

³⁷³⁶ 2014 Brussels G7 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 6 June 2015. Access Date: 23 September

2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2014compliance/08-2014-g8-compliance-final-20150715.pdf>

³⁷³⁷ 2017 G7 Taormina Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 4 June 2018. Access Date: 23 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2017compliance-final/16-2017-G7-final-compliance-labour.pdf>

³⁷³⁸ 2018 Charlevoix Summit G7 Interim Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto) 425 February 2019. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2018compliance-interim/05-2018-G7-interim-compliance-skills.pdf>

400 million jobs and to extend social protection.” This commitment can be interpreted as having one main target, which is accelerating progress towards social protection. This target ranges across five dimensions: “universal,” “adequate,” “adaptive,” “shock-responsive” and “inclusive.”

“Accelerate” is understood as making progress or causing an event to occur at an earlier date.³⁷³⁹

“Progress” is understood to mean moving forward toward a goal.³⁷⁴⁰

“Universal” is understood to mean the entire intended group, not a fraction or percentage of the whole.³⁷⁴¹

“Adequate” is understood to mean sufficient for a specific need or requirement.³⁷⁴²

“Adaptive” is understood to mean being fit for all, as much as possible.³⁷⁴³

“Shock-responsive” is understood to mean appropriately responding to sudden changes that affect a large proportion of the population simultaneously.³⁷⁴⁴ In this context, it means developing social protection programs that protect people from events that lead to sudden job loss such as bankruptcies, recessions, climate change, pandemics and so on.

“Inclusive” is understood to mean that all parties are included in the decision-making process.³⁷⁴⁵

“Social protection” is understood to mean the extent to which a country assumes responsibility to support the standard of living of its citizens, particularly disadvantaged or vulnerable groups such as low-income households, the elderly and persons with disabilities.³⁷⁴⁶ In this context, social protection needs to be in line with the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, which seeks to eliminate “bottlenecks” in developing countries’ ability to facilitate “human-centred recovery” and strengthen their resilience.³⁷⁴⁷ The Global Accelerator’s pillars include the development and enhancement of “integrated and evidence-based national strategies and policies,” “integrated financing” that combines both domestic capital and international financial support and multilateral cooperation.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that demonstrate strong or weak action, either nationally or internationally, to accelerate progress towards social protection in at least four of the five dimensions. Strong actions may include funding developing academic opportunities and skill-training programs, promoting employment insurance, protecting workers’ rights through legislation and reducing the cost of living. Weak actions may include attending meetings that promote social protection and reaffirming the commitment to accelerate progress towards social protection.

³⁷³⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁷⁴⁰ Progress, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/progress>

³⁷⁴¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁷⁴² Adequate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/adequate>

³⁷⁴³ Adapt, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/adapt>

³⁷⁴⁴ Shock-Responsive Social Protection, Socialprotection.org (Brasília) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://socialprotection.org/learn/glossary/shock-responsive-social-protection>

³⁷⁴⁵ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁷⁴⁶ Social Protection, OECD iLibrary (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 26 September 2022. https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/social-protection/indicator-group/english_3ddf51bf-en

³⁷⁴⁷ Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions: High-Level Summary, International Labour Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 10 December 2022. https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/sdg-2030/WCMS_846674/lang--en/index.htm

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that demonstrate strong or weak action, either nationally or internationally, to accelerate progress towards social protection in at least two of the five dimensions.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member fails to take any action to accelerate progress towards social protection OR takes action in only one of the five dimensions.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken action to accelerate progress towards social protection in ANY of the following five dimensions: (i) universal, (ii) adequate, (iii) adaptive, (iv) shock-responsive, and (v) inclusive OR has taken action in only one of the five dimensions
0	The G7 member has taken action to accelerate progress towards social protection in at least TWO of the following five dimensions: (i) universal, (ii) adequate, (iii) adaptive, (iv) shock-responsive, and (v) inclusive.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to accelerate progress towards social protection in at least FOUR of the following five dimensions: (i) universal, (ii) adequate, (iii) adaptive, (iv) shock-responsive, and (v) inclusive.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 29 July 2022, under the Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime program, parents of missing or deceased children who are unable to work due to grief are eligible for financial aid.³⁷⁴⁸ Eligible parents can receive payments of CAD450 per week, for a maximum of 35 weeks over a two-year period, to support parents who suffer loss of income after the death or disappearance of a child.

On 25 August 2022, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion Carla Qualtrough announced investments made towards 17 organizations across Canada that provide Canadians with the necessary support to succeed as part of the workforce.³⁷⁴⁹ The investment, amounting to CAD59.9 million and provided through the Skills for Success program, will provide training for over 52,000 Canadians.

On 5 September 2022, the Minister of Labour Seamus O'Regan announced that paid sick leave will become available for workers within "federally regulated sectors" on 1 December 2022.³⁷⁵⁰ The ministry aims to "close a gap" in Canada's social safety net with this initiative.

On 14 October 2022, Minister O'Regan announced that the draft Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Canada Labour Code (Menstrual Products) are now open for comments.³⁷⁵¹ The regulations

³⁷⁴⁸ Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/parents-young-victims-crime.html>

³⁷⁴⁹ Government of Canada invests in foundational skills training and support for workers on Prince Edward Island, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-in-foundational-skills-training-and-support-for-workers-on-prince-edward-island.html>

³⁷⁵⁰ Statement by the Minister of Labour on Labour Day, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/09/statement-by-the-minister-of-labour-on-labour-day.html>

³⁷⁵¹ Government of Canada one step closer to ensuring free access to menstrual products in federally regulated workplaces, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-one-step-closer-to-ensuring-free-access-to-menstrual-products-in-federally-regulated-workplaces.html>

aim to provide employers the flexibility to implement preventative measures to reduce health risks related to the lack of access to menstrual products in the workplace.

On 3 November 2022, the government published the 2022 Fall Economic Statement, which projects investments of CAD10.928 billion by 2028.³⁷⁵² The investments include CAD310 million in skills for a “net-zero economy,” CAD6.65 billion in ensuring Canada’s economic competitiveness by creating “good jobs” and CAD3.968 billion to develop a more productive and innovative economy through the protection of worker’s rights and the improvement of regulatory processes.

On 25 November 2022, Minister Qualtrough announced the permanent extension of Employment Insurance sickness benefits from 15 weeks to 26 weeks starting 18 December 2022.³⁷⁵³ This extension will provide about 169,000 Canadians per year additional time-off while facing illness, injury or quarantine.

On 1 December 2022, Minister O’Regan announced the availability of 10 days of paid sick leave for all federally regulated private sector workplaces.³⁷⁵⁴ This announcement follows up on the government’s earlier commitment to make the change and it aims to keep workers safe while ensuring they still receive income.

On 19 December 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Qualtrough Irek Kusmierczyk announced CAD3.6 million in funding to Workforce WindsorEssex through the Migrant Worker Support Program.³⁷⁵⁵ The funding aims to support the program in helping over 8,000 temporary foreign workers in Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton in Ontario.

On 27 February 2023, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien announced an investment of over CAD7 million for five Youth Employment and Skills Strategy projects, providing nearly 700 Black youth with access to training and the resources necessary to succeed.³⁷⁵⁶

On 27 February 2023, Minister O’Regan announced approximately CAD9.5 million in funding for 10 projects that aim to remove barriers faced by women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities in federally regulated workplaces.³⁷⁵⁷ The projects will be funded through the government’s Workplace Opportunities: Removing Barriers to Equity program.

On 7 March 2023, the government released the Summary of the Horizontal Evaluation of the Labour Market Development Agreements, which outlined bilateral agreements between the federal government and provinces

³⁷⁵² Fall Economic Statement 2022, Chapter 2: Jobs, Growth, and an Economy That Works for Everyone, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2022/report-rapport/chap2-en.html>

³⁷⁵³ Government of Canada improves sickness benefits under the Employment Insurance system, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-improves-sickness-benefits-under-the-employment-insurance-system1.html>

³⁷⁵⁴ 10 days of paid sick leave now in force for nearly 1 million federally regulated workers across Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/12/10-days-of-paid-sick-leave-now-in-force-for-nearly-1million-federally-regulated-workers-across-canada.html>

³⁷⁵⁵ Government of Canada protects and empowers temporary foreign workers in Southwestern Ontario through the Migrant Worker Support Program, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-protects-and-empowers-temporary-foreign-workers-in-southwestern-ontario-through-the-migrant-worker-support-program.html>

³⁷⁵⁶ Minister Marci Ien announces supports for Black youth to overcome barriers to employment, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/02/minister-marci-ien-announces-supports-for-black-youth-to-overcome-barriers-to-employment.html>

³⁷⁵⁷ Government of Canada announces projects aimed at removing barriers to equality in federally regulated workplaces, Employment and Social Development Canada (Halifax) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-announces-projects-aimed-at-removing-barriers-to-equality-in-federally-regulated-workplaces.html>

and territories for the design and delivery of Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSMs).³⁷⁵⁸ EBSMs are intended to help individuals obtain or retain employment.

On 31 March 2023, Minister Qualtrough announced the elimination of interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans under the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program.³⁷⁵⁹ This move aims to reduce the financial burden for over 1.2 million Canadian post-secondary graduates looking to start their careers, saving them an average of CAD520 per year on student loans.

On 6 April 2023, Minister of Seniors Kamal Khara and Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos reappointed three members of the National Seniors Council to address the growing issues concerning the participation of seniors in the labor force.³⁷⁶⁰

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all. Canada has taken action towards adaptive and inclusive social protection with paid sick leave for federal employees and by aiming to ensure the availability of menstrual products in the workplace. It has also taken action towards adequate and universal social protection through investments in ensuring Canada's economic competitiveness.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 15 July 2022, the Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire announced the doubling of the “Livret A” (tax-free savings account) rate from one per cent to two per cent, attaining its highest level since 2012.³⁷⁶¹ This increase constitutes an important step for protecting the purchasing power and the savings of French citizens and residents.

On 9 September 2022, Minister of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion Olivier Dussopt and Minister of Public Action and Accounts Gabriel Attal announced an increase of 4 per cent to the basic retirement pensions of all retirees.³⁷⁶² The change will benefit nearly 15 million retirees as it aims to preserve their purchasing power.

³⁷⁵⁸ Summary of the horizontal evaluation of the Labour Market Development Agreements, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/reports/evaluations/horizontal-labour-market-development-agreements/summary.html>

³⁷⁵⁹ Government of Canada provides interest-free loans for students, effective April 1, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-provides-interest-free-loans-for-students-effective-april1.html>

³⁷⁶⁰ Minister Khara and Minister Duclos announce the reappointment of three members to the National Seniors Council, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/04/minister-khara-and-minister-duclos-announce-the-reappointment-of-three-members-to-the-national-seniors-council.html>

³⁷⁶¹ Augmentation du taux du livret A à compter du 1er août, Government of France (Paris) 18 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/augmentation-du-taux-du-livret-a-a-compter-du-1er-aout>

³⁷⁶² Entrée en vigueur de la revalorisation des pensions de retraite, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion (Paris) 9 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/entree-en-vigueur-de-la-revalorisation-des-pensions-de-retraite>

On 1 October 2022, the government increased the price ceiling for daily meal vouchers to a maximum of EUR25.³⁷⁶³ Employers provide meal vouchers to employees to cover their meal costs during working days (Monday to Saturday inclusive).

On 1 December 2022, the government announced a reduction in social security contributions for 1.6 million self-employed workers to support them in facing rising energy prices.³⁷⁶⁴ The government estimates that the reduction will result in an average gain of EUR200 per year for two-thirds of self-employed workers.

On 23 December 2022, the government announced an increase of 1.81 per cent to the minimum growth wage, effective 1 January 2023.³⁷⁶⁵ This change aims to protect the purchasing power of minimum wage workers. This constitutes a total yearly increase of the minimum wage by 6.6 per cent in 2022.

On 5 January 2023, President Emmanuel Macron extended EUR6,000 in hiring aid for companies to create and maintain work-study positions for students under 30.³⁷⁶⁶ The aid aims to increase access to apprenticeships for students.

On 17 February 2023, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion opened 300 labor inspection positions within the organization.³⁷⁶⁷ Labor inspectors ensure companies' proper application of labor legislation to bolster professional relations among employers and employees, and to secure the health and safety of workers.

France has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. It has adopted social protection measures which protect the purchasing power of French citizens against rising energy prices and provided additional support for both self-employed workers and minimum wage workers.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Yiran (Sarah) Xie

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

³⁷⁶³ Titres-restaurant, Passeport prévention ... Ce qui change au 1er octobre 2022, Government of France (Paris) 29 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/titres-restaurant-passeport-prevention-ce-qui-change-au-1er-octobre-2022>

³⁷⁶⁴ Vers une baisse pérenne des charges pour les travailleurs indépendants, Government of France (Paris) 2 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/vers-une-baisse-perenne-des-charges-pour-les-travailleurs-independants>

³⁷⁶⁵ Revalorisation du SMIC au 1er janvier 2023, Revaluation of the SMIC on January 1, 2023, Government of France (Paris) 23 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/revalorisation-du-smic-au-1er-janvier-2023>

³⁷⁶⁶ Alternance : le gouvernement maintiendra une aide à l'embauche à hauteur de 6000 € jusqu'à la fin du quinquennat, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion (Paris) 6 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/alternance-le-gouvernement-maintiendra-une-aide-a-l-embauche-a-hauteur-de-6000>

³⁷⁶⁷ Le ministère recrute 300 inspecteurs du travail, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion (Paris) 17 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/le-ministere-recrute-300-inspecteurs-du-travail>

On 1 July 2022, the government increased the pension value from EUR34.19 to EUR36.02.³⁷⁶⁸ Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Hubertus Heil highlighted that the more people of employable age “work with decent wages,” the more stable the pension system will be.

On 27 September 2022, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs presented the further developed National Further Education Strategy.³⁷⁶⁹ The strategy includes qualification allowance that provides employees more flexibility to continue their education, while relieving the burden on companies to train workers.

On 1 October 2022, the general minimum wage increased to EUR12 per hour.³⁷⁷⁰ The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs states that more than six million employees in Germany will benefit from this increase.

On 15 February 2023, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs announced the Citizen’s Benefit Act effective from July 2023.³⁷⁷¹ The new act includes further bonuses in training programs and an extension to the housing payment grace period for 12 months.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. It has done this by adopting various social protection measures including increase in minimum wage, new regulations on working environment and other supports to low-wage jobs.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Yiran (Sarah) Xie

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 10 August 2022, Minister of Labor and Social Policies Andrea Orlando signed a decree granting self-employed persons a bonus of EUR200.³⁷⁷² The Ministry noted that this policy aims to subsidize cost-of-living expenses for self-employed workers, recognizing the jump in costs due to higher energy and related prices.

On 22 September 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies and the Ministry of Economy and Finance agreed to replenish the New Skills Fund by EUR1 billion.³⁷⁷³ Through these funds, the New Skills Fund plans to finance digital skilled training programs for employees through public-private partnerships.

³⁷⁶⁸ Renten steigen deutlich, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Berlin) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Meldungen/2022/renten-steigen-deutlich.html>

³⁷⁶⁹ Gemeinsam für ein Jahrzehnt der Weiterbildung, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Berlin) 27 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2022/gemeinsam-fuer-ein-jahrzehnt-der-weiterbildung.html>

³⁷⁷⁰ Erhöhung des Mindestlohns, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (Berlin) 30 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2022/erhoehung-des-mindestlohns.html>

³⁷⁷¹ The Citizen's Benefit Act (Bürgergeld-Gesetz), Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Berlin) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 10 March 2023. <https://www.bmas.de/EN/Services/Press/recent-publications/2023/the-citizens-benefit-act.html>

³⁷⁷² Orlando firma Decreto per bonus 200 euro ad autonomi, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 10 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/Comunicati/Pagine/Orlando-firma-Decreto-per-bonus-200-euro-ad-autonomi.aspx>

³⁷⁷³ Fondo Nuove Competenze, rifinanziato per un miliardo di euro, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 2 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/fondo-nuove-competenze-rifinanziato-per-un-miliardo-di-euro.aspx/>

On 29 September 2022, Minister Orlando announced a provision of EUR12 million within the Extraordinary Fund for Publishing dedicated to the hiring and financial stability of journalists.³⁷⁷⁴ The investment aims to protect job stability for journalists, support journalistic work and facilitate the hiring of journalists with digital skills.

On 1 October 2022, Minister Orlando declared that Italian citizens who earned an income of EUR35,000 or lower in 2021 can apply for the Transport Bonus to subsidize the costs of monthly transportation passes.³⁷⁷⁵ The government established the bonus in September as a form of cost-of-living support amidst the country's energy crisis, providing EUR60 a month to offset the cost of monthly, multi-monthly or annual transportation passes. Minister Orlando remarked that the Ministry issued one million Transportation Bonus vouchers in the month since its development.

On 17 December 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced the adoption of the National Plan for Non-Self-Sufficiency.³⁷⁷⁶ Under this Plan, elderly individuals who are not self-sufficient receive entitlements to social support services. The plan also establishes a fund for non-self-sufficiency to financially support these entitlements, which will include over EUR2.5 billion from 2022 to 2024 inclusive.

On 30 December 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced an array of funding increases for social protection programs, as part of the Ministry's 2023 budget.³⁷⁷⁷ Notably, pension benefits administered by the Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale were automatically reassessed, such that those receiving the minimum pension payout would receive an increase equal to 120 per cent of the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Additionally, the ministry announced an increase in pension funds for entertainment workers, as well as an experimental program that allows certain employees to receive an early pension. Workers were also given another month of optional parental leave, with 80 per cent pay.

On 16 January 2023, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced an agreement on minimum wage increases for domestic workers.³⁷⁷⁸ The wage increases are a response to the rising cost of living.

On 25 January 2023, an inter-ministerial decree outlining social support for individuals with serious disabilities and without family support went into effect.³⁷⁷⁹ Regional governments received EUR76,100,000 to fund accommodations targeted toward these individuals.

On 9 February 2023, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced that public and private workers with health complications can continue to work remotely until 30 June 2023.³⁷⁸⁰ This expands upon a commitment

³⁷⁷⁴ Fondo Editoria, Orlando: "12 milioni per stabilizzazione giornalisti precari e assunzioni," Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 29 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/Comunicati/Pagine/Fondo-Editoria-Orlando-12-milioni-per-stabilizzazione-giornalisti-precari-e-assunzioni.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁵ Bonus trasporti, Orlando: « Superato un milione di voucher emessi, al via da oggi nuove richieste », Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 1 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/Comunicati/Pagine/Bonus-trasporti-Orlando-Superato-un-milione-di-voucher-emessi-al-via-da-oggi-nuove-richieste.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁶ Adozione Piano Nazionale per la Non Autosufficienza, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 20 December 2022. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/adozione-piano-nazionale-per-la-non-autosufficienza-2022-2024.aspx/>

³⁷⁷⁷ Legge di Bilancio 2023, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 30 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Legge-di-Bilancio-2023.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁸ Lavoro domestico: accord sui minimi retributivi 2023, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 20 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Lavoro-domestico-accordo-sui-minimi-retributivi-2023.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁹ Pubblicato il Decreto di riparto del Fondo "Dopo di noi", Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 3 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Pubblicato-il-Decreto-di-riparto-del-Fondo-Dopo-di-noi.aspx>

³⁷⁸⁰ Proroga smart working per I fragili, il Governo mantiene gli impegni, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 9 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Proroga-smart-working-per-i-fragili-il-Governo-mantiene-gli-impegni.aspx>

made by Minister of Labor and Social Policies Marina Calderone to extend remote work privileges beyond 31 March 2023.

On 1 March 2023, the National Institute for Social Security-valuated pension payout increased for individuals receiving pension amounts higher than four times the minimum.³⁷⁸¹ The per cent increases in pension payments scale regressively, from a 6.205 per cent increase for those receiving equal to or less than five times the minimum amount to a 2.336 per cent increase for those receiving equal to or less than 10 times the minimum.

On 22 March 2023, the Chamber of Deputies passed a bill on further social protection for elderly citizens.³⁷⁸² Through the bill, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies assumes a mandate to create new social programs by 31 January 2024 and reform existing initiatives to support elderly citizens.

On 6 April 2023, Minister Calderone and Minister of Economy and Finance Giorgetti signed an inter-ministerial decree to distribute a total of EUR70 million among eight regions.³⁷⁸³ The funding comes from the Social Fund for Employment and Training, and protects the wages of workers in “areas of complex industrial crisis.”³⁷⁸⁴

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. It has provided support to citizens in response to the energy crisis and also has given assistance to self-employed and low-income workers. The government has further sought to protect vital professions through the New Skills Fund and the Extraordinary Fund for Publishing. Additionally, Italy has attempted to improve the social safety net for elderly citizens.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Luca B. Rampersad

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 8 July 2022, the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare revised the Act on Promotion of Women’s Participation and Advancement in the Workplace.³⁷⁸⁵ The amendments addressed the difference in wages between male and female workers and asked large corporations to disclose information on the wage gap.

On 31 August 2022, the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare announced new adjustments to the emergency employment stabilization subsidies policy.³⁷⁸⁶ The adjustments include special measures for leave support and benefits due to COVID-19 infections.

³⁷⁸¹ Aumento delle pensioni a partire dal 1° marzo 2023, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 2 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/aumento-delle-pensioni-a-partire-dal-1-marzo-2023.aspx/>

³⁷⁸² Anziani, approvata la legge delega, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 22 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Anziani-approvata-legge-delega.aspx>

³⁷⁸³ Assegnate le risorse per gli interventi nelle aree di crisi industriale complessa, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 6 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Assegnate-le-risorse-per-gli-interventi-nelle-aree-di-crisi-industriale-complessa.aspx>

³⁷⁸⁴ Assegnate le risorse per gli interventi nelle aree di crisi industriale complessa, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 6 April 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Assegnate-le-risorse-per-gli-interventi-nelle-aree-di-crisi-industriale-complessa.aspx>

³⁷⁸⁵ 女性活躍推進法の省令・告示を改正しました, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 8 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_26587.html

³⁷⁸⁶ 令和4年10月以降の雇用調整助成金の特例措置等及び産業雇用安定助成金の拡充について, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 31 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/r410cohokurei_00001.html

On 28 October 2022, the Employment Security Bureau announced the formulation of a new policy package for increased wages, improved human resources and strengthening of the labor market.³⁷⁸⁷ This policy package intends to redevelop a stable employment safety net and to ensure medium to long-term growth of the labor market by promoting wage increases.

On 17 January 2023, the Employment Security Bureau updated the policy package formulated on 28 October 2022.³⁷⁸⁸ The focus of this policy package shifted from a medium-to long-term period and aims to create a more flexible labour market capable of responding to economic changes and diverse individual choices.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. Japan has adequately contributed to a social protection system for a long-term period. The subsidies related to the pandemic shows the shock-responsiveness. The promotion for female workers and the examination of current labor policies show inclusivity and adaptability.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lipeng Tan

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all.

On 26 July 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions invited comments on the proposal of the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2023, which aims to amend the 2005 regulations.³⁷⁸⁹

On 18 August 2022, the government launched a GBP7.6 million incentive to help more than 2,000 adults with learning disabilities and autism find work.³⁷⁹⁰ The initiative aims to reduce the barriers to entry that such individuals face in the workforce.

On 20 September 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions activated a new Disability Cost of Living payment plan that covers six million people with disabilities in the UK.³⁷⁹¹ Eligible candidates who receive certain disability benefits will receive a one-off payment of GBP150.

On 10 October 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced a GBP122 million employment boost to assist people receiving mental health support to remain or return to the workplace.³⁷⁹² This investment provides professional employment advisers and therapists for workers who are experiencing mental health problems.

³⁷⁸⁷ 「賃上げ・人材活性化・労働市場強化」雇用・労働総合政策パッケージを策定しました, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 28 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2022. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_28838.html

³⁷⁸⁸ 「賃上げ・人材活性化・労働市場強化」雇用・労働総合政策パッケージを更新しました, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 17 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_30335.html

³⁷⁸⁹ Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2023, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 26 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-occupational-pension-schemes-funding-and-investment-strategy-and-amendment-regulations-2023>

³⁷⁹⁰ £7.6 million to help 2,000 adults with autism into work, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 18 August 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-6-million-to-help-2-000-adults-with-autism-into-work>

³⁷⁹¹ £150 Disability Cost of Living Payments begin this month, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/150-disability-cost-of-living-payments-begin-this-month>

³⁷⁹² £122 million employment boost for people receiving mental health support, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/122-million-employment-boost-for-people-receiving-mental-health-support>

On 17 October 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced a GBP6.4 million online service to assist employers in creating and managing a more inclusive environment for employees with a disability or long-term health conditions.³⁷⁹³ This service provides advice for employers in a user-friendly Q&A format, particularly for smaller businesses without in-house human resources support.

On 3 January 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions announced that millions of the lowest-income households in the UK will receive up to GBP1,350 from the government starting Spring 2023 as support for the cost of living.³⁷⁹⁴ The government specified increased funding amounts for people with disabilities and pensioners.

On 30 January 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions announced changes to the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 to raise the Administrative Earnings Threshold to GBP617 for individual claimants and GBP988 for couples.³⁷⁹⁵ These new regulations include additional help and tailored support for more than 120,000 working people on Universal Credit to boost their earnings. These new regulations came into effect after 26 February 2023.

On 30 January 2023, Minister for Pensions Laura Trott announced a new package of measures to boost fairness, predictability and adequacy in the private pensions sector.³⁷⁹⁶ The measures aim to address the pension inequality gap and includes consultation on a new “Value for Money framework,” a defined contribution scheme, charge cap reforms, extensive work on small pots and an extension of “Collective Defined Contribution” pension schemes.

On 3 March 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions confirmed its support for proposals to expand Automatic Enrolment in pension contributions and reduce the age of enrolment to 18 years old.³⁷⁹⁷ The proposals aim to enable millions of young people to save more and to start the saving process much earlier.

On 16 March 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions announced an investment of GBP3.5 billion over five years as part of the Budget 2023 to bolster workforce participation and economic growth.³⁷⁹⁸ The investment aims to create opportunities for parents, people aged 50 and older, people with disabilities and those with long-term health conditions.

On 31 March 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions announced legislation that enables early access to financial support for thousands of people “nearing the end of their lives.”³⁷⁹⁹ The special rule change to

³⁷⁹³ £6.4 million boost for employers to support disabled people, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/6-4-million-boost-for-employers-to-support-disabled-people>

³⁷⁹⁴ Millions of low-income households to get new Cost of Living Payments from Spring 2023, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-of-low-income-households-to-get-new-cost-of-living-payments-from-spring-2023>

³⁷⁹⁵ Hundreds of thousands more workers to receive job support boost in spring, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hundreds-of-thousands-more-workers-to-receive-job-support-boost-in-spring>

³⁷⁹⁶ Minister unveils plans to start closing the pensions inequality gap, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-unveils-plans-to-start-closing-the-pensions-inequality-gap>

³⁷⁹⁷ Government backs bill to expand pension saving to young and low earners, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-backs-bill-to-expand-pension-saving-to-young-and-low-earners>

³⁷⁹⁸ ‘Back to work Budget’ supporting people to return to the labour market, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-work-budget-supporting-people-to-return-to-the-labour-market>

³⁷⁹⁹ Thousands of people in their final year of life to have their disability benefits fast-tracked, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-people-in-their-final-year-of-life-to-have-their-disability-benefits-fast-tracked>

Personal Independent Payment, Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance fast-tracks access to disability benefits for more people.

On 1 April 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions announced an extension to the Household Support Fund.³⁸⁰⁰ The department will invest an additional GBP842 million to support vulnerable households with essential food and energy costs until 31 March 2024.

On 2 April 2023, the government launched a new review to boost the employment prospects of people with autism.³⁸⁰¹ The review will consult businesses, employment organizations, specialist support groups and people with autism to identify employment barriers and “close the employment gap” to grow the economy.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promote acceleration towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. The United Kingdom set up a series of social protection policies for long-term preparation for employers and employees and have provided support for individuals with disabilities. The current policies are inclusive, adequate, adaptive and universal, but lack shock-responsiveness.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lipeng Tan

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 28 June 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released an update maximizing the availability of infant formula.³⁸⁰² The agency projected that 18,677 cans of Similac baby formula would be available in national markets by mid-July.³⁸⁰³ The FDA also noted that a portion of inventory would be reserved for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, a social program for undernourished parents and children.

On 21 July 2022, President Joe Biden signed House Resolution 8351, otherwise known as the Formula Act, into law.³⁸⁰⁴ This law amends the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, which temporarily suspends import duties on certain infant formulas, in an effort to increase formula supply and reduce formula prices.

On 16 August 2022, President Biden signed House Resolution 5376, otherwise known as the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, into law.³⁸⁰⁵ This piece of legislation caps insulin costs at USD35 monthly and prescription drug costs at USD2,000 annually for those enrolled in the Medicare program, alongside tax credits meant to incentivize renewable energy sector production.

³⁸⁰⁰ Household Support Fund extended from today to help families in need, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 1 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/household-support-fund-extended-from-today-to-help-families-in-need>

³⁸⁰¹ New review to boost employment prospects of autistic people, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-review-to-boost-employment-prospects-of-autistic-people>

³⁸⁰² FDA Infant Formula Update: June 28, 2022, Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring CDP) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-infant-formula-update-june-28-2022>

³⁸⁰³ FDA Infant Formula Update: June 28, 2022, Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring CDP) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-infant-formula-update-june-28-2022>

³⁸⁰⁴ Bill Signing: H.R. 8351, The White House (Washington D.C.) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/07/22/bill-signing-h-r-8351/>

³⁸⁰⁵ Bill Signed: H.R. 5376, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/08/16/bill-signed-h-r-5376/>

On 17 August and 7 September 2022, the Department of Labor held Hiring Summits at Tuskegee State University in Tuskegee, Alabama and Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee.³⁸⁰⁶ These summits were organized with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) with the intention of forming further partnerships between the department and HBCUs. Members of the department would collect feedback and present information about mentorship, internship and career opportunities with the Department of Labor.

On 25 August 2022, President Biden announced a Department of Education-facilitated student loan debt relief package affecting all individuals with outstanding student loan debt making under USD125,000 annually.³⁸⁰⁷ The department aims to forgive USD10,000 in student loan debt for every individual with an annual income under the threshold and will forgive an additional USD10,000 for any individual with student loan debt who also benefited from the Pell Grant social program. The department will also cap monthly repayment quotas at 5 per cent of discretionary income, down from 10 per cent.

On 7 September 2022, the Department of Labor announced the development of a “digital toolkit” providing educational resources on labor relations to employers.³⁸⁰⁸ This initiative, jointly undertaken alongside the Small Business Administration, National Labor Relations Board and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, intends to promote labor-management cooperation by elucidating the mutual benefits of worker organization and collective bargaining.

On 27 September 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced a reduction in the Medicare Part B standard monthly premium for 2023.³⁸⁰⁹ Due to this cost-of-living adjustment, individuals enrolled in the Medicare Part B medical insurance program can expect monthly premiums of USD164.90 beginning in 2023, down from USD170.10.

On 13 October 2022, the Social Security Administration announced an 8.7 per cent increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, beginning in January 2023.³⁸¹⁰ Due to this cost-of-living adjustment, the Administration estimates that Social Security benefits will rise by an average of more than USD140 per month.

On 2 November 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services announced USD4.5 billion in further funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.³⁸¹¹ This funding, which will go to states, territories and tribes, aims to offset energy costs over the winter and “help families make cost-effective home energy repairs to lower their heating and cooling bills.”

³⁸⁰⁶ Tennessee State University To Host US Department of Labor’s Hiring Summit To Advance Equity Through HBCU Faculty, Students, Career Service Professionals, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/oasam/oasam20220831>; Tuskegee University To Host US Department of Labor’s Southeast Hiring Summit To Advance Equity Through HBCU Faculty, Students, Career Service Professionals, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 12 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/oasam/oasam20220812-0>

³⁸⁰⁷ Remarks by President Biden Announcing Student Loan Debt Relief Plan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/08/25/remarks-by-president-biden-announcing-student-loan-debt-relief-plan/>

³⁸⁰⁸ Department of Labor Joins Effort To Provide Online Toolkit To Help Employers Support, Protect Workers’ Right To Unionize, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osec/osec20220907>

³⁸⁰⁹ 2023 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles 2023 Medicare Part D Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Baltimore) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 05 November 2022. <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2023-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles-2023-medicare-part-d-income-related-monthly>

³⁸¹⁰ Social Security Administration Announces 8.7 Percent Benefit Increase for 2023, Social Security Administration (Woodlawn) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2022/#10-2022-2>

³⁸¹¹ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions to Lower Energy Costs for Families, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/11/02/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-actions-to-lower-energy-costs-for-families/>

On 10 November 2022, the Department of Labor announced grants totalling USD6,848,992 to state employment insurance systems in Delaware, Montana and Wyoming.³⁸¹² The funding aims to improve the delivery of employment insurance benefits to ensure accessibility.

On 8 December 2022, President Biden and Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh announced a USD36 billion funding package for the Central States Pension Fund.³⁸¹³ This funding was made available through the American Rescue Plan's Special Financial Assistance Program and serves as the largest amount of government aid given to secure worker and retiree pensions.

On 9 December 2022, President Biden signed H.R. 521, otherwise known as the "First Responder Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned Act," into law.³⁸¹⁴ This law protects retirement benefits for federal employees who, due to injury or illness, are re-appointed to positions that disqualify them from their initial benefits.

On 19 December 2022, the White House released the government's plan to prevent and end homelessness.³⁸¹⁵ Through a mix of existing federal programs and newly announced partnerships with state and local governments under the administration's "Housing First" model, the government projects to reduce homelessness by 25 per cent by 2025.

On 2 February 2023, President Biden issued a memorandum to all heads of federal departments and agencies concerning access to leave for their employees.³⁸¹⁶ The memorandum encouraged heads to provide unpaid family leave for their employees. In this memorandum, President Biden also reaffirmed the administration's commitment to a paid family and medical leave program, while recognising that unpaid leave is "a critical stopgap."

On 7 March 2023, The White House announced some details of President Biden's proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year, specifically relating to the Medicare social protection program.³⁸¹⁷ Specifically, the budget proposes additional funding that would ensure the Medicare Trust Fund's solvency for the next 25 years, cap cost sharing on certain generic drugs to USD2 per prescription per month and lower costs for behavioural healthcare coverage under Medicare.

On 9 March 2023, President Biden released his administration's proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.³⁸¹⁸ On top of Medicare solvency commitments, the proposed budget allocates funding for a free, universal preschool program, increases subsidized tuition programs and expands tuition-free community college access.

³⁸¹² Us Department of Labor Awards \$6.85m to Promote Equitable Access to Unemployment Insurance Benefits in Delaware, Montana, Wyoming, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20221110-1>

³⁸¹³ FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces Historic Relief to Protect Hard-Earned Pensions of Hundreds of Thousands of Union Workers and Retirees, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/08/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-historic-relief-to-protect-hard-earned-pensions-of-hundreds-of-thousands-of-union-workers-and-retirees/>

³⁸¹⁴ Bills Signed: H.R. 521, S.3369, and S.4359, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/12/09/bills-signed-h-r-521-s-3369-and-s-4359/>

³⁸¹⁵ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/19/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-plan-to-prevent-and-end-homelessness/>

³⁸¹⁶ Memorandum on Supporting Access to Leave for Federal Employees, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/02/memorandum-on-supporting-access-to-leave-for-federal-employees/>

³⁸¹⁷ FACT SHEET: The President's Budget: Extending Medicare Solvency by 25 Years or More, Strengthening Medicare, and Lowering Healthcare Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/07/fact-sheet-the-presidents-budget-extending-medicare-solvency-by-25-years-or-more-strengthening-medicare-and-lowering-health-care-costs/>

³⁸¹⁸ FACT SHEET: The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/briefing-room/2023/03/09/fact-sheet-the-presidents-budget-for-fiscal-year-2024/>

Furthermore, the budget calls for USD6.3 billion to support the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children, increased funding for Low Income Household Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Programs and the creation of a “national, comprehensive paid family and medical leave program.”

On 15 March 2023, the White House announced USD73 million in new funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a social protection initiative aimed at lowering internet costs for households.³⁸¹⁹ The new funding will go into outreach programs that “drive awareness and enrolment” in the ACP, aiding individuals in accessing ACP benefits.

On 16 March 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released USD560 million in funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.³⁸²⁰ This builds upon the department’s previous investment of USD4 billion into the program, which is targeted at decreasing energy bills for low-income households.

On 5 April 2023, the HHS finalized a rule to support and expand the Medicare social protection program.³⁸²¹ As part of this rule, the HHS, through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will expand most Medicare Advantage plans to require behavioural healthcare coverage. Additionally, the rule finalized an expansion of the Medicare Part D program, a prescription drug cost reduction program, such that those who are currently only eligible for partial benefits will receive full benefits by January 2024.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive, and inclusive social protection for all. The United States took strong action on adequate, shock-responsive, adaptive, and universal social protection. The United States took weak action on inclusive social protection.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Luca B. Rampersad

European Union: 0

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all.

On 14 September 2022, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen reiterated the importance of investments in “upskilling” and professional education to strengthen the growth of Europe.³⁸²²

On 4 October 2022, the Council adopted a directive that promotes an adequate minimum wage that ensures decent living and working conditions for employees working in Europe.³⁸²³ The directive sets a procedure as to how to achieve an adequate minimum wage and promotes collective bargaining on wages.

³⁸¹⁹ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions to Lower High-Speed Internet Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/15/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-actions-to-lower-high-speed-internet-costs/>

³⁸²⁰ LIHEAP DCL 2023-05 Third Block Grant Funding Release FY 2023, Office of Community Services (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/liheap-dcl-2023-05-third-supplemental-block-grant-funding-release-fy-2023>

³⁸²¹ HHS Finalizes Rule to Strengthen Medicare, Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drug Coverage, and Hold Private Insurance Companies Accountable to Delivering Quality Health Care for America’s Seniors and People with Disabilities, Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/04/05/hhs-finalizes-rule-strengthen-medicare-improve-access-affordable-prescription-drug-coverage-hold-private-insurance-companies-accountable.html>

³⁸²² 2022 State of the Union Address by President von der Leyen, European Commission (Brussels) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_22_5493

³⁸²³ Council adopts EU law on adequate minimum wages, European Council (Strasbourg) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/04/council-adopts-eu-law-on-adequate-minimum-wages/>

On 17 October 2022, the Council approved a law that improves gender representation on the board of certain listed companies.³⁸²⁴ The directive outlines that at least 40 per cent of non-executive director positions in the listed companies should be held by “members of the underrepresented sex” by 2026 and if member states decide to apply the directive to both executive and non-executive director positions, then the target would be 33 per cent of all director positions by 2026.

On 2 February 2023, the European Commission announced a EUR1.9 million investment from the European Globalization Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers to support workers who were dismissed by the logistics company TNT in Belgium.³⁸²⁵ The European Commission approved the support requested by Belgium and the support includes assisting the dismissed workers with their job search and providing training in digital skills.

On 13 February 2023, the European Commission announced it would take more action to improve the protection of workers from health risks tied to exposure to harmful chemicals lead and diisocyanates.³⁸²⁶ The European Commission proposed the amendment of two directives: “the [directive] on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances at work for lead and the “[directive] on the protection of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work” for both lead and diisocyanates.

On 16 March 2023, the European Commission proposed support to 303 workers dismissed by aluminum producer Alu Ibérica in Spain.³⁸²⁷ The scheme includes EUR1.2 million from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers.

On 24 March 2023, the European Association of Sugar Manufacturers and the European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors Trade Unions highlighted that all sugar entering into the EU market must comply with relevant international conventions on labour and social rights, EU legislation and EU standards of production and corporate accountability.³⁸²⁸

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to accelerate progress towards universal, adequate, adaptive, shock-responsive and inclusive social protection for all. The EU took some action in promoting inclusive and adaptive social protection.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Aliza Sabih

³⁸²⁴ Council approves EU law to improve gender balance on company boards, European Council (Strasbourg) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/10/17/council-approves-eu-law-to-improve-gender-balance-on-company-boards/>

³⁸²⁵ €1.9 million from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to support dismissed workers in Belgium, European Commission (Brussels) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10510>

³⁸²⁶ Commission acts to improve protection of workers with new exposure limits for lead and diisocyanates, European Commission (Brussels) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10512>

³⁸²⁷ €1.2 million from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to support 300 dismissed workers in Spain, European Commission (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10528>

³⁸²⁸ Social partners in the sugar sector launch joint statement supporting that imported products should meet the same conditions than EU products, European Commission (Brussels) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 17 April 2023.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10536>

18. Infrastructure: Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

“Through our Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, we aim to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.88 (88%)	

Background

Concern for global infrastructure has featured prominently in G7 summit declarations for nearly two decades. The creation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2016 served as a catalyst for a reimagining of infrastructure investment.³⁸²⁹ SDG 9 is “to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.”³⁸³⁰ The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic triggered an unprecedented shock to global manufacturing, disrupting the flows of supply and demand for goods. The manufacturing growth rate in least-developed countries grew only by 1.2 per cent in 2020 in comparison to 8.7 per cent in 2019.³⁸³¹ The uneven diffusion of the pandemic has given way to an uneven rebound in manufacturing and innovation, exposing significant vulnerabilities to contemporary supply chain patterns. Furthermore, the increasing material consequences of the climate crisis are testing global infrastructure systems, particularly in least-developed countries.

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 members promoted investment in infrastructure to stimulate growth, improve trade and boost business on the African continent.³⁸³² This initiative was a result of cooperation with the United Nations and African leaders on the Africa Action Plan, addressing “escalating poverty levels, underdevelopment and the continued marginalization of Africa.”

At the 2008 Hokkaido-Toyako Summit, G8 members “committed to working with Africans to create conditions that can lead to an increase of private investment through various measures including strategies to build institutional capacity in financial markets, public-private partnerships to develop infrastructure, financial and technical assistance and risk-sharing guarantees for entrepreneurs and support of investment funds.”³⁸³³

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 members continued their focus on African infrastructure investment and committed to “explore and identify...the further steps it can take together or individually, in collaboration with

³⁸²⁹ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 October 2022. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda-retired>

³⁸³⁰ Goal 9: Industries, Innovation and Infrastructure, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/infrastructure-industrialization/>

³⁸³¹ Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 October 2022. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/goal-09/>

³⁸³² 2005 Gleneagles Final Compliance Report, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2006. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2005compliance_final/2005-g8compliance-final.pdf

³⁸³³ G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Leaders' Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2008. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-declaration.html>

the private sector, International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and other international organizations to facilitate institutional investment flows into bankable trade-related infrastructure projects in developing countries.”³⁸³⁴

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 members pledged to “[work] with governments and citizens in Africa to enhance governance and transparency, improve infrastructure, notably in the energy sector, eliminate trade barriers, facilitate trade and investment and strengthen the responsible and sustainable management of natural resources and the revenues they generate.”³⁸³⁵ They also welcomed a New Partnership for Africa’s Development in the process of reforming the Africa Partnership Forum.

At the 2015 Schloss Elmau Summit, commitments regarding infrastructure were reframed to concern the global economy; G7 members committed to “foster growth...supporting private investment with a business-friendly climate especially for small and medium-sized enterprises, ensuring an appropriate level of public investment, promoting quality infrastructure investment to address shortfalls through effective resource mobilization in partnership with the private sector and increasing productivity by further implementing ambitious structural reforms.”³⁸³⁶

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 members restructured infrastructure in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals. They released the five Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment “so as to promote strong, sustainable and balanced growth and to enhance resilience in our society, as well as to contribute to the global efforts for the SDGs.”³⁸³⁷

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 members “[agreed] on the importance of improving the quality of public finances, including by prioritizing high-quality investment, such as in infrastructures,” particularly on the African continent.³⁸³⁸

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 members committed to “promoting smart, sustainable and high-quality investments, such as in infrastructure, to boost growth and productivity and create quality jobs.”³⁸³⁹ G7 members also announced the Charlevoix Commitment on Innovating Financing for Development, promoting investment “in quality infrastructure with open access.”

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 members committed to “develop a new partnership to build back better for the world, through a step change in our approach to...infrastructure financing, notably on quality infrastructure and investment, to strengthen partnerships with developing countries and help meet their infrastructure needs.”³⁸⁴⁰ Members introduced the pledge as the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative.

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 members pledged to “collectively [mobilize] up to USD600 billion in public and private investments with a particular focus on quality infrastructure over the next five years.”³⁸⁴¹ This commitment, named the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), is a response from the G7 members to China’s Belt and Road Initiative and builds upon the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative

³⁸³⁴ G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2013. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communique.html>

³⁸³⁵ G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html>

³⁸³⁶ Leaders’ Declaration: G7 Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2015. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en.html>

³⁸³⁷ G7 Ise-Shima Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/infrastructure-investment.html>

³⁸³⁸ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

³⁸³⁹ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

³⁸⁴⁰ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

³⁸⁴¹ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

introduced at the 2021 Cornwall Summit.³⁸⁴² Members further committed to “deepen collaboration among MDBs and DFIs, by pooling forces with a particular focus on project preparation capabilities and aligning support for policy and regulatory frameworks for sustainable infrastructure investments.”³⁸⁴³

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 members pledged that through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, they “aim to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.”³⁸⁴⁴ The PGII aims to raise USD600 billion in “private and public funds ... to finance needed infrastructure in developing countries and counter China’s older, multi trillion-dollar Belt and Road project.”³⁸⁴⁵ This commitment consists of five dimensions that should guide infrastructure investment mobilization to narrow the global investment gap: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) climate-resilience, 4) intensified cooperation and 5) democratic values.³⁸⁴⁶

“Infrastructure” refers to the “system of public works in a country, state or region including [but not limited to] roads, utility lines and public buildings”³⁸⁴⁷ In the context of this commitment, improving infrastructure can refer to building rural roads and creating safe transport methods that improve access to schools or health facilities, improving digital connectivity and implementing solar development projects—among other avenues.

“Mobilize” is understood as “to marshal [resources] for action.”³⁸⁴⁸ In the context of this commitment, G7 members should move USD600 billion within the next five years in order to address the insufficient investment and inadequate infrastructure plans in countries that require infrastructure capacity development.

“Global investment gap” refers to the disparity in funds provided to address many low and middle-income countries’ lack of access to high quality financing that can aid in meeting long-term infrastructure investment needs.³⁸⁴⁹ In the context of this commitment, G7 members should aim to narrow this global investment disparity by allocating their committed USD600 billion to support infrastructures in need.

“Sustainable” infrastructure is understood as infrastructure “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”³⁸⁵⁰ In the context of this commitment, examples of sustainable infrastructure include but are not limited to: infrastructure projects developed with the aim of withstanding pandemics, economic shocks or natural disasters, infrastructure projects prioritize long-term adaptability and resilience and restructuring infrastructure projects to account for changes in migration.

³⁸⁴² Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communication.html>

³⁸⁴³ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

³⁸⁴⁴ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 2 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

³⁸⁴⁵ G7 pledges to invest \$600 billion into infrastructure for developing countries, World Economic Forum (Geneva) 27 June 2022. Access Date: 2 October 2022. <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/06/g7-pledges-invest-600-billion-infrastructure-developing-countries/>

³⁸⁴⁶ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication.html>

³⁸⁴⁷ Infrastructure, OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms (Paris) 26 July 2002. Access Date: 2 October 2022.

<https://stats.oecd.org/glossary/detail.asp?ID=4511>

³⁸⁴⁸ Mobilize, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mobilize>.

³⁸⁴⁹ Closing investment gap in global goals key to building better future, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://unctad.org/news/closing-investment-gap-global-goals-key-building-better-future>

³⁸⁵⁰ Sustainable development, OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms (Paris) 25 September 2001. Access Date: 2 October 2022. <https://stats.oecd.org/glossary/detail.asp?ID=2626>

“Inclusive” infrastructure is understood as infrastructure in which “all parties are included in the discussion and decision making process taking into account relative capabilities.”³⁸⁵¹ As such, in the context of this commitment, infrastructure projects should aim to enhance social inclusivity by engaging with local and national actors to enact policy that guides projects or ensure that infrastructure is improving access to job opportunities, education and health for marginalized groups, among other examples.

“Resilient” infrastructure is understood as infrastructure that is constructed with the “capacity of to recover from a disturbance.”³⁸⁵² Thus, a “climate resilient” infrastructure is an infrastructure with the capacity to recover from climate-induced disturbances such as natural disasters. Examples of “climate resilient” infrastructure could include projects that reduce the risks or vulnerabilities posed by climate change or projects that account for climate migration.

“Intensified cooperation” is understood as a renewed or fortified “action or process of working together to the same end.”³⁸⁵³ In the context of this commitment, it refers to efforts to strengthen partnerships between G7 members and other states in order to mobilize USD 600 billion to close the investment gap.

“Democratic values” refer to the following as declared by the UN Commission on Human Rights in 2002: “respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, freedom of association, freedom of expression and opinion, access to power and its exercise in accordance with the rule of law, the holding of periodic free and fair elections by universal suffrage and by secret ballot as the expression of the will of the people, a pluralistic system of political parties and organizations, the separation of powers, the independence of the judiciary, transparency and accountability in public administration and free, independent and pluralistic media.”³⁸⁵⁴ In the context of this commitment, infrastructure investment should be made to promote democratic values; this can include: accessible transportation that prevents disenfranchisement, building broadband Internet access, and working alongside partners that prioritize democratic values.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members that have taken strong action to mobilize investment in at least four of the five dimensions: sustainability, inclusivity, climate resilience, intensified cooperation and democratic values. Strong action entails any public and/or private investment mobilization that supports infrastructure to narrow the global investment gap. Public investment may take the form of foreign aid or other financial contributions. Mobilization of private sector investment may take the form of loan financing programs organized by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) to encourage businesses to invest in emerging markets and developing countries. Such policies may be issued by an executive or a national legislature. Both the creation of new policy or the amelioration of current initiatives will count toward fulfillment of these two dimensions.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that have taken strong action to mobilize investment in three of the five dimensions: sustainability, inclusivity, climate resilience, intensified cooperation and democratic values. A member will be assigned partial compliance if it has taken weak or no action in the unacknowledged dimensions. In the context of this commitment, weak action includes any verbal affirmations that a member will mobilize investment, attendance at international meetings to discuss fund allocation and sharing information on prospective investment mobilization.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if one of the following scenarios takes place: the G7 member exemplifies demonstrable investment in two or fewer of the aforementioned five dimensions or the G7 member

³⁸⁵¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 2 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁸⁵² Resilience, OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms (Paris) 25 September 2001. Access Date: 2 October 2022. <https://stats.oecd.org/glossary/detail.asp?ID=2330>

³⁸⁵³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 2 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁸⁵⁴ Democracy, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/democracy>

exemplifies investment in none of the aforementioned five dimensions. For example, if a member mobilizes no investment to close the global investment gap or the member's investment only advances a sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure while neglecting inclusivity, intensified cooperation and democratic values, then the member will be assigned a non-compliance score.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken action to mobilize USD600 billion to narrow the global investment gap OR has prioritized two or fewer of the following dimensions in their investment: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) climate-resilience, 4) intensified cooperation and 5) democratic values.
0	The G7 member has taken action to mobilize USD600 billion to narrow the global investment gap and prioritized ONLY three of the following dimensions in their investment: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) climate-resilience, 4) intensified cooperation and 5) democratic values.
+1	The G7 member has taken action to mobilize USD600 billion to narrow the global investment gap and prioritized four OR more of the following dimensions in their investment: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) climate-resilience, 4) intensified cooperation and 5) democratic values.

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Lead Analyst: William Lloyd

Canada: +1

Canada has complied with its commitment to mobilize USD600 million over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 26 October 2022, the Canadian Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of International Trade, and Minister of International Development met with representatives of the African Union.³⁸⁵⁵ Both sides expressed interest in developing deeper and more secure economic ties. The Canadian delegation also highlighted the importance of the proliferation of democratic values.

On 13 November 2022, the Canadian Prime Minister's office and the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) jointly-released their 45th Anniversary Commemorative Summit Joint Statement.³⁸⁵⁶ The communication expressed their collective desire to strengthen cooperation on food supplies and agricultural development, as well as Canada's willingness towards building an ASEAN-Canada Trust Fund.

On 16 November 2022, Canada announced numerous investments in developing countries.³⁸⁵⁷ On the matters of health and the pandemic, Canada is committing CAD15 million to strengthening vaccine production in Latin America and the Caribbean, CAD15 million for the mRNA vaccine technology transfer hub, and CAD50 million to the Pandemic Fund, which looks at preventing and responding to pandemics. In terms of aiding the preservation of ecosystems, Canada is investing CAD three million to help Indonesia restore its blue carbon ecosystems, CAD10 million to Oceans for Prosperity, CAD15 million to Indonesia for research and policy implementation to mitigate flood impacts, and CAD20 million to protect mangroves in Indonesia.

³⁸⁵⁵ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 16 November 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/10/26/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-meets-african-union-commission-chairperson>

³⁸⁵⁶ ASEAN-Canada 45th Anniversary Commemorative Summit Joint Statement, Prime Minister of Canada (Phnom Penh) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/11/13/asean-canada-45th-anniversary-commemorative-summit-joint-statement>

³⁸⁵⁷ Canadian investments in the Indo-Pacific and G20 priorities, Prime Minister of Canada (Bali), 16 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2022/11/16/canadian-investments-indo-pacific-and-g20-priorities>

On 19 November 2022, at the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, leaders outlined new resolutions to improve sustainable infrastructure in the region, with a particular focus on digital infrastructure.³⁸⁵⁸ The key aspect of these investments is to improve connectivity amongst members.

On 27 November 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly launched the Indo-Pacific Strategy.³⁸⁵⁹ Amongst numerous initiatives, Canada has committed CAD47.4 million for cyber security capacity in select regional partners, CAD100 million for Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy in the area, and CAD750 million to further support FinDev Canada's work to support high-quality, sustainable infrastructure in the region.

On 30 November 2022, the Canadian government promised further investment in the Indo-Pacific Region.³⁸⁶⁰ Canada will contribute more from the Canada Climate Finance Commitment, on top of previously allocated CAD1.26 billion, towards helping partner countries recover economically, build infrastructure, and develop inclusively and sustainably. Canada will also prioritize the area in its Powering Past Coal Alliance, facilitating the nations' transition to cleaner energy. In addition, Canada will aid the development of digital infrastructure to enhance trust and security in the digital economy while stressing the importance of democratic values and rules-based trade.

On 15 December 2022, Global Affairs Canada partnered with the United Nations Development Programme to support the Haitian government's recovery plans to repair and reconstruct social infrastructure from the earthquake in August 2021.³⁸⁶¹ Canada has committed CAD20 million to the cause.

On 6 January 2023, Global Affairs Canada commenced a collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund to "provide emergency obstetric care, sexual reproductive health services, and medication and reproductive health kits to" vulnerable women and girls in Haiti who are affected by cholera cases.³⁸⁶² Canada has an initial budget for the program of CAD1.25 million.

Canada has acted towards its collective commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. Canada has mobilized public and private investment in emerging markets and prioritized all five dimensions of sustainability, inclusivity, climate-resilience, intensified cooperation, and democratic values in these initiatives.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 5 July 2022, the National Council for Development and International Solidarity announced large-scale French negotiations with African states regarding the use of French IMF Special Drawing Rights to fund

³⁸⁵⁸ 2022 Leaders' Declaration, Prime Minister of Canada (Bangkok) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 24 December 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/11/19/2022-leaders-declaration>

³⁸⁵⁹ Canada launches Indo-Pacific Strategy to support long-term growth, prosperity, and security for Canadians, Global Affairs Canada (Vancouver) 27 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/11/canada-launches-indo-pacific-strategy-to-support-long-term-growth-prosperity-and-security-for-canadians.html>

³⁸⁶⁰ Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/transparency-transparence/indo-pacific-indo-pacifique/index.aspx?lang=eng#a2>

³⁸⁶¹ Project profile — Multi-Donor Trust Fund Contribution for Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Efforts in Haiti, Government of Canada (Ottawa). Access Date: 18 April 2023. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011197001>

³⁸⁶² Project profile — Haiti Crisis – Emergency Response – UNFPA – 2022, Government of Canada (Ottawa). Access Date: 18 April 2023. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P012409001>

initiatives such as French Funds for the Global Environment and the International Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission.³⁸⁶³ This mission focuses on the development of agricultural infrastructures to accelerate the transition to sustainable and climate-resilient food systems, working alongside public and private actors, including international organizations.³⁸⁶⁴

On 8 July 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs published details of discussions with the South African Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation.³⁸⁶⁵ In this interaction, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna reaffirmed France's commitment to the ongoing development of South African health infrastructure and the clean energy transition and announced EUR3 billion in private French investment in South Africa.

On 21 September 2022, President Emmanuel Macron announced an additional EUR300 million in French funding for The Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, bringing France's total to EUR1.6 billion for this cycle.³⁸⁶⁶ France believes that such donations can strengthen global health infrastructure.

On 4 October 2022, Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou attended the launch of various democratic initiatives operated jointly by France and South Africa.³⁸⁶⁷ Minister Zacharopoulou met with South African Deputy Minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation Candith Mashego-Dlamini to discuss French investment in the Just Energy Transition Partnership in South Africa.

On 14 October 2022, Minister Zacharopoulou called for aid reform, with a greater emphasis on International Monetary Fund (IMF) trust funds such as the Resilience and Sustainability Trust.³⁸⁶⁸ Approximately 20 per cent of France's USD37.6 billion of IMF Special Drawing Rights have been donated to IMF trust funds. Financial contributions to the Resilience and Sustainability Trust promote climate resilience and sustainability in middle-income countries.

On 28 October 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs reaffirmed France's continued commitment towards investment in Ukraine, citing the donation of EUR2 billion for housing rehabilitation, bridge repair and electricity generation.³⁸⁶⁹ These funds aim to strengthen Ukrainian infrastructure damaged by the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine.

³⁸⁶³ Compte-rendu: Session plénière du CNDSI 5 juillet 2022, Conseil National du Développement et de la Solidarité Internationale (Paris) 5 July 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/cr_cndsi_05072022_cle01af58.pdf

³⁸⁶⁴ International Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) initiative for food security in the most vulnerable countries, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

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³⁸⁶⁵ South Africa - Meeting between Mme Catherine Colonna and her counterpart, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 8 July 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/south-africa/news/article/south-africa-meeting-between-mme-catherine-colonna-and-her-counterpart-bali-08>

³⁸⁶⁶ World leaders pledge billions to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria on UN sidelines, Reuters (New York) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/french-development-minister-backs-world-bank-reforms-calls-us-sdr-loans-2022-10-14/>

³⁸⁶⁷ Chrysoula Zacharopoulou travels to Zambia and South Africa, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/south-africa/news/article/chrysoula-zacharopoulou-travels-to-zambia-and-south-africa-10-4-8-22>

³⁸⁶⁸ French development minister backs World Bank reforms, calls for U.S. SDR loans, Reuters (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 04 November 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/french-development-minister-backs-world-bank-reforms-calls-us-sdr-loans-2022-10-14/>

³⁸⁶⁹ Ukraine – Civilian Resilience – Communiqué Issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 03 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-civilian-resilience-communique-issued-by-the-ministry-for-europe-and>

On 28 October 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs announced the mobilization of EUR30 million to support non-governmental organizations working to meet the needs of Ukraine, targeting building insulation, health and logistical support.³⁸⁷⁰ This mobilization aids private sector investment in Ukrainian infrastructure, working with 17 private organizations.

On 3 November 2022, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna reaffirmed France's commitment to the Berlin Process Summit for the Western Balkans. This initiative has increased cooperation between the European Union and the western Balkan states in infrastructure development. The Minister has also reaffirmed France's commitment to improve cybersecurity infrastructure in Montenegro.³⁸⁷¹

On 11 November 2022, Minister Colonna met with the African Union Commission, private financiers, and private businesses to make plans for a Euro-African fertilizer partnership. Partners agreed to cooperate on the development of fertilizer production capacities in Europe and Africa through European financing and intercontinental private-sector dialogue.³⁸⁷²

On 14 November 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty committed EUR20 million in subsidies to the Global Shield Against Climate Risks for 2023. France will also mobilize EUR eight million for the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative. These investments support and protect developing economies vulnerable to natural disasters, particularly in terms of infrastructure destruction.³⁸⁷³

On 23 November 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs announced the delivery of 100 generators to Ukraine, in addition to the 85 generators already sent to Ukraine and Moldova since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as a part of a wider European Union delivery totalling 500 generators.³⁸⁷⁴

On 29 November 2022, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire and the French Development Agency granted an additional loan of EUR100 million to Ukraine, in part to maintain public services and infrastructure in the country.³⁸⁷⁵

³⁸⁷⁰ Ukraine - Civilian Resilience - Communique Issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 03 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-civilian-resilience-communique-issued-by-the-ministry-for-europe-and-foreign-affairs>

³⁸⁷¹ Western Balkans – G7 – Catherine Colonna's trip to Germany, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 3-4 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/western-balkans-g7-catherine-colonna-s-trip-to-germany-3-4-11-22>.

³⁸⁷² Food security – “Save Crops Operation” meeting, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/health-food-security-nutrition-sustainable-agriculture/events/article/food-security-save-crops-operation-meeting-11-11-22>.

³⁸⁷³ COP27 - France contributes to the Global Shield Against Climate Risks, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris), 14 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/news/article/cop27-france-contributes-to-the-global-shield-against-climate-risks-paris-14>.

³⁸⁷⁴ Ukraine – Delivery of generators for the Ukrainian people, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris), 23 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-delivery-of-generators-for-the-ukrainian-people-23-nov-2022>.

³⁸⁷⁵ La France accorde un nouveau prêt bilatéral de 100 millions d'euros à l'Ukraine, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Paris), 29 November 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/29112022-la-france-accorde-un-nouveau-pret-bilateral-de-100-millions-deuros-a-lukraine/>.

On 1 December 2022, the European Commission authorized France's EUR 1 billion support package for Ukrainian businesses. Subsidized loans and other aid will be granted to businesses of all sizes and will help Ukraine's private sector to support the nation's economic stability.³⁸⁷⁶

On 7 and 8 December 2022, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade, Economic Attractiveness and French Nationals Abroad Olivier Becht traveled to Poland in an effort to coordinate the French and Polish private sectors for the purpose of assisting Poland's clean energy transition.³⁸⁷⁷

On 13 December 2022, France and Ukraine co-chaired the international conference in support of the Ukrainian people in Paris, which included 47 states and 24 private international organizations. The conference resulted in the commitment of EUR 1 billion for emergency assistance, primarily for energy, food supplies, water, healthcare and transportation infrastructure.³⁸⁷⁸ This conference intensified cooperation between private and public sector actors in response to the challenges faced by Ukraine over the winter months.

On 18-22 December 2022, Minister Zacharopoulou traveled to the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In Brazzaville, she reiterated France's desire to cooperate with the Republic of Congo in environmental conservation and parallel infrastructure projects. During her visit, the French Development Agency confirmed funding for a sustainable land use program in the Republic of Congo.³⁸⁷⁹ Intensified cooperation between the Republic of Congo and France, as well as funding from the French Development Agency, will support environmentally conscious development in the Republic of Congo.

On 9 January 2023, President Macron announced an additional EUR10 million in direct emergency aid to Pakistan, as well as EUR360 million through the French Development Agency for post-flood reconstruction and projects aiding Pakistan's adaptation to climate change.³⁸⁸⁰ These contributions will help to repair Pakistani infrastructure and will bolster Pakistan's climate resilience.

On 13 January 2023, Minister Colonna signed a French Development Agency agreement to provide equipment for the improvement of energy infrastructure in northern Ethiopia. France's material donations will help to provide energy security to 10 million people in the conflict-stricken region.³⁸⁸¹

On 13 January 2023, Minister Colonna signed a French Development Agency agreement, jointly funded with the European Union, to boost food security in northern Ethiopia. 400,000 farmers, including women, in the regions of Tigray, Afar, and Amhara will be given seeds, livestock, and equipment through the program. A

³⁸⁷⁶La Commission autorise un régime d'aides français d'un montant de 1 milliard d'euros visant à soutenir les entreprises dans le contexte de la guerre en Ukraine, Commission européenne (Brussels), 1 December 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://france.representation.ec.europa.eu/informations/la-commission-autorise-un-regime-daides-francais-dun-montant-de-1-milliard-deuros-visant-soutenir-2022-12-01_fr.

³⁸⁷⁷ Poland – Visit by Olivier Becht, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris), 7-8 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/poland/events/article/poland-visit-by-olivier-becht-7-8-dec-2022>.

³⁸⁷⁸ International conference in support of the Ukrainian people - Statement by the French and Ukrainian co-chairs, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris), 13 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/international-conference-in-support-of-the-ukrainian-people-statement-by-the>.

³⁸⁷⁹ Republic of Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo – Visit by Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 18-22 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/democratic-republic-of-the-congo/news/article/republic-of-congo-and-democratic-republic-of-congo-visit-by-chrysoula>.

³⁸⁸⁰ Message du Président Emmanuel Macron à l'occasion de la Conférence internationale pour un Pakistan résilient au changement climatique, Presidency of the Republic (Paris) 9 January 2023. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 02 March 2023. <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2023/01/09/message-du-president-emmanuel-maron-a-loccasion-de-la-conference-internationale-pour-un-pakistan-resilient-au-changement-climatique>

³⁸⁸¹ Signing of two agreements in support of reconstruction on the sidelines of Catherine Colonna's visit to Addis Ababa, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 02 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ethiopia/news/article/signing-of-two-agreements-in-support-of-reconstruction-on-the-sidelines-of>

second phase will later strengthen Ethiopia's fertilizer industry.³⁸⁸² By supporting domestic agriculture in the long and short terms, France's funding addresses immediate humanitarian concerns in a sustainable fashion.

On 30 January 2023, European Union Ambassador to Ukraine Matti Maasikas announced that France would supplement the European Union's donation of 30 million LED light bulbs to Ukraine with an additional 5 million bulbs.³⁸⁸³ This contribution will help Ukraine lower its energy usage, relieving strain on its power grid in the short term, and making Ukrainian homes more sustainable for the future.

On 21 March 2023, Minister Zacharopoulou expressed France's intention to bolster cooperation with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on development and infrastructure, alongside issues around climate change, gender equality, and clean drinking water.³⁸⁸⁴

On 3 April 2023, Minister Zacharopoulou visited Benin, Togo, and Ghana.³⁸⁸⁵ In Benin, the minister signed agreements to fund agricultural expansion and rural training. In Togo, the minister signed a cooperation agreement to strengthen France and Togo's partnership on health.

France has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. France has mobilized funds and spearheaded initiatives in a cooperative and sustainable manner, fostering collaboration between the private and public sectors. Dialogue on democracy and the environment have accompanied a broad range of its infrastructure investments.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Angus MacKellar

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 18 July 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz delivered a speech at the 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue reaffirming Germany's dedication to global climate protection.³⁸⁸⁶ Chancellor Scholz cited the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment and emphasized the necessity for "a joint global effort – by industrialized countries, developing countries and emerging economies." Chancellor Scholz thus called upon the cooperation of G7 member states and partner nations to combat the threat of climate change.

On 4 August 2022, the state-owned KfW Development Bank announced a contribution of EUR 45 million to Partech Africa II on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).³⁸⁸⁷ Partech Africa is a fund launched in 2018 that invests in companies throughout nine African

³⁸⁸² Signing of two agreements in support of reconstruction on the sidelines of Catherine Colonna's visit to Addis Ababa, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 02 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ethiopia/news/article/signing-of-two-agreements-in-support-of-reconstruction-on-the-sidelines-of>

³⁸⁸³ Ukrainians to get millions of LED light bulbs to ease energy shortfall, Reuters (Kyiv) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 02 March 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukrainians-get-millions-led-light-bulbs-ease-energy-shortfall-2023-01-30/>

³⁸⁸⁴ Jordan – Meeting between Chrysoula Zacharopoulou and her Jordanian counterpart (Paris) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023 <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/jordan/events/article/jordan-meeting-between-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-and-her-jordanian-counterpart-21>.

³⁸⁸⁵ Benin, Togo, Ghana – Visit by Chrysoula Zacharopoulou (Paris) 29 March to 03 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/benin/events/article/benin-togo-ghana-visit-by-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-march-29-april-3-2023>

³⁸⁸⁶ Speech by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Member of the German Bundestag, at the 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue, The Federal Government (Berlin) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/speech-by-olaf-scholz-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-and-member-of-the-german-bundestag-at-the-13th-petersberg-climate-dialogue-2064056>

³⁸⁸⁷ KfW Development Bank promotes African technology companies, KfW Development Bank (Frankfurt) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/About-us/News/News-Details_721408.html

countries. The additional funding aims to further accelerate Africa’s rapidly growing technology market and support African companies.

On 13 September 2022, the Federal Government initiated the first G7 Ministers’ Meeting on Urban Development to promote sustainable urban development.³⁸⁸⁸ Chancellor Scholz stressed the importance of cooperation among the G7 member states in achieving “progress towards an equitable world.” Sustainable urban development improves accessibility to “excellent schools and universities, first-rate childcare, functional public transport and cycling paths, attractive public spaces,” among other benefits.

On 26 September 2022, the Federal Foreign Office hosted the G7 conference “Strengthening Democracy – Towards Resilient Institutions and Societies in the G7 and Africa.”³⁸⁸⁹ In her opening speech, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock detailed the shortcomings of modern-day democracy, and the challenges of implementing democratic principles given the sociopolitical states of many African states.³⁸⁹⁰ Minister Baerbock called upon members to “find solutions together to these different challenges” and advocate for democracy in Africa, “because it’s the only form of government which allows all citizens to make their voices heard.”

On 7 October 2022, the BMZ announced its intention to invest more than EUR 180 million toward combating climate change and water infrastructure development in Jordan.³⁸⁹¹ The BMZ will collaborate with other international donors in assisting the construction of a desalination plant that will bolster water supply security in one of the world’s most water-poor countries.

On 20 October 2022, the BMZ committed approximately EUR 100 million to be distributed over the next two years for developing sustainable social and economic growth in Nigeria.³⁸⁹² The funds program focuses support on four different areas: small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector, women’s employment and the development of renewable energy. Development Minister Svenja Schulze lists “new jobs, less poverty and more opportunities for people to take control of their lives” as benefits of investing in Nigeria.

On 27 October 2022, the BMZ committed EUR 39.5 million to Rwanda, further cementing the Rwandan-German Climate and Development Partnership.³⁸⁹³ The funds will support infrastructure projects, resource-conserving energy supply expansions and sustainable waste management. The projects are expected to mitigate the impact of extreme weather events and improve the health of local communities.

On 28 October 2022, the BMZ committed approximately EUR130 million to support crisis resilience in Senegal through promoting employment, modernizing the healthcare system and expanding renewable energies.³⁸⁹⁴ Germany specifically encouraged the development of a clean public transport system in the city of Dakar

³⁸⁸⁸ Joining forces to make cities liveable, The Federal Government (Berlin) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-urban-development-ministers-2125542>

³⁸⁸⁹ G7 Africa Conference in Berlin: Working together to make democracies more resilient, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/internationale-organisationen/g7-g20/g7-afrika-konferenz/2554338>

³⁸⁹⁰ Opening Speech by Foreign Minister Baerbock at the Conference “Strengthening Democracy – Towards Resilient Institutions and Societies in the G7 and Africa,” Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2554452>

³⁸⁹¹ Through its development cooperation, Germany supports stabilisation in Middle East, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/government-negotiations-with-jordan-125772>

³⁸⁹² Germany supports Nigeria’s efforts for sustainable growth, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-nigeria-s-efforts-for-sustainable-growth-126740>

³⁸⁹³ Rwandan-German Climate and Development Partnership is gathering steam – Germany is lending a hand to help make it socially fair, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/rwandan-german-climate-and-development-partnership-126736>

³⁸⁹⁴ German support helps bolster Senegal’s crisis resilience, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/german-support-helps-bolster-senegal-s-crisis-resilience-129116>

through investment in low-emission, climate-friendly vehicles. The funds broadly aim to prepare Senegal for future economic shocks, create social protection and prevent future pandemics.

On 3 November 2022, the BMZ and the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) voiced Germany's support for green development in Egypt.³⁸⁹⁵ Government officials of Germany and Egypt signed declarations of intent to collaborate in building a sustainable green hydrogen value chain, investing in green hydrogen-specific infrastructure projects and encouraging trade in liquefied natural gas. State Secretary Jochen Flasbarth described the collaboration as a reflection of the relationship between developed and developing countries: "The new global green hydrogen economy must be designed in a way that also benefits emerging and developing economies."

On 4 November 2022, the BMZ and the BMWK pledged EUR216 million and EUR136 million respectively to Peru for the purpose of climate change mitigation.³⁸⁹⁶ The funds will go toward developing sustainable public transportation systems and combating forest crimes in the Amazon rainforest, among other investments in climate projects. The projects are expected to reduce carbon emissions, protect indigenous communities and mitigate the effects of climate change in Peru.

On 17 November 2022, the BMZ announced its intention to contribute EUR84 million to Tanzania in support of the introduction of universal health insurance to Tanzanians.³⁸⁹⁷ Alongside the BMZ's funding, Germany also pledged to provide services specifically targeting the health of mothers and children. Overall, the joint negotiations aim to benefit poorer, marginalized communities within Tanzania and promote social equality.

On 25 November 2022, the BMZ announced a commitment of EUR94 million to Zambia as a signal of Germany's support for the African nation's reform efforts and commitment to democratic values.³⁸⁹⁸ The funds will help lessen the burden of Zambia's public debt, as well as promote innovation and adaptation within Zambia's large farming community. According to Minister Schulze, the joint development cooperation both addresses the effects of climate change and "supports President Hakainde Hichilema's democratic reform agenda."

On 30 November 2022, the BMZ committed approximately EUR80 million to Ghana, highlighting Germany's support for sustainable growth in the African nation by developing "a socially just and climate-neutral economy."³⁸⁹⁹ The funding specifically focuses on smaller companies and renewable energies, with the aim of increasing the accessibility of vocational training and employment opportunities in Ghana.

³⁸⁹⁵ Germany and Egypt strengthen partnership on green hydrogen and LNG, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-egypt-partnership-on-green-hydrogen-and-lng-127564>

³⁸⁹⁶ Germany and Peru agree climate partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-and-peru-agree-climate-partnership-128854>

³⁸⁹⁷ Germany supports Tanzania in introducing universal health insurance, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-tanzania-universal-health-insurance-128882>

³⁸⁹⁸ Germany supports Zambia's reform efforts, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-zambias-reform-efforts-129448>

³⁸⁹⁹ Germany supports Ghana's sustainable growth efforts, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-ghana-sustainable-growth-efforts-129544>

On 5 December 2022, Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck commenced a trip to Namibia and South Africa to showcase Germany's support for climate neutrality in the southern African region.³⁹⁰⁰ He stated, "We want to intensify cooperation and expand partnerships, especially with an eye to sustainable development."

On 11 December 2022, the BMZ committed approximately EUR112 million to Kenya, establishing concrete commitments to the German-Kenyan Climate and Development Partnership.³⁹⁰¹ The funds will go toward promoting vocational training, "developing renewable energies, expanding the electricity network, establishing hydrogen production and creating new jobs."

On 13 December 2022, the BMZ announced its intention to contribute EUR60 million to the African Union for the purpose of expanding infrastructure, promoting gender equality, and addressing the impact of COVID-19.³⁹⁰² The funds aim to create new jobs, expand opportunities for women and bolster preparedness for future pandemics in Africa.

On 17 December 2022, Germany announced a commitment of EUR29 million to the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Accelerator Partnership.³⁹⁰³ The new initiative was launched at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference as a collaboration between Germany and Colombia to support the implementation of a global biodiversity framework in developing countries. Development State Secretary Jochen Flasbarth promoted the partnership as "a joint initiative involving both developing and industrialized countries."³⁹⁰⁴

On 9 January 2023, the BMZ committed EUR84 million in additional funding for Pakistan to aid in addressing the infrastructure damage caused by climate-related events last year and to help in adapting to climate change.³⁹⁰⁵

On 24 January 2023, Minister Schulze presented the BMZ's new Africa Strategy at a press conference alongside the African Union's Special Envoy for Africa's Youth Chido Mpemba.³⁹⁰⁶ The strategy focuses on sustainable economic development, building social protection, health and pandemic prevention, feminist development policy, and overall peace and security. Schulze specifically called upon the creation of new jobs through the Africa Strategy, but emphasized that "[t]he Development Ministry cannot create these jobs itself. But we can work with Africa to create good foundations and conditions."

³⁹⁰⁰ Habeck in Namibia and South Africa for talks, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 5 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2022/12/20221205-habeck-in-namibia-and-south-africa-for-talks.html>

³⁹⁰¹ German is supporting Kenya on its path to 100 per cent renewables-based energy generation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 11 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supporting-kenya-on-path-to-100-percent-renewables-135400>

³⁹⁰² Germany and African Union work together on building cross-boundary infrastructure for Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022.

<https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-african-union-working-on-crossboundary-infrastructure-135684>

³⁹⁰³ UN Biodiversity Conference: Germany and Colombia launch implementation initiative, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Bonn) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/un-biodiversity-conference-germany-and-colombia-launch-implementation-initiative>

³⁹⁰⁴ Germany and Colombia launch implementation initiative, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 17 December 2022. Access Date: 19 December 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/cop15-germany-and-colombia-launch-implementation-initiative-135608>

³⁹⁰⁵ Germany provides support for Pakistan's post-flood recovery, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 16 January 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-provides-support-for-pakistans-post-flood-recovery-136114>

³⁹⁰⁶ The BMZ's new Africa Strategy: jobs for the biggest young generation of all times, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 24 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/bmz-new-africa-strategy-137742>

From 18 February 2023 to 25 February 2023, Parliamentary State Secretary of the BMZ Dr. Bärbel Kofler visited Southern Africa in order to deepen Germany's cooperation with Malawi and Zambia.³⁹⁰⁷ Secretary Kofler expressed the importance of Germany's developmental cooperation with the two countries: "we want to support the efforts of the Governments of Malawi and Zambia to fight hunger and poverty – for instance through feeding programmes for children, social protection, and efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality."

On 1 March 2023, Minister Schulze voiced the BMZ's intention to draw attention to and invest in development projects with the specific purpose of advancing gender equality.³⁹⁰⁸ This includes "increasing the proportion of new project funding to promote gender equality to more than 93 per cent by 2025," ensuring equal gender representation, among other commitments.

On 6 March 2023, Secretary Flasbarth announced at the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries the BMZ's intention to increase investment by EUR200 million toward underdeveloped countries.³⁹⁰⁹ The investments will primarily target the private sector in African countries in order to provide long-term support through resilient infrastructure and food systems.

On 24 March 2023, the BMZ and the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands announced the Urban Water Catalyst Initiative at the Second UN Water Conference to improve accessibility to drinking water in the global south.³⁹¹⁰ Germany is expected to contribute EUR32 million in order to support sustainable water and sanitation infrastructure in underdeveloped countries.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. Germany has invested in various projects aimed at bolstering the economies and social equality of developing countries, from contributing funds toward improving public services to financially supporting private companies. Furthermore, Germany heavily vocalizes its democratic values in international interactions and actively seeks collaboration with other countries to advance sustainability economically, socially and environmentally.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mia Xie

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 5 July 2022, Undersecretary Benedetto Della Vedova reaffirmed Italy's full political, military, and financial support for the reconstruction of Ukraine at the Lugano Conference.³⁹¹¹

³⁹⁰⁷ Germany supports reform policies in Zambia and Malawi, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-reform-policies-in-zambia-and-malawi-142458>

³⁹⁰⁸ Development Minister Schulze presents feminist strategy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-minister-schulze-presents-feminist-strategy-146512>

³⁹⁰⁹ German Development Ministry increases support for poorest countries, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 6 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/development-ministry-increases-support-for-poorest-countries-146562>

³⁹¹⁰ Germany and the Netherlands launch joint initiative for water utilities in the growing cities of the Global South, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-netherlands-launch-joint-initiative-for-water-utilities-150604>

³⁹¹¹ Undersecretary Della Vedova speaks at Lugano Conference: "we will support the reconstruction of Ukraine," Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 5 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/07/il-sottosegretario-della-vedova-partecipa-alla-conferenza-di-lugano-sosterremo-la-ricostruzione-dellucraina/

On 6 July 2022, Undersecretary Manlio Di Stefano reaffirmed Italy's commitment to expand economic relations with South-East Asia at the closing ceremony of the High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN-Italy Economic Relations.³⁹¹² The forum hosted over 2,000 representatives from Italian institutions, Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) countries, and the private sector in Kuala Lumpur and focused on the themes of “aerospace, economy, green technologies, and ‘smart technologies.’”

On 14 July 2022, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Marina Sereni spoke at the virtual event “Towards an inclusive and sustainable recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean,” and reaffirmed Italy's interest in helping the regions make “green transitions.”³⁹¹³ Sereni also highlighted active investments by Italian companies in Latin American “renewables, power networks, sustainable mobility, and green hydrogen.”

On 23 August 2022, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) Ambassador Ettore Francesco Sequi reaffirmed Italy's pledge of part of its Special Drawing Rights to “more vulnerable economies” in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).³⁹¹⁴

On 19 September 2022, Italian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Maurizio Massari signed an Italy-Caribbean Development Bank agreement on the “Programme supporting sustainable development projects in Caribbean Community countries.”³⁹¹⁵ As a part of the Programme, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation will provide EUR 50 million in aid credits and EUR 2.5 million in donations to fund sustainable development projects with a focus on “agriculture, energy, management of coastal zones and water resources, transport, social housing, and healthcare.”

On 21 September 2022, Undersecretary Di Stefano traveled to Bali to meet with G20 Ministers of Commerce.³⁹¹⁶ The meeting addressed expanding sustainable investment between trade and industry, and the creation of sustainable and resilient global value chains.

On 3 October 2022, the Italian Embassy in Dar es Salaam, the Italian Trade Agency, the Italian Ministry of Foreign and the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a business and investment forum for 800 companies in Zanzibar, Tanzania.³⁹¹⁷ The conference promoted private investment opportunities to explore economic collaborations in agribusiness, machinery, and infrastructures.

³⁹¹² Undersecretary Hon. Manlio Di Stefano participates in the High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN-Italy Economic Relations (Rome) 6 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/07/partecipazione-del-sottosegretario-on-manlio-di-stefano-allhigh-level-dialogue-on-asean-italy-economic-relations/

³⁹¹³ Latin America: Sereni, great potential for a favorable green transition, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 14 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/07/americ-latina-sereni-grande-potenziale-per-una-favorevole-transizione-verde/

³⁹¹⁴ Meeting between the Secretary General, Ambassador Sequi, and the Executive Director for Italy at the International Monetary Fund, Domenico G. Fanizza, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 23 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/08/incontro-tra-il-segretario-generale-amb-sequi-e-domenico-g-fanizza-direttore-esecutivo-italiano-presso-il-fondo-monetario-internazionale/

³⁹¹⁵ UN Sereni in New York attends signing ceremony of Italy-Caribbean Development Bank agreement (Rome) 19 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/ONU-sereni-presenza-alla-firma-dellintesa-tra-italia-e-banca-di-sviluppo-caraibica-a-new-york/

³⁹¹⁶ Missione del Sottosegretario On. Manlio di Stefano a Bali, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 21 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/missione-del-sottosegretario-on-manlio-di-stefano-a-bali/

³⁹¹⁷ Italy-Tanzania Business and Investment Forum a Zanzibar, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 3 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2022/10/italy-tanzania-business-and-investment-forum-a-zanzibar/

On 8 December 2022, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed Italy's mission to "intensify cooperation with Africa to bring investment and development" in the announcement from the European Commission to allocate EU307 million to co-finance interconnecting infrastructure between Italy and Tunisia. The new interconnection will be a 200 km submarine power line connecting Europe with Africa and promote renewable energy production.

On 14 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh at the EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit, reaffirming cooperation in sectors of "trade, energy transition, culture and defense."³⁹¹⁸

On 27 December 2022, Prime Minister Meloni renewed the Italian government's "full support" for Ukraine's restoration of energy infrastructure and future reconstruction efforts.³⁹¹⁹

On 10 February 2023, the Italian government's 'Ukraine electricity emergency' task force sent electrical equipment consisting of transformers, generators, electrical cables and accessories to Ukraine.³⁹²⁰ The supply of electrical equipment could benefit approximately 3 million Ukrainians amidst electricity shortages from the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

On 28 March 2023, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Antonio Tajani met with European Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen.³⁹²¹ DPM Tajani affirmed Italy's support for the EU Global Gateway, "an investment strategy for sustainable infrastructure," and ongoing infrastructure developments in Africa. DPM Tajani and EU Commissioner Urpilainen highlighted the importance of the EU Global Gateway project's priorities in green hydrogen transportation and electrical connections, digital transition, and sustainable growth. DPM Tajani also announced Italy's entry into the EU Digital 4 Development Hub (D4D Hub) with the goal of promoting "inclusive and sustainable digital transformations" in partner countries.

On 29 March 2023, DPM Tajani affirmed Italy's commitment to economic and development cooperation with Algeria.³⁹²² DPM Tajani emphasized Italy's continued support on "innovative sectors, such as agro-industry, biomedical technologies, and digital infrastructures" in Algeria.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. Italy has taken moderate action towards generating public-private partnerships through intensified cooperation, democratic values and high standards.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

³⁹¹⁸ EU-ASEAN summit, President Meloni meets Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh (Rome) 14 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-ue-asean-il-presidente-meloni-incontra-il-primo-ministro-vietnamita-ph-m-minh-chinh>

³⁹¹⁹ Phone call between President Meloni and President Zelensky of Ukraine, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Members (Rome) 27 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/phone-call-between-president-meloni-and-president-zelensky-ukraine/21395>

³⁹²⁰ Large amounts of electrical equipment to be sent to Ukraine, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Members (Rome) 20 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/large-amounts-electrical-equipment-be-sent-ukraine/21862>

³⁹²¹ Meeting of DPM Tajani with Commissioner Urpilainen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 28 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/meeting-of-dpm-tajani-with-commissioner-urpilainen/

³⁹²² Telephone meeting between Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Antonio Tajani and Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad Ahmed, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 29 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/colloquio-telefonico-del-vice-presidente-del-consiglio-e-ministro-tajani-col-ministro-degli-esteri-e-della-comunita-nazionale-allestero-algerino-ahmed-attaf/

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Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 1 July 2022, the Ministry of Environment committed to “provide financial support of up to [a half] of the initial investment cost for projects, performing measurement, reporting, and verification for 16 new selected projects for JCM Model Projects of Joint Crediting Mechanism.”³⁹²³

On 27 August 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi participated in the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development and committed a sum of USD30 billion in public and private investment “on ‘investment in people’ and ‘quality of growth’” in Africa over the next three years.³⁹²⁴ In addition, the government of Japan will provide USD four billion in total from public and private contribution for the country’s Green Growth Initiative with Africa, co-fund a maximum of USD five billion for the African Development Bank, contribute up to USD one billion to the Global Fund over the next three years to bolster health infrastructure and combat major infectious diseases, and support the African Development Bank with USD300 million with the African Development Bank to increase food production.

On 28 August 2022, the government of Japan, those of the African member states, and representatives of Tokyo International Conference on African Development co-organizers underscored and advocated for both public and private investment in Africa.³⁹²⁵ They are also investing in ameliorating infrastructure such as “transportation and cold chains for rural development to add value to agricultural products and reduce post-harvest loss and food waste.”

From 27 August 2022 to 28 August 2022, the government of Japan agreed to mobilise “private investment in renewable energy projects and expansion of geothermal power generation by 110 MW and in transition to hydrogen and other energies [in Africa, to] promote public-private investments [to aid Africa’s] decarbonisation and sustainable development,” and to “contribute USD15 million to the World Bank trust fund for the development of green hydrogen, geothermal power and battery storage” [and “]USD5 million to the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency trust fund to promote private investment in renewable energy projects, including in Africa.”³⁹²⁶

On 25 October 2022, the government of Japan and the government of Uzbekistan established a Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and affirmed that JCM will “facilitate [the] diffusion of, among others, leading decarbonizing technologies, products, systems, services and infrastructure as well as implementation of mitigation actions” to reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions and support “sustainable development in the Republic of Uzbekistan.”³⁹²⁷

On 30 August 2022, Minister of the Environment Akihiro Nishimura met with Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment of the Republic of Indonesia Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan and promised to

³⁹²³ MOE Japan Selected 16 Projects for JCM Model Projects of Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Financing Support Programme for FY2022 (First Round), Ministry of Environment of Japan (Tokyo) 1 July 2022. Access Date: November 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00053.html

³⁹²⁴ Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tunis) 27 August 2022. Access Date: November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/afr/af2/page1e_000469.html

³⁹²⁵ TICAD 8 Tunis Declaration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tunis) 28 August 2022. Access Date: November 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100387033.pdf>

³⁹²⁶ TICAD8: Japan’s Contributions for Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 October 2022. Access Date: November 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100386138.pdf>

³⁹²⁷ Memorandum of Cooperation on the Joint Crediting Mechanism between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (Tashkent) 25 October 2022. Access Date: November 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/10/20221025001/20221025001-1.pdf>

mobilise “private investment in waste treatment projects in priority areas in Indonesia, such as Bekasi-Karawang-Purwakarta (Bekarpur) and Legok Nangka in West Java Province.”³⁹²⁸

On 4 November 2022, Minister Hayashi met with Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya Alfred Mutua. Both reaffirmed intentions to continue long-time investment and cooperation.³⁹²⁹ Japan wishes to improve bilateral economic relations “through ‘investment in people’” such as the ABE initiatives,” promoting democratic values by condemning Russia’s disregard of the international order with the invasion of Ukraine.

On 12 November 2022, Japan agreed to “facilitate quality infrastructure investment based on the Master Plan on [the Association of Southeast Asian Nations] Connectivity 2025,” assist in connectivity issues and the development of legal systems, and help the Association of Southeast Asian Nations formulate a Climate Change Strategic Action Plan for 2030.³⁹³⁰

On 15 November 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced Japan’s commitment of USD65 billion to infrastructure and finance over the next five years.³⁹³¹

On 15 November 2022, Prime Minister Kishida pledged to loan JPY130 billion to Indonesia for its mass transit and highway infrastructure projects.³⁹³²

On 13 December 2022, G7 leaders condemned Russia’s attack and destruction of Ukrainian infrastructure.³⁹³³ They also pledged to mobilize USD600 billion to the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment to implement quality infrastructure by 2027 and continue their work on Just Energy Transitions Partnerships.

On 2 December 2022, the Ministry of the Environment announced the four projects selected for the fourth round of Model Projects of the Joint Crediting Mechanism, which seeks to reduce carbon emissions in developing countries with advanced decarbonizing technologies, Financing Support Programme for 2022.³⁹³⁴ The new projects partner with Vietnam, Laos, and the Philippines, and have a maximum estimated greenhouse gas reduction potential of 36,587 total carbon dioxide per year.

On 14 December 2022, Prime Minister Kishida expressed continuous support for Vietnam’s decarbonization and transition to sustainable energy and the Just Energy Transition Partnership.³⁹³⁵

On 9 February 2023, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications Takeaki Matsumoto and Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Enrique Manalo, acting on behalf of the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Republic of the Philippines, signed a memorandum to

³⁹²⁸ Minutes of Meeting, Ministry of Environment of Japan (Tokyo) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.env.go.jp/content/000073615.pdf>

³⁹²⁹ Japan-Kenya Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/afr/af2/ke/page3e_001272.html

³⁹³⁰ The 25th ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-Republic of Korea) Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page1e_000521.html

³⁹³¹ Policy Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio to the G20 Bali Summit side-event on Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Tokyo) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202211/_00005.html

³⁹³² Japan pledges yen loans to Indonesia for transportation infrastructure, The Japan Times (Nusa Dua) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/11/15/national/kishida-indonesia-yen-loans/>

³⁹³³ G7 Leaders Statement, Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Tokyo) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/documents/2022/_00029.html

³⁹³⁴ MOE Japan Selects Four New Projects for JCM Model Projects of Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Financing Support Programme for FY2022 (Fourth Round), Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00835.html

³⁹³⁵ The announcement of the Political Declaration on establishing the Just Energy Transition Partnership with Viet Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page1e_000547.html

cooperate in the field of information and communications technology.³⁹³⁶ The new memorandum supports the main agreement from the 2017 memorandum while adding the construction of open radio access network (Open RAN) as a new area of collaboration.

On 9 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and President of the Republic of the Philippines Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. met at the Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting.³⁹³⁷ Japan pledged JPY600 billion through Japanese Official Development Assistance and private sector investment to the Philippines in the 2023 fiscal year. The two countries also signed the Exchange of Notes that confirms Japan's loan of JPY377 billion "for the Philippines' North-South Commuter Railway and its extension." Prime Minister Kishida also affirmed that Japan is ready to grant an additional JPY30 billion Post-Disaster Stand-by Loan.

On 10 February 2023, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination Hiroshi Yoshida attended the ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting with Japan and presented the ASEAN-Japan 2023 Digital Work Plan, which was supported by participants, and the expansion of access to Open RAN.³⁹³⁸

On 6 March 2023, Minister Hayashi met with Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Retno L.P. Marsudi.³⁹³⁹ He affirmed Japan's continued support for various Indonesian "initiatives including the improvement of maritime security, the development of the Natuna Islands, infrastructure development such as the North-South Line and East-West Line of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system in Jakarta and Patimban Port, and energy transition initiatives including coordination on the Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) Concept."

On 20 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida made numerous commitments towards "Japan's new plan for a 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific'" at the Indian Council of World Affairs.³⁹⁴⁰ Japan will commit USD100 million to the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund towards improving connectivity. The Prime Minister also pledged to support infrastructure development through Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) and to encourage Japanese companies to provide quality infrastructure overseas. Japan will also mobilize an additional USD75 billion "in public and private funds in the Indo-Pacific region by 2030" towards infrastructure.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. Japan has marshalled public and private investment to support sustainable, inclusive, climate resilient, and quality infrastructure projects in emerging markets and developing countries through cooperation and the promotion of democratic values.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

³⁹³⁶ "Signing of Memorandum of Cooperation in the ICT Field between MIC and the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Republic of the Philippines", Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/pressrelease/2023/2/09_01.html

³⁹³⁷ "Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting", Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sea2/ph/page1e_000569.html

³⁹³⁸ "Results of ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting and Digital Senior Officials' Meeting with Japan", Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan (Tokyo) 10 February 2023.

https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/pressrelease/2023/2/10_04.html

³⁹³⁹ "Japan-Indonesia Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Japan-Indonesia Ministerial-Level Strategic Dialogue)", Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 6 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000386.html

³⁹⁴⁰ "Policy Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)", Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 18 April 2023. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202303/_00013.html

On 14 October 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom published the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission Business Plan 2022 to 2023.³⁹⁴¹ The Plan allocates GBP28.224 million to aid sustainable development education across the Commonwealth, with a further GBP 4.5 million to be matched by university partners. This initiative mobilizes partnership between government and private organizations and highlights equity and climate concerns within development issues. The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission supports sustainable development through education, combining the public and private sectors and collaborating closely with the nations of the Commonwealth.

On 19 October 2022, the United Kingdom's Department for International Trade announced GBP174.5 million in financing for infrastructure projects in Benin and Togo. Dialogue between the United Kingdom, private international firms, and various African stakeholders in the public and private sectors has accompanied this financing package at the UK-Francophone West and Central Africa Trade and Investment Forum.³⁹⁴²

On 1 November 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom announced the mobilization of GBP6.35 million, partnering with private sector actors to protect Ukrainian infrastructure from cyber-attacks.³⁹⁴³ The investment aims to prevent costly damage to Ukraine's infrastructure by Russian attacks.³⁹⁴⁴

On 23 November 2022, United Kingdom representative to the United Nations Ana Baric announced the mobilization of GBP eight billion annually until 2025, in partnership with the private sector, on top of an additional 0.2 per cent of gross national income, to be provided to lesser developed countries. She announced the United Kingdom's commitment to supporting climate resilience and accelerating the transition to sustainable food systems in lesser developed countries.³⁹⁴⁵

On 14 December 2022, the United Kingdom agreed to the Just Energy Transition Partnership for Vietnam. This partnership, including various public and private members, will finance Vietnam's transition to Net Zero by 2050 with an initial mobilization of USD15.5 billion.³⁹⁴⁶ The partnership also supports clean-energy employment and the implementation of sustainable infrastructure.

On 14 December 2022, British Minister of State for Overseas Territories, Commonwealth, Energy, Climate and Environment Lord Goldsmith announced the availability of research grants under the Reversing

³⁹⁴¹ Commonwealth Scholarship Commission Business Plan 2022 to 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commonwealth-scholarship-commission-business-plan-2022/the-commonwealth-scholarship-commission-in-the-uk-business-plan-2022-to-2023#budget-and-resources-2022-23>

³⁹⁴² Press Release- £170 million finance deal boosts British construction firms in Africa, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/170-million-finance-deal-boosts-british-construction-firms-in-africa>

³⁹⁴³ UK boosts Ukraine's cyber defences with £6 million support package, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boosts-ukraines-cyber-defences-with-6-million-support-package>

³⁹⁴⁴ UK boosts Ukraine's cyber defences with £6 million support package, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boosts-ukraines-cyber-defences-with-6-million-support-package>

³⁹⁴⁵ Speech- Supporting resilient and sustainable development in Least Developed Countries: UK statement at UN Second Committee, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/supporting-resilient-and-sustainable-development-in-least-developed-countries-uk-statement-at-un-second-committee>

³⁹⁴⁶ Press Release- International agreement to support Vietnam's ambitious climate and energy goals, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-agreement-to-support-vietnams-ambitious-climate-and-energy-goals>

Environmental Degradation in Africa and Asia programme. These funds will provide African and Asian institutions with the means to develop environmental solutions for their regions.³⁹⁴⁷

On 27 February 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office published the United Kingdom's Small Island Developing States strategy, which outlines the government's intentions from 2022 to 2026. The strategy outlines a collaborative development scheme where the United Kingdom and small island states will work together, with a focus on shared values and inclusive governance, to develop the latter and boost climate resilience.³⁹⁴⁸

On 1 March 2023, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Department for Business and Trade announced a memorandum of understanding between the United Kingdom and Singapore concerning a joint "Green Economy Framework."³⁹⁴⁹ The two nations will partner together to encourage, among other things, private investment and decarbonization through industrial, state, and academic collaboration.³⁹⁵⁰

On 1 March 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced the United Kingdom's membership in International Development Bank Invest, the private sector arm of the Inter-American Development Bank Group. Through the membership, the United Kingdom aims to finance small and medium businesses in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a focus on poverty reduction and climate change.³⁹⁵¹ The United Kingdom will work with the private sector to raise approximately GBP150 million in funding for solar power plants and electric-powered public transport.

On 20 March 2023, Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy for Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko signed the UK-Ukraine Digital Trade Agreement, a deal to provide support for the Ukrainian economy "through the current crisis."³⁹⁵² Under the deal, the Department of Business and Trade will mobilize UK businesses to invest in future Ukrainian infrastructure reconstruction projects.

On 21 March 2023, the Roads Minister Richard Holden of the Department of Transport announced the new Bus Centre of Excellence initiative.³⁹⁵³ As part of the National Bus Strategy, the Bus Centre of Excellence intends to collaborate with local governments to increase jobs, skills, and diversity within the bus sector. It also intends to contribute to the United Kingdom's currently ongoing initiative to decarbonize the national bus fleet. The project is being allocated GBP815,000 in government investment.

On 28 March 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced the United Kingdom and Poland's joint-provision of GBP2.6 million worth of generators to power Ukrainian schools, hospitals, and

³⁹⁴⁷ Press Release- UK launches programmes for ecosystem restoration in Africa and Asia, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-programmes-for-ecosystem-restoration-in-africa-and-asia>

³⁹⁴⁸ Policy Paper- UK Small Island Developing States strategy 2022 to 2026, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 27 February 2022. Access Date: 08 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-small-island-developing-states-strategy-2022-to-2026>

³⁹⁴⁹ Notice- Green Economy Framework: memorandum of understanding, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 01 March 2023. Access Date: 08 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-economy-framework-memorandum-of-understanding>

³⁹⁵⁰ Notice- Green Economy Framework: memorandum of understanding, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 01 March 2023. Access Date: 08 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-economy-framework-memorandum-of-understanding>

³⁹⁵¹ Press Release- New UK partnership to tackle climate change in Latin America, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 01 March 2023. Access Date: 03 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-partnership-to-tackle-climate-change-in-latin-america>

³⁹⁵² UK signs historic trade deal with UK as part of enhanced support, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-signs-historic-trade-deal-with-ukraine-as-part-of-enhanced-support>

³⁹⁵³ Boost for buses as government takes more steps to decarbonise sector, Government of United Kingdom (London) 21 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-for-buses-as-government-takes-more-steps-to-support-and-decarbonise-sector>

community centres.³⁹⁵⁴ The two countries will also donate up to GBP2.5 million to the Ukrainian Red Cross. Individually, the United Kingdom is providing up to GBP10 million to the partnership to fund housing for hundreds of displaced Ukrainians.

On 6 April 2023, Minister for Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to continue investing in Cameroonian infrastructure, and expressed further commitment to strengthen economic ties with Cameroon.³⁹⁵⁵ These dialogues accompanied discussions of humanitarianism, education, and trade.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with the commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. The United Kingdom has taken moderate action towards generating public-private investment partnerships, though aligned with the goals of intensified collaboration and sustainability.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Angus MacKellar

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 6 July 2022, the US International Development Finance Corporation's (DFC) CEO Scott Nathan traveled to Honduras to meet with government officials and Honduras' small and medium-sized business community.³⁹⁵⁶ The visit launched a DFC loan portfolio guaranteed to strengthen private sector investment in Honduras and the Northern Central American region.

On 27 July 2022, DFC CEO Nathan traveled to Freetown, Sierra Leone to meet with government officials and reaffirm the United States' commitment to private sector investment in energy and critical infrastructure in Sierra Leone.³⁹⁵⁷ CEO Nathan met with representatives of TCQ regarding US financing commitments to the Western Area Power Generation Plant.

On 27 July 2022, DFC CEO Nathan traveled to Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria to meet with prospective DFC clients and small businesses to encourage ongoing development investment projects in Nigeria.³⁹⁵⁸ CEO Nathan additionally signed a commitment letter with Access Bank, guaranteeing USD 280 million in future DFC financing to support economic growth of Nigeria's private sector.

³⁹⁵⁴ Press release- UK-Poland Humanitarian Shelter Project: joint statement, Government of the United Kingdom (London and Warsaw) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-on-the-uk-poland-humanitarian-shelter-project>

³⁹⁵⁵ World News Story- Cameroon: The UK signals a boost in investment and trade and urges an end to conflict, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 06 April 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cameroon-the-uk-signals-a-boost-in-investment-and-trade-and-urges-an-end-to-conflict>

³⁹⁵⁶ DFC CEO Nathan Travel to Honduras, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-nathan-travel-honduras>

³⁹⁵⁷ DFC CEO Nathan Visits Freetown, Sierra Leone, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-nathan-visits-freetown-sierra-leone>

³⁹⁵⁸ DFC CEO Nathan Visits Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-nathan-visits-lagos-and-abuja-nigeria>

On 15 August 2022, the DFC announced the disbursement of USD 83 million to expand information and communications technology in South Africa.³⁹⁵⁹ The funding is the first disbursement of a USD 300 million loan from the DFC to the African Data Centres to expand network facilities throughout Africa.

On 8 September 2022, the DFC approved 16 new projects totalling USD 1.6 billion to advance energy supplies, food security, climate solutions, sustainable affordable housing, digital connectivity and shipping logistics across Eastern Europe and Latin America.³⁹⁶⁰ The approved projects will focus on key development challenges in low- and lower-middle income countries.

On 21 September 2022, the DFC signed a commitment letter for a USD 25 million loan to the advancement of the Golomoti Solar project.³⁹⁶¹ The loan will support the construction of the first utility-scale, grid-connected solar energy plant in Malawi.

On 23 September 2022, the DFC and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a collaboration to provide USD 5 million in financing and USD 10 million in a loan portfolio guarantee to the Conservation International Foundation.³⁹⁶² The finance intends to help sustainably manage ecosystems in Mexico, Peru, and Colombia by providing capital to businesses seeking to protect and restore ecosystems.³⁹⁶³

On 13 October 2022, the DFC announced the funding of up to USD 40 million in the Energy Entrepreneurs Growth Fund (EEGF).³⁹⁶⁴ The EEGF aims to use the funds to help increase access to sustainable and affordable off-grid energy in Sub-Saharan Africa.

On 18 October 2022, DFC CEO Nathan traveled to Mumbai, India to meet with private sector leaders advancing economic development in India and the Indo-Pacific region.³⁹⁶⁵ The meeting highlighted the DCF's continued partnership and loan issuance to fund clean energy, digital connectivity and supply chains throughout India.

³⁹⁵⁹ DFC Disburses \$83 million for Africa Data Centres to Expand ICT Infrastructure in South Africa, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-disburses-83-million-africa-data-centres-expand-ict-infrastructure-south>

³⁹⁶⁰ DFC Board of Directors Approves \$1.6 Billion of Investment to Advance Energy Supply, Food Security, Climate Solutions, and Other Key Development Challenges, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-board-directors-approves-16-billion-investment-advance-energy-supply-food>

³⁹⁶¹ DFC Commits \$25 Million Loan for Colomoti Solar, Expanding Renewable Energy Generation and Storage in Malawi, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-commits-25-million-loan-golomoti-solar-expanding-renewable-energy>

³⁹⁶² DFC and USAID Provide \$10 Million Loan Portfolio Guaranty for Conservation International Foundation's Impact Investment Fund, Conservation International Ventures, Supporting Conservation in Mexico, Peru, and Colombia, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Mexico City) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-and-usaid-provide-10-million-loan-portfolio-guaranty-conservation>

³⁹⁶³ DFC and USAID Provide \$10 Million Loan Portfolio Guaranty for Conservation International Foundation's Impact Investment Fund, Conservation International Ventures, Supporting Conservation in Mexico, Peru, and Colombia (Mexico City) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-and-usaid-provide-10-million-loan-portfolio-guaranty-conservation>

³⁹⁶⁴ DFC Invests \$40 Million in Energy Entrepreneurs Growth Fund, Increasing Access to Off-Grid Energy in Africa, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-invests-40-million-energy-entrepreneurs-growth-fund-increasing-access-grid>

³⁹⁶⁵ DFC CEO Nathan Builds Upon U.S.-India Economic and Development Partnerships in Mumbai, India, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Mumbai) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-nathan-builds-upon-us-india-economic-and-development-partnerships>

On 19 October 2022, the US Departments of Transportation and Commerce announced a joint US-Ukraine Infrastructure Task Force to help Ukraine rebuild its critical infrastructure and energy resources.³⁹⁶⁶ The joint task force will facilitate US private sector investment in Ukraine's post-conflict infrastructure reconstruction.

On 21 October 2022, the DFC and the USAID launched a partnership with Pakistan's Khushhali Microfinance Bank Ltd. (KMBL) to provide USD 25 million in financing to women-led and micro businesses across Pakistan.³⁹⁶⁷ Of the financing commitment, USD 10 million will go towards commercial loans to women-led businesses, whilst USD 15 million will go towards commercial loans to micro, small, and medium sized businesses in the Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. DFC Chief Climate Officer Jake Levine noted that the partnership "underscores [the] DFC's commitment to supporting the resilience of small businesses that improve lives and enable inclusive growth and employment."

On 9 November 2022, the DFC hosted the Role of Green Hydrogen in Africa's Energy Transition at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.³⁹⁶⁸ DFC CEO Nathan met with public and private sector climate leaders and discussed strategies to "scale innovative climate solutions in developing countries, with an emphasis on investments in green hydrogen technology to support energy needs in Africa." Furthermore, the DFC launched a business proposal financing program to mobilize private sector capital for small and medium enterprises addressing climate adaptation challenges.³⁹⁶⁹

On 9 November 2022, the USAID announced USD 8.5 million in funding to support 22 new solar-powered water pumping projects in Lebanon.³⁹⁷⁰ The solar projects (to be completed over the next two years) will benefit more than 150 towns and half a million Lebanese citizens by providing reliable access to water.

On 22 November 2022, the USAID announced USD 1.6 million in funding of the second phase of its Environmental Restoration of the Aral Sea activity, expanding the project from Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan.³⁹⁷¹ The project will continue to improve climate resilience in affected regions near the Aral Sea, with funding directly supporting the research and development of innovative technologies for planting and irrigation.

On 4 December 2022, DFC COO Agnes Dasewicz traveled to Cape Town, South Africa to participate in the Super Return conference focused on the "role of development finance institutions in African private equity markets."³⁹⁷² COO Dasewicz then traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa to meet with DFC clients and development finance institutions to promote private sector development opportunities, including the Just Energy Transition Partnership.

³⁹⁶⁶ U.S. Departments of Transportation and Commerce to Establish Joint Task Force with Ukraine to Help Support Ukraine's Infrastructure Resilience, Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 19 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/10/us-departments-transportation-and-commerce-establish-joint-task-force>

³⁹⁶⁷ United States Government and Khushhali Microfinance Bank sign \$25 Million Commitment to empower Women and Micro and Small Businesses, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Islamabad) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/united-states-government-and-khushhali-microfinance-bank-sign-25-million>

³⁹⁶⁸ DFC to Host Event The Role of Green Hydrogen in Africa's Energy Transition at COP27, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-host-event-role-green-hydrogen-africas-energy-transition-cop27>

³⁹⁶⁹ DFC Stands Up Major Push to Accelerate Climate Adaptation Investments, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Sharm El-Sheikh) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-stands-major-push-accelerate-climate-adaptation-investments>

³⁹⁷⁰ Administrator Samantha Power Announces 22 New Solar-Powered Projects in Lebanon, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-09-2022-administrator-samantha-power-announces-22-new-solar-powered-projects>

³⁹⁷¹ USAID Announces \$1.6 Million to Expand the Environmental Restoration of the Aral Sea and Counter Effects of Desertification, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 22 November 2022 <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-11-2022-usaid-announces-16-million-expand-environmental-restoration-aral-sea>

³⁹⁷² DFC COO Dasewicz Travels to South Africa, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 4 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-coo-dasewicz-travels-south-africa>

On 8 December 2022, DFC CEO Nathan traveled to Lviv, Ukraine, to meet with U.S. Ambassador Bridget Brink and private sector leaders to strengthen the DFC's commitment to investment opportunities in Ukraine.³⁹⁷³ CEO Nathan announced a USD15 million, 10-year loan portfolio guarantee with Bank Lviv, which will support micro, small, and medium sized businesses in Ukraine.

On 14 December 2022, the USAID announced the Health Electrification and Telecommunication Alliance (HETA), a five-year commitment to invest more than USD150 million of additional private sector resources to electrify at least 10,000 health facilities across sub-Saharan Africa.³⁹⁷⁴ The installation of reliable and renewable power will enable digital communications and records management, Internet access, and refrigeration of medical commodities.

On 14 December 2022, Assistant to the Administrator Michele Sumilas led the United States delegation to the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Summit in Geneva, Switzerland.³⁹⁷⁵ At the Summit, Assistant to the Administrator Sumilas reaffirmed the United States' commitment to supporting and funding locally-led development.

On 16 December 2022, the DFC and Mastercard launched a collaboration to provide up to USD50 million in support for organizations in Mastercard's Community Pass network across Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Mauritania and India.³⁹⁷⁶ The funding will support private businesses under Mastercard's Community Pass platform addressing "infrastructure challenges that arise in digitizing rural communities."

On 21 December 2022, the DFC helped launch the world's first Orange Bond: IIX's Women's Livelihood Bond (WLB5), a new asset class focused on financing women-led small businesses across Asia and Africa.³⁹⁷⁷ Named after the color of Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality), the Orange Bond Initiative will advance inclusive financing and gender-focused investing in emerging markets and developing countries.

On 29 December 2022, the DFC approved five new projects to support critical infrastructure through a USD465 million investment.³⁹⁷⁸ Of this fund, USD150 million will be used to support transportation infrastructure in Ecuador, USD100 million will be used to improve sanitation infrastructure globally, USD10 million will be aimed at improving access to quality healthcare, USD30 million will support tech-enabled health, education and financial services in Southeast Asia and USD75 million will be used to expand access to affordable housing for women in India.

³⁹⁷³ DFC CEO Travels to Lviv, Ukraine, Announces New Projects to Support Small Businesses and Economic and Social Recovery, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Lviv) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022.

<https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-travels-lviv-ukraine-announces-new-projects-support-small-businesses>

³⁹⁷⁴ Power Africa Announces More Than a Dozen New Partners to Electrify 10,000 Health Facilities Across sub-Saharan Africa (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-14-2022-power-africa-announces-more-dozen-new-partners-electrify-10000-health-facilities-across-sub-saharan-africa>

³⁹⁷⁵ Assistant to the Administrator Michele Sumilas Led U.S. Delegation to the Global Partnership Effective Development Conference, Reaffirms Strong Commitment to Development Cooperation Effectiveness, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-15-2022-assistant-administrator-michele-sumilas-led-us-delegation-global-partnership-effective-development-conference-reaffirms-strong-commitment-development-cooperation-effectiveness>

³⁹⁷⁶ With Focus on Africa, New DFC and Mastercard Collaboration to Provide up to \$50 Million in Potential Financing to Enable Digitization and Financial Inclusion, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/focus-africa-new-dfc-and-mastercard-collaboration-provide-50-million-potential>

³⁹⁷⁷ DFC Drives Gender Investment in Capital Markets, Helps Launch World's First Orange Bond, U.S. International Development Finance Cooperation (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-drives-gender-investment-capital-markets-helps-launch-worlds-first-orange>

³⁹⁷⁸ DFC Approves More Than \$465 Million of Investments Including in Infrastructure, Health Security, and Small and Medium Sized Businesses in Q1 of FY 2023, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (Washington D.C.) 29 December 2023. Access Date: 17 January 2023. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-approves-more-465-million-investments-including-infrastructure-health>

On 9 January 2023, the USAID announced four new public-private partnerships under the Digital Invest program to improve “digital connectivity infrastructure and digital financial services that strengthen open, inclusive, and secure digital ecosystems in emerging markets.”³⁹⁷⁹ The four new partnerships are in collaboration with CSquared, Microsoft Airband, Modus Capital, and SIMA Funds, and will improve internet access and digital connectivity in Liberia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia.

On 18 January 2023, the USAID announced an additional USD125 million in future funding to help rebuild Ukraine’s critical energy and utility infrastructure.³⁹⁸⁰ The USAID will use the funds to procure vital equipment, such as “gas turbines, high voltage autotransformers, distribution substation repair equipment, and backup power for Kyiv’s water supply and district heating services.”

On 18 January 2023, the USAID launched the Enterprises for Development, Growth, and Empowerment (EDGE) Fund, a private sector partnership fund aimed at advancing the USAID’s development objectives.³⁹⁸¹ Among the first recipients of the EDGE Fund are initiatives that will enable the acquisition of climate resilient infrastructure and green transportation.

On 7 February 2023, the USAID provided Ukraine with a mobile gas turbine power plant to help supply electricity in the region.³⁹⁸² The USAID’s provision of generators will provide electricity and heating for up to seven million Ukrainians during Russia’s attacks on critical civil infrastructure in Ukraine.

On 3 March 2023, DFC Chief Climate Officer Jake Levine traveled to Kosovo to meet with government and business leaders to advance private sector development in energy diversification and critical infrastructure in the region.³⁹⁸³ CCO Levine reaffirmed the DFC’s commitment to mobilizing private sector investment to support Kosovo’s energy resource development.

On 17 March 2023, DFC CEO Nathan traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia to meet with senior government officials and private sector leaders to discuss the US’ continued support and investment in Indonesia’s energy sector and general transition.³⁹⁸⁴ CEO Nathan also met with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) officials, where he reaffirmed the DFC’s support for private sector-led development projects in the region.

On 31 March 2023, the DFC approved 17 new projects worth over USD655 million to support foreign improvements in infrastructure, energy security, food security, and healthcare.³⁹⁸⁵ The 17 projects span both the private and public sectors. Infrastructure projects include a USD300 million loan to the ISQ Growth Markets

³⁹⁷⁹ USAID Announces Four New Public-Private Partnerships Under the Digital Invest Program to Support Digital Finance and Internet Service Providers, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-09-2023-usaid-announces-four-new-public-private-partnerships-under-digital-invest-program-support-digital-finance-and-internet-service-providers>

³⁹⁸⁰ USAID Announces Additional \$125 Million in Urgent Energy Support for Ukraine, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-18-2023-usaid-announces-additional-125-million-urgent-energy-support-ukraine>

³⁹⁸¹ USAID to Launch New Fund to Tap Into Private Sector’s Competitive Edge to Solve Global Challenges, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-18-2023-usaid-launch-new-fund-tap-private-sectors-competitive-edge-solve-global-challenges>

³⁹⁸² USAID Delivers Mobile Gas Turbine Power Plant to Ukraine to Meet Electricity Needs, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-07-2023-usaid-delivers-mobile-gas-turbine-power-plant-ukraine-meet-electricity-needs>

³⁹⁸³ DFC CCO Jake Levine Travels to Kosovo, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (Pristina) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-cco-jake-levine-travels-kosovo>

³⁹⁸⁴ CEO Nathan Deepens Relationships with Government and Private Sector Leaders in Indonesia, Furthering Cooperation and Investment, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (Jakarta) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/ceo-nathan-deepens-relationships-government-and-private-sector-leaders>

³⁹⁸⁵ DFC Approves More Than \$655 Million of Investments to Bolster Infrastructure, Energy Security, Food Security, and Healthcare in Q2 of FY2023, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2023. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-approves-more-655-million-investments-bolster-infrastructure-energy>

Climate Impact Fund to build sustainable infrastructure in Asia and the Western Hemisphere, a USD10 million loan to expand electricity access in Africa, a USD49.5 million loan to Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd to support grid optimization and efficiency in India, and a USD7.3 million loan to enhance infrastructure in Lesotho.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD 600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. The United States has demonstrated strong action to generate public-private partnerships through intensified cooperation, democratic values and high standards.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Shirley Li

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap.

On 29 June 2022, the European Investment Bank (EIB) contributed approximately EUR33 million to the Portland Caribbean Fund III.³⁹⁸⁶ The fund, with a targeted size of approximately EUR318 million, aims to make “privately-negotiated equity and quasi-equity investments” to support companies in the Caribbean. Through the implementation of a multi-country and multi-sector strategy, the investments are expected to facilitate the expansion of 8-10 small businesses in the region.

On 7 July 2022, the EIB announced a proposal to allocate up to USD12 million from the COVID-19 Essential Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) Manufacturing in Africa Global Authorisation towards expanding the facilities of local manufacturers in Nigeria and establishing Nigeria’s first API manufacturing plant.³⁹⁸⁷ The API facilities expect to focus on the production of antimalarial drugs, which will in turn address and mitigate the public health threat of malaria prevalent in Nigeria. On a broader scale, the operation aims to promote public health by improving “the availability and security of pharmaceutical products in Nigeria and the West Africa region,” as well as by bolstering Nigeria’s industry by “reducing dependency on imports.”

On 31 August 2022, the EIB released plans to provide approximately EUR200 million to the Development Bank of Southern Africa for funding eligible projects under the Embedded Generation Investment Programme in South Africa.³⁹⁸⁸ The projects promote environmental sustainability through investments in renewable energy and the development of low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure, leading to significant reductions in carbon emissions.

On 5 September 2022, the EIB introduced a project involving EUR80 million to improve the energy efficiency of Bucharest, Romania’s Sector 2 residential buildings.³⁹⁸⁹ The investment is the first sub-project under the Romania Municipal EE Programme Loan II: a programme loan of approximately EUR300 million with the purpose of financing energy efficient investments.³⁹⁹⁰ The project focuses on thermal energy efficiency improvements for 428 buildings (16,688 apartment units), which will in turn reduce energy consumption.³⁹⁹¹

³⁹⁸⁶ Portland Caribbean Fund III, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/loans/all/20190090>

³⁹⁸⁷ Essential API – Nigeria, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220023>

³⁹⁸⁸ DBSA EGIP Facility, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220185>

³⁹⁸⁹ Bucharest S2 Energy Efficiency II, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220183>

³⁹⁹⁰ Romania Municipal EE Programme Loan II, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220181>

³⁹⁹¹ Bucharest S2 Energy Efficiency II, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220183>

On 7 September 2022, members of Team Europe and the EU, the EIB, the government of Cabo Verde, the African Development Bank and the German development bank KfW inaugurated a port on the island of Maio.³⁹⁹² The port is expected to provide “strategic transport corridors in Africa” and increase the potential of environmentally friendly tourism. Prime Minister of Cabo Verde Ulisses Correia e Silva lauded the port’s contribution to “boosting the island’s economy, attracting private investment, promoting mobility and employment, increasing income and improving conditions for a better future for our young people.”

On 9 September 2022, the EIB and EU confirmed the allocation of EUR95 million to the refurbishing of the M001 Road in Malawi.³⁹⁹³ The rehabilitation of the road aims to improve safety, “reduce transport costs, cut travel time and facilitate agricultural exports from rural communities.” The road will connect Malawi with its neighbouring countries and foster globalisation.

From 12 September 2022 to 15 September 2022, members of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT) attended the European Rural Parliament annual meeting in Kielce, Poland.³⁹⁹⁴ The EESC members promoted the needs of rural communities and voiced their commitment to the EU’s Rural Pact. The Rural Pact aims to achieve sustainable rural-urban development by facilitating communication between local communities, stakeholders and governments of all levels.³⁹⁹⁵ In regards to the commitment, President of the EESC’s NAT Section Peter Schmidt emphasized its importance in making “the EU’s rural areas stronger, more connected, resilient and prosperous by 2040.”

On 22 September 2022, the EIB signed EUR141.2 million toward the project Modernisation du Reseau Routier au Tchad.³⁹⁹⁶ The project aims to improve the quality of roads in Chad from the capital N’Djamena to the southern border with Cameroon. The rehabilitation, which aims to provide safer roads and climate change resilience, will improve mobility and accessibility to Chad’s nearest seaport, located in Douala, Cameroon.

On 26 September 2022, the EIB signed EUR15 million toward the project Autonom EV Fleet Deployment Romania.³⁹⁹⁷ Initially announced on 28 June 2022, the project finances the transition toward electric and low emission vehicles in Romania and promotes the use of alternative fuel sources. In turn, the project will improve sustainability and efficiency in Romania’s transport sector, accelerating Romania’s “transition towards zero emission road transport.”

On 28 September 2022, the European Commission and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development signed a new Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (FFPA).³⁹⁹⁸ Through the FFPA, the EU funds two new initiatives: it contributes a EUR11.5 million grant toward building “crisis-resilient Micro,

³⁹⁹² Global Gateway: Inauguration of Maio port in Cabo Verde to boost connectivity and green growth, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5326

³⁹⁹³ Malawi: EIB confirms EUR 95 million to rehabilitate M001 road, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 September 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-367-european-investment-bank-confirms-eur-95-million-to-rehabilitate-m001-road-across-malawi>

³⁹⁹⁴ NAT members promote EESC messages on Rural Development at the European Rural Parliament annual meeting, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022.

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/nat-members-promote-eesc-messages-rural-development-european-rural-parliament-annual-meeting>

³⁹⁹⁵ The EESC commits to supporting the EU’s Rural Pact, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 24 June 2022.

Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/eesc-commits-supporting-eus-rural-pact>

³⁹⁹⁶ Modernization of the Road Network in Chad, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/loans/all/20200097>

³⁹⁹⁷ Autonom EV Fleet Deployment Romania, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/loans/all/20220217>

³⁹⁹⁸ Global Gateway: European Commission and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development deepen their partnership to boost private sector investment in partner countries, Press and information team of the Delegation to Kazakhstan (Brussels) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kazakhstan/global-gateway-european-commission-and-european-bank-reconstruction-and-en>

Small and Medium Size Enterprises in Mongolia” and an additional EUR five million toward sustainability for private enterprises in the Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The agreement addresses the challenges partner countries faced in light of COVID-19 and promotes investment in sustainable infrastructure and private sectors.

On 10 October 2022, Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Saint Lucia Philip J. Pierre and Vice President of the EIB Ricardo Mourinho Félix announced an agreement to invest EUR14 million into healthcare infrastructure.³⁹⁹⁹ Saint Lucia was severely impacted by COVID-19; investments aim to improve the island’s preparedness for future pandemics. The loan will “help protect vulnerable groups and accelerate the region’s return to normal economic activities.”

On 21 October 2022, the EIB released approximately USD10 million for the Bandwidth and Cloud Solutions project.⁴⁰⁰⁰ Initially announced on 16 December 2021, the project falls under the parent project COVID-19 Digital Africa Loan Envelope. The project facilitates the construction of new fibre optic networks in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The fibre links promote digital transformation in the DRC by enabling high speed broadband, specifically benefitting nine towns located in underserved regions.

On 27 October 2022, the EIB agreed to finance EUR100 million to Nigerian telecommunications company MTN Nigeria Communications Plc.⁴⁰⁰¹ The funding will go toward a network expansion programme that will accelerate 4G coverage and expand broadband access in Nigeria.

On 9 November 2022, the EIB signed a EUR200 million contract with Moroccan national railway company Office National des Chemins de Fer.⁴⁰⁰² The funds will go toward strengthening existing railway infrastructure, modernising equipment across the Moroccan rail network and implementing flood protection plans. It is expected that the infrastructure projects will “contribute to the development of low-carbon sustainable mobility, while also promoting more equal access to rail services in the different regions of the country.”

On 11 November 2022, the EIB and the Development Bank of Southern Africa agreed to a EUR400 million initiative focusing on private sector renewable energy investment in South Africa.⁴⁰⁰³ Launched at COP27, the EIB will contribute EUR200 million to the initiative. The project is expected to generate new construction jobs, as well as boost sustainable energy development and growth in South Africa.

On 21 November 2022, EIB Vice-President Teresa Czerwińska attended the third ministerial conference of the Moldova Support Platform and voiced the EIB’s intention to continue investing in transport, energy and healthcare projects in Moldova.⁴⁰⁰⁴ On top of promoting sustainable development, Vice-President Czerwińska expects the EIB’s support to help Moldova further integrate with the European Union and its values.

³⁹⁹⁹ St Lucia: The EIB invests €14m (USD 14m) into healthcare infrastructure, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 1 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-395-the-eib-invests-eur-14m-into-st-lucia-s-healthcare-infrastructure>

⁴⁰⁰⁰ Bandwidth and Cloud Solutions, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/loans/all/20210065>

⁴⁰⁰¹ Nigeria: EIB backs MTN Nigeria with €100m for high-speed network expansion, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-451-eib-backs-mtn-nigeria-with-eur-100m-for-high-speed-network-expansion>

⁴⁰⁰² Morocco: €250 million from the EIB to improve rail service quality, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-472-maroc-250-millions-d-euros-de-la-bei-pour-ameliorer-la-qualite-des-services-ferroviaires>

⁴⁰⁰³ EIB and Development Bank of Southern Africa launch €400 million South Africa renewable energy investment initiative, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-479-european-investment-bank-and-development-bank-of-southern-africa-launch-eur-400-million-south-africa-renewable-energy-investment-initiative>

⁴⁰⁰⁴ Moldova Support Platform: EIB to continue investing in Moldova, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 21 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-494-moldova-support-platform-eib-to-continue-investing-in-moldova>

On 23 November 2022, the EIB signed an investment of EUR50 million for the purpose of improving the water sector in North Macedonia.⁴⁰⁰⁵ Municipalities in North Macedonia may access the funds to install wastewater infrastructure, modernise distribution and collection networks and improve upon emergency flood protection measures. Regarding the funding's impact on North Macedonia, EIB Vice-President Lilyana Pavlova commented, "By improving environmental and living conditions in the country, the funds will create substantial social and economic benefits and make water infrastructure more resilient to climate change."

On 7 December 2022, the European Commission adopted a new assistance programme for Belarus called "EU4Belarus: Supporting societal resilience and human capital development."⁴⁰⁰⁶ The programme includes a fund of EUR25 million in order to support accessibility to education and other democratic aspirations in Belarus.

On 9 December 2022, European Union and Chilean representatives cemented the EU-Chile Advanced Framework Agreement.⁴⁰⁰⁷ The agreement focuses on increased trade, investments into small and medium enterprises and sustainable development between the two members.

On 10 December 2022, EIB Vice-President Kris Peeters and Vietnam Electricity Chairman Duong Quang Thanh signed a memorandum of understanding, signalling the EIB's intention to increase commitment and support toward sustainable energy generation and decarbonization in Vietnam.⁴⁰⁰⁸ Vice-President Peeters emphasized the EIB's willingness to invest in sustainable transport projects such as the Hanoi metro line and highlighted the need for cooperation with Vietnam in order to further progress in climate mitigation.

On 12 December 2022, the EESC released an initiative opinion that emphasized the need for Latin America to develop a new social contract in order to ensure "political accountability, inclusion, social protection and quality employment."⁴⁰⁰⁹ Further, the opinion called upon Latin American nations to build strong alliances with the European Union in order to better combat the effects of COVID-19 through the organization of free and democratic civil societies.

On 14 December 2022, the European Commission announced at the EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit an agreement among EU Member States to mobilise EUR10 billion for investment in infrastructure projects in South-East Asian nations.⁴⁰¹⁰ The agreement is a part of the EU's Global Gateway strategy and will focus on improving access to renewable energy, investing in digitalization and connectivity and promoting sustainable value chains. Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen described the agreement as a partnership that will help "realise a greener, more prosperous, equal and digital future in both Asia and Europe."

⁴⁰⁰⁵ North Macedonia: Team Europe – EIB Global provides €50 million for integrated municipal water and sanitation services, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-495-team-europe-eib-global-provides-eur50-million-for-integrated-municipal-water-and-sanitation-services-in-north-macedonia>

⁴⁰⁰⁶ Commission will provide €25 million to support the democratic aspirations in Belarus, European Commission (Brussels) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7376

⁴⁰⁰⁷ EU and Chile strengthen a comprehensive political and trade partnership, European Commission (Brussels) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7569

⁴⁰⁰⁸ EIB Global to support Vietnam's efforts to decarbonise electricity sector, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-526-eib-global-to-support-vietnam-s-efforts-to-decarbonise-electricity-sector>

⁴⁰⁰⁹ Latin America needs a new social contract to stimulate economic recovery, while building a strong alliance with the EU, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/latin-america-needs-new-social-contract-stimulate-economic-recovery-while-building-strong-alliance-eu>

⁴⁰¹⁰ Global Gateway: EU and its Member States to mobilise €10 billion for South-East Asia, European Commission (Brussels) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7678

On 15 December 2022, the European Commission and African partners launched an initiative that aims to improve sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) in Africa.⁴⁰¹¹ The initiative will focus on reducing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, improving the affordability and availability of SRHR goods and bolstering the health and education sector, particularly for adolescent girls and young women in Africa.

On 19 December 2022, the EIB announced its intention to contribute EUR200 million for the Aqaba Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project.⁴⁰¹² The project is Jordan's largest water investment project to date, and the EIB's contribution will go toward supplying "an additional 300 million cubic metres of water each year after desalination and transferring it from Aqaba to the Jordanian capital Amman and the rest of its provinces."

On 19 December 2022, the EIB confirmed a disbursement of EUR73.6 million to the Malagasy Road Agency in order to aid in the modernization of highway infrastructure in Madagascar.⁴⁰¹³ The funds will go toward ongoing work on the RN13 and RN6 highways in Madagascar. EIB Vice-President Ambroise Fayolle commented that the EIB, as a member of Team Europe, expects the project to "improve the economic and social opportunities of rural communities while safeguarding the environment."

On 20 December 2022, the EIB announced a loan of approximately DOP581 million to BANFONDESA for the purpose of investing in microenterprises in the Dominican Republic.⁴⁰¹⁴ The funds specifically aim to "increase credit provision for women entrepreneurs and in remote rural areas where access to banks is limited." In turn, the funds are expected to promote economic growth and financial inclusion of traditionally excluded groups within the Dominican Republic.

On 21 December 2022, the EIB signed the Essential API - Nigeria project. Originally announced 7 July 2022, the project adjusted its expected contribution to EUR14 million from the initially proposed USD12 million.⁴⁰¹⁵ The project is expected to increase "security and availability of antimalarial drugs," improve health outcomes by preventing malaria, provide decent jobs and eradicate poverty in Nigeria.

On 27 December 2022, the EIB signed the Dakar Public Transport Network Restructuring project, which proposes EUR167 million for improving the transportation system in Dakar, Senegal.⁴⁰¹⁶ Improvements to the transportation system include the restructuring of the bus network and the development of new roads among other actions. The project intends to reduce emissions, modernize public transit and lower operating costs in Senegal.

On 31 December 2022, the EIB signed a project investing approximately EUR14 million in São Tomé and Príncipe's water supply.⁴⁰¹⁷ The funding is to be used to increase water supply and improve distribution infrastructure and services in São Tomé. It is expected that improvement in São Tomé's drinking supply will

⁴⁰¹¹ EU and African partners launch flagship initiative, European Commission (Brussels) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_7738

⁴⁰¹² Jordan and EIB sign €200 million loan for Aqaba Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-546-jordan-and-european-investment-bank-sign-eur-200-million-loan-for-aqaba-amman-water-desalination-and-conveyance-project>

⁴⁰¹³ Madagascar: Project to modernise the RN13 and RN6 national highways – €73.6 million disbursement from EIB and European Union, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 25 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-550-projet-de-modernisation-des-routes-nationales-rn13-et-rn6-a-madagascar-decaissement-de-736-millions-d-euros-de-la-bei-et-de-l-union-europeenne>

⁴⁰¹⁴ Dominican Republic: EIB and BANFONDESA to provide new microfinance support for entrepreneurs, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2022-569-dominican-republic-eib-and-banfondesa-to-provide-new-microfinance-support-for-entrepreneurs>

⁴⁰¹⁵ Essential API - Nigeria, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220023>

⁴⁰¹⁶ Dakar Public Transport Network Restructuring, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 3 November 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20210403>

⁴⁰¹⁷ Sao Tome Water Supply, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20200935>

help increase the country's resilience towards climate change and support more inclusive socioeconomic development.

On 3 January 2023, the EIB approved funding of approximately EUR10 million to Moza Banco for the purpose of financing small and medium-sized businesses in Mozambique.⁴⁰¹⁸ The project specifically aims to expand access to small and medium-sized projects for women in Mozambique, furthering women's economic equality and empowerment.

On 24 January 2023, the EIB approved the Nairobi Sustainable Transport Programme, which will provide approximately EUR201 million for the development and construction of Bus Rapid Transport Line 3 in Nairobi, Kenya.⁴⁰¹⁹ The programme addresses the congestion in the capital city caused by the current inefficient transport system. Funding will go toward, but is not limited to the "construction of a bus depot, procurement and acquisition of zero emission electric buses, construction of bus stops and associated monitoring, ticketing and management facilities."

On 25 January 2023, the EIB announced that it signed the Madagascar Electrification Programme on 22 December 2022.⁴⁰²⁰ The programme allocates approximately EUR10 million to financing mini grids to households, businesses, and other infrastructure facilities in Madagascar without a reliable electricity supply. The programme aims to improve sustainability, infrastructure development and accessibility to under-served local communities.

On 27 January 2023, the European Commission announced a partnership with South Africa on the Just and Green Recovery Team Europe Initiative as part of the EU's Global Gateway Framework.⁴⁰²¹ The EU will invest more than EUR280 million to improve public infrastructure, repurposing coal power plants, "improving energy efficiency in public buildings and accelerating circular economy start-ups" in South Africa. Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, anticipates that "[u]nder Global Gateway, this new Team Europe Initiative with South Africa will support the country to take steps towards 'greening' the economy and creating sustainable jobs."

On 15 February 2023, the EIB signed a project to invest approximately EUR20 million in sustainable agriculture in Madagascar.⁴⁰²² The funds will go toward agriculture, forestry, fishing and manufacturing within the area to ensure "sustainable income and environmental protection" for people living in environmentally sensitive areas.

On 17 February 2023, the EIB signed the Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Fund II with the intention of allocating approximately EUR75 million in investments for infrastructure in Africa.⁴⁰²³ The fund will target Africa's regional energy, transport, services, water, sewerage and telecom sectors. The fund is expected to improve mobility in power and energy transition in Africa, particularly in renewable energy.

On 21 February 2023, the EIB signed a project allocating approximately EUR20 million to the KCB Bank in Tanzania.⁴⁰²⁴ The operation is part of the parent project Tanzania Gender and Blue Economy Facility GA and

⁴⁰¹⁸ ACP Gender Finance Facility - Moza Banco, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220790>

⁴⁰¹⁹ Nairobi Sustainable Transport Programme BRT 3, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20150460>

⁴⁰²⁰ Madagascar Electrification Programme, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20210095>

⁴⁰²¹ EU partners with South Africa Just and Green Recovery, European Commission (Brussels) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_353

⁴⁰²² Madagascar Sustainable Agriculture, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220466>

⁴⁰²³ Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Fund II, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220585>

⁴⁰²⁴ Tanzania Gender and Blue Economy Facility - KCB, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220593>

will finance small and medium-sized enterprises in the private sector. The project aims to “increase resilience of local communities as well as contribute to gender equality” by focusing on women-led businesses in Tanzania.

On 22 February 2023, the EIB signed another sub-project of the Tanzania Gender and Blue Economy Facility GA allocating approximately EUR150 million to CRDB Bank Plc.⁴⁰²⁵ The funding goes toward investment in the private sector, focusing on women-led businesses to promote gender equality.

On 23 February 2023, the EIB signed another project allocating approximately EUR100 million to NMB Bank Plc as part of the Tanzania Gender and Blue Economy Facility GA.⁴⁰²⁶ The funding will focus on “the blue economy and businesses managed or owned by women,” thus promoting women’s economic empowerment.

On 24 February 2023, the EIB signed a project dedicating approximately EUR50 million to investment in private sector development in Morocco.⁴⁰²⁷ The funding will specifically target small and medium projects and requires that the beneficiaries of the loan comply with the EIB’s Environmental and Social Standards.

On 24 February 2023, the EIB announced the DWM Displaced Communities Fund, a project that intends to invest EUR14 million in microfinance institutions and inclusive financial institutions, among other companies in Africa.⁴⁰²⁸ The project has been under appraisal since 7 February 2023 and aims to “serve forcibly displaced or migrant populations for conflict, climate or economic reasons.” The fund is also expected to support the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Reducing Inequality.

On 28 February 2023, the European Commission announced an agreement with EIB to mobilize up to EUR4 billion for African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.⁴⁰²⁹ The funding will focus on private sector investments and work to “create jobs and opportunities, particularly for women and youth, and support green and digital transitions in EU partner countries.”

On 1 March 2023, the EIB announced the project Seedstars Africa Ventures 1, a proposed fund of EUR19 million for investment focused primarily in West and East Africa within Sub-Saharan Africa and to a lesser extent North Africa.⁴⁰³⁰ The project has been under appraisal since 23 January 2023 with the purpose of investing in small and medium-sized enterprises to leverage “digital technologies to deliver services across sectors.” Through these investments, the project aims to “support the creation of jobs, digitalisation and the private sector development.”

On 3 March 2023, the EIB approved funding of approximately EUR10 million to Moza Banco for the purpose of financing small and medium-sized businesses in Mozambique.⁴⁰³¹ The project specifically aims to expand access to small and medium-sized projects for women in Mozambique, furthering women’s economic equality and empowerment.

⁴⁰²⁵ Tanzania Gender & Blue Economy Facility - CRDB Bank Plc, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220491>

⁴⁰²⁶ Tanzania Gender & Blue Economy Facility - NMB Bank Plc, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 4 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220594>

⁴⁰²⁷ Banque Centrale Populaire Loan for SMEs&Mid-Caps, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20170613>

⁴⁰²⁸ DWM Displaced Communities Fund, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220378>

⁴⁰²⁹ Global Gateway: EIB and European Commission sign agreement to boost private sector investments in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1122

⁴⁰³⁰ Seedstars Africa Ventures 1, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220721>

⁴⁰³¹ ACP Gender Finance Facility - Moza Banco, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 3 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220790>

On 2 March 2023, Neighbourhood and Enlargement Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi announced funding for new cooperation programmes totaling EUR624 million during an official visit to Morocco.⁴⁰³² Through a variety of programmes, the EU will financially support Morocco's commitment to transition to sustainable energy, migration and reforms in education and industry.

On 17 March 2023, the EIB signed the Acre Export Finance Fund I committing roughly USD40 million to create an infrastructure debt fund for Africa.⁴⁰³³ The fund intends to support sustainable infrastructure projects in the renewable energy, health, resource security, and green transportation sectors.

On 27 March 2023, the European Commission announced that it will provide around EUR331 million to support humanitarian projects in the Greater Horn of Africa region.⁴⁰³⁴ The funding prioritizes promoting international humanitarian law in the region by addressing disaster preparedness, improving food security, educating children, and combating gender-based violence.

On 31 March 2023, the EIB signed Mediterranea Capital IV, a project originally introduced 20 July 2022 investing approximately EUR15 million toward small and medium-sized companies located in the North Africa region.⁴⁰³⁵ The project supports private sector development in North Africa in order to grow the region's institutionalization and economic independence.

On 3 April 2023, the European Commission allocated EUR9 million to support Burundian refugees.⁴⁰³⁶ Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič emphasized that along with providing immediate protection and basic necessities for refugees, "it is also important to continue exploring longer-term solutions, in close cooperation with development actors."

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize USD600 billion over the next five years to narrow the global investment gap. The European Union has supported infrastructure development in both the public and private sectors through projects funded by the European Investment Bank. Their successful agreements with developing nations are a reflection of intensified cooperation towards achieving goals rooted in democratic values, such as infrastructure sustainability and inclusivity.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁰³² EU launches new cooperation programmes with Morocco worth €624 million green transition, migration and reforms, European Commission (Brussels) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_423

⁴⁰³³ Acre Export Finance Fund, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 9 April 2023.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220159>

⁴⁰³⁴ Greater Horn of Africa: EU allocates €331 million in humanitarian aid, European Commission (Brussels) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1923

⁴⁰³⁵ Mediterranea Capital IV, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 20 July 2022. Access Date: 9 April 2023.

<https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20220591>

⁴⁰³⁶ Burundi: EU allocates €9 million to refugee crisis, European Commission (Brussels) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2075

19. Non-proliferation: Non-proliferation Treaty

“[In view of the 10th Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in August 2022, we are united in our resolve to] ... advance implementation of the Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.”

G7 Elmau Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany		0	
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75 (88%)		

Background

Nuclear non-proliferation has been at the forefront of G7 leaders’ global priorities since its conception. The Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was introduced in 1968 through the United Nations with the primary aim of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and its associated technology through three pillars: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.⁴⁰³⁷ Currently, 190 countries are signatories to the NPT, and the treaty’s period has been extended indefinitely as of 1995. The operation of the NPT has been reviewed regularly at conferences held at five-year intervals with the most recent being the Tenth Review of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in August of 2022.⁴⁰³⁸

Briefly, the commitments made under each of the three “pillars” of the NPT are as follows:

Non-Proliferation: Each nuclear-weapon state (NWS – i.e. China, France, Russia, the United States, and the United Kingdom) commits not to assist non-nuclear weapon states (NNWS), indirectly or directly, acquire nuclear weapons.⁴⁰³⁹ NNWS similarly pledge not to acquire or manufacture nuclear weapons. Additionally, NNWS agree to accept the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards system to ensure the use or production of nuclear material is exclusively for peaceful purposes.

Disarmament: Parties to the NPT shall “pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race ... and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.”⁴⁰⁴⁰ This includes the ability to conclude regional treaties to assure the absence of nuclear weapons from a given region.

Peaceful use of nuclear energy: Parties have the right to engage in research, production, and the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, including the possible exchange of equipment, materials, and scientific and technological

⁴⁰³⁷ Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), United Nations (Geneva) 1 July 1968. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt/text>

⁴⁰³⁸ Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, United Nations (Geneva) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/en/conferences/npt2020>

⁴⁰³⁹ Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) – Article 1, United Nations (Geneva) 1 July 1968. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt/text>

⁴⁰⁴⁰ Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) – Article 6, United Nations (Geneva) 1 July 1968. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt/text>

information.⁴⁰⁴¹ This may be done bilaterally or internationally. Potential benefits discovered from peaceful nuclear energy usage shall be shared with NNWS on a non-discriminatory basis, perhaps through bilateral agreements.

At the 1996 Moscow Nuclear Safety and Security Summit Declaration, the G8 committed to increase cooperation in the field of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament by promoting universal adherence to the NPT and working to strengthen the IAEA safeguards system.⁴⁰⁴² The G8 also agreed to prioritize the safe management of nuclear material to prevent any illicit trafficking in nuclear materials during the dismantling of nuclear weapons and use of nuclear energy, thus adhering to pillars one and two.

At the 1997 Denver Summit, G8 leaders committed to establish relevant domestic legislation regarding the use of nuclear weapons as well as nuclear waste management as a precursor to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management as introduced by the IAEA later the same year.⁴⁰⁴³ The convention, signed by 71 countries, is the first legal instrument to address the issue of radioactive waste management safety on a global scale which promotes the third pillar, research, development and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.⁴⁰⁴⁴

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitments made in the 1996 Moscow Summit, particularly those in relation to pillars one and two, and reiterated their objective of ensuring the safe use of nuclear power.⁴⁰⁴⁵

At the 2002 Kananaskis Summit, in response to the events of 11 September 2001, G8 leaders committed to preventing terrorists from acquiring or developing nuclear weapons, equipment, and technology.⁴⁰⁴⁶ This resulted in the unveiling of the Global Partnership against the Proliferation of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (the Global Partnership), a 10-year, USD20 billion international security initiative aimed at supporting nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, fulfilling all three pillars.⁴⁰⁴⁷ The G7 Nuclear Safety and Security Group (NSSG) was also established with the goal of providing technically informed strategic policy advice on issues that could impact safety and security in the peaceful uses of nuclear technology.⁴⁰⁴⁸

At the 2003 Evian Summit, G8 members reaffirmed their support for the IAEA and stated the agency should be granted the necessary means to implement its monitoring tasks, thus promoting pillars one and two. In response to the proliferation of nuclear weapons in Iran, Iraq, and North Korea with United States President Bush naming them the 'Axis of Evil', the G8 directed renewed attention and support towards the IAEA and

⁴⁰⁴¹ Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) – Article 4, United Nations (Geneva) 1 July 1968. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/npt/text>

⁴⁰⁴² Nuclear Safety and Security Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 April 1996. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1996moscow/declaration.html>

⁴⁰⁴³ The 1997 G7 Compliance Report: From Lyon 1996 to Denver 1997, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 April 1998. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/1997denver/compliance/index.html>

⁴⁰⁴⁴ Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, International Atomic Energy Association (Vienna) 5 September 1997. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.iaea.org/topics/nuclear-safety-conventions/joint-convention-safety-spent-fuel-management-and-safety-radioactive-waste>.

⁴⁰⁴⁵ G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

⁴⁰⁴⁶ 2002 Kananaskis Final Compliance Report Arms Control and Disarmament, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 July 2003. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2003compliance/Compliance%202002%20Arms.pdf>

⁴⁰⁴⁷ 2002 Kananaskis Final Compliance Report Arms Control and Disarmament, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 July 2003. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2003compliance/Compliance%202002%20Arms.pdf>

⁴⁰⁴⁸ G7 Nuclear Safety and Security Group: Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/211209-nssg.html>

its operations, namely by aiding them in expanding their scope to encompass new projects and new members.⁴⁰⁴⁹

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 leaders reiterated their support for the Global Partnership.⁴⁰⁵⁰ The focus point of the summit related to concerns over the issue of ‘rogue states’ such as Iran and North Korea acquiring nuclear weapons. With both Iran and North Korea actively disregarding the NPT, the G8 committed to “inaugurate new initiatives involving transfer of enrichment and reprocessing equipment and technologies to additional states,” thus supporting all three pillars.⁴⁰⁵¹

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, the G8 reaffirmed its support for the Global Partnership, therefore supporting all three pillars.⁴⁰⁵²

At the 2006 St Petersburg Summit, the G8 once again reaffirmed its commitment to “the full implementation of all G8 Global Partnership objectives.”⁴⁰⁵³

At the 2007 Heiligendamm Summit, the G8 released a separate statement on non-proliferation in addition to two reports. The Statement on Non-Proliferation affirmed that the “G8 realized that the Global Partnership against Proliferation of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction is a unique and successful joint effort” but at the same time also noted that more has to be done to increase the efficiency of the partnership.⁴⁰⁵⁴

At the 2008 Hokkaido-Toyako Summit, the G8 stated they are “determined to accomplish priority projects” of the Global Partnership.⁴⁰⁵⁵ G8 leaders also agreed to the geographic expansion of the partnership, specifying that they “recognize that the Global Partnership must evolve further to address new, emerging risks worldwide if we are to prevent terrorists or those that harbour them from acquiring chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear weapons and/or missiles.”⁴⁰⁵⁶

At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, the G8 reaffirmed its support for the universal enforcement of UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540, whose aim is to prevent the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and “related materials” by non-state actors.⁴⁰⁵⁷ The G8 also affirmed the importance of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in combating terrorism and the proliferation of WMDs.⁴⁰⁵⁸

⁴⁰⁴⁹ 2003 Evian Final Compliance Report Weapons of Mass Destruction, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2003. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2003evian_comp_final/12-2003evian_wmd.pdf

⁴⁰⁵⁰ Non-Proliferation: Weapons of Mass Destruction, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 August 2004. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2004seaisland_final/08_2004_seaisland_final.pdf

⁴⁰⁵¹ Non-Proliferation: Weapons of Mass Destruction, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 August 2004. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2004seaisland_final/08_2004_seaisland_final.pdf

⁴⁰⁵² Non-proliferation, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 17 August 2005. Access Date: 24 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2005compliance_final/2005-17-g8-f-comp_nonprolif.pdf

⁴⁰⁵³ Joint Statement by George Bush and Vladimir Putin on the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 July 2006. Access Date: 24 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2006stpetersburg/bushputin060715b.html>

⁴⁰⁵⁴ Report of the Nuclear Safety and Security Group, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2007. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heiligendamm/g8-2007-nuclear.pdf>

⁴⁰⁵⁵ Non-proliferation, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 14 August 2008. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2008compliance-final/14-08-nonproliferation.pdf>

⁴⁰⁵⁶ Sea Island and Beyond: Status Report on the Global Partnership Against Weapons of Mass Destruction, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 June 2008. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/meetings-official/statusreport040615.htm>

⁴⁰⁵⁷ 2009 L’Aquila G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 July 2010. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2009compliance-final/2009compliance.pdf>

⁴⁰⁵⁸ L’Aquila Statement on Non-proliferation, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 June 2009. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-nonproliferation.pdf>

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, the G8 “[welcomed] the outcome of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, and will pursue the follow-on actions recommended by consensus.”⁴⁰⁵⁹ The G8 leaders also supported the Extension Conference Resolution on the Middle East for “a creation of a nuclear free zone and other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery in the Middle East.”⁴⁰⁶⁰ The G8 restated their support for the IAEA.⁴⁰⁶¹

At the 2011 Deauville Summit, the G8 “[remained] determined to increase the effectiveness of their national systems to combat proliferation” and therefore extended the mandate for the Global Partnership.⁴⁰⁶² The G8 leaders also reiterated their support for the universal enforcement of UNSCR 1540.⁴⁰⁶³

At the 2012 Camp David Summit, the G8 recommitted to upholding and supporting the three pillars of the NPT: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.⁴⁰⁶⁴ The G8 stated its support for the adoption of the UNSCR 1977, which renewed the mandate of the 1540 Committee and reaffirmed obligations stipulated in Resolution 1540. The G8 leaders also committed to strengthen their export and import policies to prevent the illegal proliferation of materials that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 members stated that they “remain committed to the universalization of the treaties and conventions relevant to, amongst others, preventing and combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular the NPT.”⁴⁰⁶⁵ In the Leaders’ Declaration, G7 leaders reasserted their “commitment to seeking a safer world for all and to creating the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons in a way that promotes international stability.”

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, the G7 reiterated its commitment to non-proliferation and disarmament.⁴⁰⁶⁶ In response to North Korea’s nuclear weapons testing and their ongoing breaches of international law, the G7 called for North Korea to immediately and fully comply with all relevant UNSCRs and abandon all nuclear missile programs.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, the G7 called for the complete denuclearization of North Korea and committed to ensuring Iran would not be able to make a nuclear weapon.⁴⁰⁶⁷ The NSSG met three times under the United Kingdom’s G7 Presidency and were joined in nuclear safety and security policy discussions and exchange of experience by representatives from the IAEA, the Nuclear Energy Agency, the World Institute for Nuclear Security, the European Commission and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.⁴⁰⁶⁸

⁴⁰⁵⁹ G8 Muskoka Declaration Recovery and New Beginnings, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/summit/2010/pdfs/declaration_1006.pdf

⁴⁰⁶⁰ G8 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: A Contribution to the 2010 NPT Review Conference, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 March 2010. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin100330-nonprolif.html>

⁴⁰⁶¹ 2010 Muskoka G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 May 2011. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2010compliance-final/2010g8finalcompliance.pdf>

⁴⁰⁶² Declaration on Non-proliferation and Disarmament, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2011. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-nonprolif-en.html>

⁴⁰⁶³ Accountability Report on Arms Control and Non-proliferation: The G8’s Compliance Record, 1975–2009, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2010. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/scholar/guebert-kirton-arms-2010.pdf>

⁴⁰⁶⁴ Group of Eight Declaration on Nonproliferation and Disarmament for 2012, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 May 2012. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-npt.html>

⁴⁰⁶⁵ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

⁴⁰⁶⁶ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

⁴⁰⁶⁷ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Carbis Bay) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2021/06/13/carbis-bay-g7-summit-communique>

⁴⁰⁶⁸ G7 Nuclear Safety and Security Group: Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/211209-nssg.html>

Nuclear non-proliferation has had a near constant presence in G7 summits since the 2002 Kananaskis Summit.⁴⁰⁶⁹ The Global Partnership has made it clear that the three pillars of the NPT are vital to ensuring the Treaty's efficacious implementation.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “advance implementation of the [Non-Proliferation] Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.”⁴⁰⁷⁰

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, “advance” means to “move or push forward, make progress, give active support to, promote, cause an event to occur at an earlier date.”⁴⁰⁷¹

“Implementation” refers to “the process of making something active or effective.”⁴⁰⁷² Similarly, “implement” is commonly understood to mean “taking steps forward.” While commitments “may be a part of a longer-term initiative (taking place over) ... the prolonged future, steps need to be taken in the near future to be considered implementation.”

In the context of this commitment, “advancing implementation” therefore refers to taking concrete steps in the near future to increase compliance with the provisions contained within the three pillars of the NPT: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Increasing compliance may refer to taking steps to increase a state's own compliance with the provisions of the NPT, or to taking steps to increase another state's compliance. For greater certainty, G7 members cannot merely maintain the status quo as it pertains to their “implementation” of the NPT; there must be some change in breadth or depth in national or international policy, or an increase in funding for existing initiatives, or the creation of funding for new initiatives, for example.

The previous section briefly outlined commitments of Parties to the NPT. Stronger examples of “advancing the implementation” of the NPT include but are not limited to: establishing (or providing material support for the establishing) of a nuclear-weapon free zone (NWFZ), agreeing on the creation of new bilateral and multilateral agreements regarding the peaceful use and/or trade of nuclear materials (or the renewal of existing ones); further subjecting one's nuclear programs to the IAEA safeguards regime; imposing sanctions against states that do not abide by the NPT, or who are aiding states who do not abide by the NPT; or signing or ratifying new international agreements related to nuclear disarmament or the cessation of the nuclear arms race; providing significant financial support to domestic initiatives that advance any of the three NPT pillars. Weaker examples of “advancing implementation” include providing verbal support for any of the aforementioned initiatives; unilateral or joint statements pressuring non-Party states to adhere to the NPT; reaffirming commitment towards any of the NPT's three pillars; international information sharing as it pertains to the three NPT pillars; or attendance at meetings where any of the aforementioned initiatives were discussed.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G7 members that have taken strong steps during the compliance period to increase compliance with the provisions contained within two or more of the three pillars of the NPT using strong actions.

⁴⁰⁶⁹ Statement by the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction on Ukraine, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220329-global-partnership.html>

⁴⁰⁷⁰ Statement by the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction on Ukraine, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220329-global-partnership.html>

⁴⁰⁷¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴⁰⁷² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 26 September 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that have taken strong steps during the compliance period to increase compliance with the provisions of only one of the three pillars of the NPT or less than strong steps in more than one pillar.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member has not taken steps during the compliance period to increase compliance with the provisions in any of the three pillars of the NPT or has taken less than strong action in only one pillar. Additionally, this score will be assigned if a G7 member decreases compliance with provisions contained within the NPT during the compliance period.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken strong action to increase compliance with the provisions in the following pillars: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy OR the G7 member has decreased compliance with the provisions contained within the NPT, using strong action.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to increase compliance with the provisions in only ONE of the following pillars: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy OR less than strong steps in more than one pillar.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to increase compliance with the provisions in at least TWO or more of the following pillars: (i) nuclear disarmament, (ii) non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and (iii) research, development, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 3 August 2022, during the NPT Review Conference, Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Leslie Norton publicly restated Canada's commitment to the NPT and to its three core tenets of nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and the peaceful utilization of atomic energy.⁴⁰⁷³ Ambassador Norton additionally called for the immediate commencement of negotiations on the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty.

On 29 August 2022, Global Affairs Canada posted a statement from the G7 Non-Proliferation Directors' Group which expressed support for the mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at the Ukrainian Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) in order to maintain nuclear safety and prevent the militarization of the area.⁴⁰⁷⁴

On 21 September 2022, Global Affairs Canada released a joint statement supporting the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).⁴⁰⁷⁵ The statement, inter alia, reaffirmed Canada's commitment to the CTBT

⁴⁰⁷³ Statement by H.E Leslie Norton – Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva and to the Conference on Disarmament at the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/news-nouvelles/2022/2022-08-03-statement-un-nu-declaration.aspx?lang=eng>

⁴⁰⁷⁴ Statement of the G7 Non-Proliferation Directors' Group on nuclear safety and security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/statement-of-the-g7-non-proliferation-directors-group-on-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant.html>

⁴⁰⁷⁵ Joint Statement on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.international.gc.ca/news-nouvelles/2022/2022-09-22-statement-ctbt-tice-declaration.aspx?lang=eng>

and its goal of limiting nuclear proliferation, urged all States who had not yet ratified the Treaty to do so, and called upon all states to declare or maintain national moratoria on nuclear explosions.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, Canada expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion, regarding nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as its personnel.⁴⁰⁷⁶ Signatories cited the heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 IAEA General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA “nuclear safety and security assistance plan” for Ukraine.⁴⁰⁷⁷

On 4 October 2022, Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly stated that Canada will continue to advocate for North Korea’s denuclearization, in response to the launching of ballistic missiles by North Korea.⁴⁰⁷⁸

On 22 October 2022, the G7 Nonproliferation Directors General issued a statement condemning Russia’s seizure and militarization of the ZNPP.⁴⁰⁷⁹ Signatories condemned Russia’s threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA’s efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia’s seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴⁰⁸⁰ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India’s early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran’s Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UN Security Council Resolutions related to North Korea.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia’s seizure and militarization of Ukraine’s ZNPP.⁴⁰⁸¹ The leaders expressed support of the IAEA’s efforts to establish a “Safety and Security Zone.”

⁴⁰⁷⁶ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴⁰⁷⁷ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴⁰⁷⁸ Statement by Minister Joly on North Korea’s missile launches, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/statement-by-minister-joly-on-north-koreas-missile-launches.html>

⁴⁰⁷⁹ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA’s efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-npdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaeas-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴⁰⁸⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

⁴⁰⁸¹ G7 Leaders’ Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau met with Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, where both parties reiterated their commitment to the denuclearization of North Korea in line with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and condemned Russia's threat of using its nuclear weapons.⁴⁰⁸²

On 24 February 2023, Minister Joly pledged CAD12.2 million in funding to help Ukraine counter chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.⁴⁰⁸³ Inter alia, Canada is providing CAD2 million to help the IAEA assess nuclear safeguards and provide technical assistance at nuclear facilities in Ukraine, and CAD5 million to support the US Department of Energy's project to reduce the threat of illegally trafficked nuclear or radiological materials in Ukraine.

On 9 March 2023, Global Affairs Canada released its 2023-2024 Departmental Plan, where Canada stated it would continue to work with partners to reinforce and advance implementation of the NPT and work to support nuclear threats posed by Russian, Iran and North Korea.⁴⁰⁸⁴

On 19 March 2023, G7 finance ministers condemned in the strongest terms the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its threat to regional and international peace and security.⁴⁰⁸⁵ The ministers re-iterated the demand for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and comply with all relevant UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs). The ministers also urged all UN members to effectively implement all UNSCRs and consider further significant measures by the UN Security Council against North Korea.

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries, including Canada, released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴⁰⁸⁶ The statement regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not "accurately reflect" discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴⁰⁸⁷

On 6 April 2023, President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Rumina Velshi referenced Canada's active participation in the IAEA meetings of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴⁰⁸⁸ CNSC President Velshi stated Canada was recognized as a global standard setter for nuclear licensing requirements and their enforcement, and that the meetings were an opportunity for parties to consider a range of extraordinary circumstances that could affect nuclear installations, such as Russia's threats to ZNPP.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. More specifically, Canada has verbally condemned states that undermined the NPT tenets regarding the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and disarmament, and in terms of

⁴⁰⁸² Japan-Canada Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/ca/page4e_001315.html

⁴⁰⁸³ Backgrounder – Increased security and stabilization efforts in Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/backgrounder--increased-security-and-stabilization-efforts-in-ukraine0.html>

⁴⁰⁸⁴ Departmental Plan 2023-2024, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. <https://www.international.gc.ca/transparency-transparence/departamental-plan-ministeriel/2023-2024.aspx?lang=eng>

⁴⁰⁸⁵ North Korea: G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/north-korea-g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-launch-intercontinental-ballistic-missile_en

⁴⁰⁸⁶ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴⁰⁸⁷ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴⁰⁸⁸ Speaking Notes for Rumina Velshi President & CEO, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission To the Canadian Nuclear Association- Nuclear Energy Institute Nuclear Energy Forum, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (Ottawa) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/nuclear-safety-commission/news/2023/04/speaking-notes-for-rumina-velshi-president--ceo-canadian-nuclear-safety-commission-to-the-canadian-nuclear-association--nuclear-energy-institute-nu.html>

more strong actions, called for the immediate commencement of negotiations on a new non-proliferation treaty, specifically relating to one of the three NPT pillars. In terms of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, Canada has also provided material support to assist peaceful uses of nuclear energy in Ukraine and actively participated in meetings related to the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 1 August 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs released a joint statement with the US and the UK, reaffirming the importance of the NPT.⁴⁰⁸⁹ Signatories denounced provocative nuclear rhetoric, called for stronger nuclear safeguards and urged Iran to re-implement the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

On 25 August 2022, President Emmanuel Macron reiterated his support for the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Mission to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) during a meeting with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi.⁴⁰⁹⁰ The IAEA also noted France and Australia provided a large batch of radiation protection and monitoring equipment in July through France's involvement in the IAEA Response and Assistance Network.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, France expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion, regarding nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as their personnel.⁴⁰⁹¹ Signatories cited heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 IAEA General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA "nuclear safety and security assistance plan" for Ukraine.⁴⁰⁹²

On 29 September 2022, in condemning the launch of ballistic missiles by North Korea, France urged North Korea to engage in a process of complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and stated it remained committed to the implementation of relevant UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs).⁴⁰⁹³

⁴⁰⁸⁹ Joint ministerial statement by the UK, US and France on the importance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Government of UK (London) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/continued-importance-of-the-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty-npt-uk-us-and-france-joint-statement/joint-ministerial-statement-by-the-uk-us-and-france-on-the-importance-of-the-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty>

⁴⁰⁹⁰ French President Macron Reiterates Support for IAEA Mission to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 11 January 2023. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/french-president-macron-reiterates-support-for-iaea-mission-to-ukraines-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant>

⁴⁰⁹¹ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴⁰⁹² French President Macron Reiterates Support for IAEA Mission to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, International Atomic Energy Agency Office of Public Information and Communication (Vienna) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/french-president-macron-reiterates-support-for-iaea-mission-to-ukraines-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant>

⁴⁰⁹³ North Korea – Missile launches (Sept. 29), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-sept-29>

On 4 October 2022, France urged North Korea to engage in a process of complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and stated it remained committed to the implementation of relevant UNSCRs, condemning in the strongest possible terms the launch of ballistic missiles by North Korea.⁴⁰⁹⁴

On 6 October 2022, France again urged North Korea to engage in a process of complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and stated it remained committed to the implementation of relevant UNSCRs, condemning in the strongest possible terms two ballistic missile tests by North Korea.⁴⁰⁹⁵

On 9 October 2022, in reiterating its deep concerns over North Korea's nuclear programme and its related vectors, France emphasized its determination to, in conjunction with its partners, bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and strongly condemned North Korea's simulation of tactical nuclear strikes.⁴⁰⁹⁶

On 14 October 2022, in strongly condemning the latest ballistic missile launch by North Korea, France emphasized its determination to, in conjunction with its partners, bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and noted with concern North Korea's claim that it had launched long-range missiles capable of delivering tactical nuclear weapons.⁴⁰⁹⁷

On 22 October 2022, G7 foreign ministers condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP.⁴⁰⁹⁸ Signatories condemned Russia's threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 2 November 2022, in condemning North Korea's recent missile launches, France emphasized its determination to, in conjunction with its partners, bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and encourage dialogue between all parties.⁴⁰⁹⁹

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a joint statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA's efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP, and condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴¹⁰⁰ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, and expressed support for India's early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran's Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a

⁴⁰⁹⁴ North Korea – France condemns the latest ballistic missile launch in the strongest possible terms (4 October 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-france-condemns-the-latest-ballistic-missile-launch-in-the>

⁴⁰⁹⁵ North Korea – Missile launches (Oct. 6, 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-10-06-22>

⁴⁰⁹⁶ North Korea – Missile launches (Oct.9, 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 9 October 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-10-09-22>

⁴⁰⁹⁷ North Korea – Missile launches (October 14, 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-oct-14-22>

⁴⁰⁹⁸ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA's efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-npdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaeas-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴⁰⁹⁹ North Korea – Missile Launches (2 November 2022), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-2-nov-2022>

⁴¹⁰⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UNSCRs related to North Korea.

On 18 November 2022, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States released a joint statement welcoming the IAEA Board of Governors' resolution on Iran.⁴¹⁰¹ The signatories echoed the contents of the resolution by stating that Iran must work with the IAEA to provide technically credible explanations for the presence of uranium particles identified at three undeclared locations.

On 1 December 2022, in a joint statement with US President Joe Biden, President Macron stated that they would work with international partners to address issues surrounding Iran's legal obligations under its Non-Proliferation Treaty Safeguards Agreement, reaffirmed the importance of the NPT and their opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and stated their intent to expand the areas of nuclear-related technical cooperation under their Mutual Defence Agreement.⁴¹⁰² On the topic of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the two leaders also noted the recent meeting of the US-France Bilateral Clean Energy Partnership and stated they planned to set up a nuclear energy working group under the Partnership. The group will prioritize deepening civilian nuclear cooperation, and contributing to a reliable nuclear supply chain in accordance with the highest standards of nuclear non-proliferation.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP. The G7 leaders expressed their support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."⁴¹⁰³

On 20 January 2023, Minister of Energy Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Minister Delegate for Industry Roland Lescure announced the creation of two working groups aimed at better structuring France's industrial sectors of renewable and nuclear energies.⁴¹⁰⁴ According to the ministers, these groups are meant to improve France's nuclear industry as well as nuclear innovation.

On 30 January 2023, Minister Colonna and Minister for the Armed Forces of France Sebastien Lecornu restated their commitment to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons in a joint statement with Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles and Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong.⁴¹⁰⁵ The ministers highlighted the need for Iran to cooperate with the IAEA in good faith and comply with its nuclear commitments and obligations. On the topic of North Korea's launching of ballistic missiles through 2022 and the continued development of its nuclear program, the ministers called upon North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program and their means of delivery as per relevant UNSCRs. On nuclear non-proliferation instruments, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the universalization of the IAEA's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, the Additional Protocol and reaffirmed the NPT as the foundation of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

⁴¹⁰¹ Joint Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States regarding the IAEA Board of Governors resolution on Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2564244>

⁴¹⁰² Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron/>

⁴¹⁰³ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴¹⁰⁴ Agnès Pannier-Runacher et Roland Lescure annoncent le lancement de groupes de travail sur l'industrie de la production d'énergie renouvelable et nucléaire, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires and Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 20 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/agnes-pannier-runacher-et-roland-lescure-annoncent-lancement-groupes-travail-sur-lindustrie>

⁴¹⁰⁵ Joint Statement - Second France-Australia Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 30 January 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/australia/news/article/joint-statement-second-france-australia-foreign-and-defence-ministerial>

On 3 February 2023, France called upon Iran in a joint statement with Germany, the UK and the US to comply with its obligations under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement in light of an IAEA report stating Iran changed the configuration of a number of its centrifuges without prior notice to the IAEA.⁴¹⁰⁶

On 9 February 2023, President Macron pledged “to construct up to 14 new-generation reactors and a fleet of smaller nuclear plants” as part of his commitment to support France’s nuclear and renewable energy industries.⁴¹⁰⁷

On 20 February 2023, France condemned North Korea’s launches of an intercontinental ballistic missile on 18 February and a short-range ballistic missile on 20 February.⁴¹⁰⁸ It called upon North Korea to comply with its international obligations, and bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible abandonment of its nuclear and ballistic programmes.

On 21 February 2023, France expressed its regrets regarding Russia suspending its participation in the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.⁴¹⁰⁹ It called on Russia to reverse its suspension and to respect the 3 January 2022 statement by Permanent Five Heads of State and Government on the prevention of nuclear war and arms races.

On 28 February 2023, during an informal meeting of EU Council of Energy Ministers, France and 10 other member states reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening European nuclear cooperation.⁴¹¹⁰ The ministers agreed to further the cooperation between their national nuclear sectors in order to explore training programs and joint industrial projects.

On 6 March 2023, Director General for the Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department Kaifu Atsushi hosted the Eleventh Meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee, alongside French Chairman and Executive Officer Francois Jacq.⁴¹¹¹ Chairman Jacq and Director General Kaifu held discussions on nuclear energy policy in France and Japan, Japan’s decommissioning work at the Fukushima Plant, small modular reactors and final waste management.

On 7 March 2023, France issued a joint statement in response to the latest IAEA report on Iran’s implementation of its nuclear commitments, alongside the UK and Germany.⁴¹¹² Inter alia, the parties called on Iran to re-apply the Additional Protocol as a confidence-building mechanism, urged Iran to re-install all necessary IAEA monitoring equipment and noted Iran’s changes to its centrifuge configuration.

⁴¹⁰⁶ Statement by France, Germany, The United Kingdom and the United States on the IAEA’s latest report on Iran’s nuclear program, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/iran/news/article/statement-by-france-germany-the-united-kingdom-and-the-united-states-on-the>

⁴¹⁰⁷ France Announces Major Nuclear Power Buildup, The New York Times (New York) 10 February 2023. Access Date 3 March 2023. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/10/world/europe/france-macron-nuclear-power.html>

⁴¹⁰⁸ North Korea – Firing of a ballistic missile (20 February 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-firing-of-a-ballistic-missile-20-feb-2023>

⁴¹⁰⁹ New Start – Announcement by Russia that it is suspending its participation in the treaty, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/security-disarmament-and-non-proliferation/news/article/new-start-announcement-by-russia-that-it-is-suspending-its-participation-in-the>

⁴¹¹⁰ Onze Etats membres de l’Union européenne appellent à un renforcement de la coopération européenne en matière d’énergie nucléaire, Ministère de la Transition écologique et de la Cohésion des territoires and Ministère de la Transition énergétique (Paris) 28 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/onze-etats-membres-lunion-europeenne-appellent-renforcement-cooperation-europeenne-en-matiere>

⁴¹¹¹ The 11th Meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee (Results), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000565.html

⁴¹¹² E3 statement to the IAEA Board of Governors on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, March 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/e3-statement-to-the-iaea-board-of-governors-on-the-joint-comprehensive-plan-of-action-march-2023>

On 9 March 2023, in response to Russia's new missile strikes in Ukraine, France stated it would continue to back the IAEA's work in supporting nuclear security and safety in Ukraine, in particular the efforts of the IAEA Director General to establish a security protection zone around ZNPP.⁴¹¹³

On 10 March 2023, President Macron met with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as part of the 36th France-United Kingdom Summit.⁴¹¹⁴ In the Joint Statement, the leaders reaffirmed their support for the NPT, reaffirmed their opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, committed to further develop their Joint Nuclear Commission, urged Russia to comply with the New START Treaty and condemned nuclear-related activities by Iran and North Korea. More concretely, the two nations agreed on a bilateral energy partnership with a civil nuclear cooperation component, and to relaunch the "Treasuries Dialogue," where the two nations would discuss, inter alia, the role of export credit instruments in bilateral nuclear cooperation.

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement after North Korea's 16 March intercontinental ballistic missile launch.⁴¹¹⁵ The ministers condemned North Korea's missile launches and its irresponsible and destabilizing rhetoric regarding the use of nuclear weapons. The ministers further called on North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and weapons programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and fully comply with all obligations under the relevant UNSCRs.

On 26 March 2023, France condemned Russian President Vladimir Putin's announcement of an agreement between Russia and Belarus for the deployment of nuclear weapons in Belarus.⁴¹¹⁶ France urged Russia to nullify the agreement.

On 28 March 2023, in condemning North Korea's 27 March missile launches, France emphasized its determination to, in conjunction with its partners, bring about complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization and encourage dialogue between all parties.⁴¹¹⁷

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries including France released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴¹¹⁸ It regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not "accurately reflect" discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴¹¹⁹

⁴¹¹³ Ukraine – Massive new Russian missile strikes (Paris) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-massive-new-russian-missile-strikes-09-03-23>

⁴¹¹⁴ UK-France Joint Leaders' Declaration, UK Prime Minister's Office (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration>

⁴¹¹⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-united-states-the-republic-of-korea-and-japan-special-representatives-for-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-dprk/>

⁴¹¹⁶ Russia/Belarus – Statements by Vladimir Putin (26 March 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 26 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/russia/news/article/russia-belarus-statements-by-vladimir-putin-26-march-2023>

⁴¹¹⁷ North Korea – Missile launches (28 March 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/north-korea/events/article/north-korea-missile-launches-28-03-23>

⁴¹¹⁸ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹¹⁹ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

On 5 April 2023, Minister Colonna spoke with her Iran's Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, expressing France's concern over the Iranian authorities' attitude toward various regional issues, including the Iranian nuclear program.⁴¹²⁰

On 6 April 2023, in a joint statement with the UK, France reaffirmed its commitment to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).⁴¹²¹ On the topic of nuclear testing, the countries expressed their concern over Russia's announcement that it will ensure its preparedness to conduct a nuclear test and demanded North Korea's cease conducting any further nuclear tests. On the topic of the CTBT, the countries called for the universalization and entry into force of the treaty.

France has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. More specifically, France has issued many statements that verbally reaffirmed the NPT tenets of disarmament and non-proliferation. In terms of strong actions, on the pillar of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, France has engaged in technical cooperation activities with the US, and on the pillar with respect to nuclear disarmament, France has materially supported the IAEA mission that aimed to denuclearize the area around the ZNPP.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kfir Harel

Germany: 0

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 1 August 2022, at the NPT Review, Germany publicly regarded the treaty as the key framework for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.⁴¹²² The statement referenced the Stockholm Initiative, which Germany has participated in by developing proposals to strengthen the NPT.

On 1 August 2022, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock made a statement at the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT in which she outlined Germany's commitment through the NPT to "prevent the spread of nuclear weapons" to ensure they are never used again and to work towards a world free from nuclear weapons.⁴¹²³ Alongside the Stockholm Initiative, Germany proposed increasing transparency, improving communication in crises and revising the dialogue on the future arrangements regarding the reduction of arms. Minister Baerbock also urged Iran to accept the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and advocated for the complete denuclearisation of North Korea.

On 29 August 2022, the G7 Nonproliferation Directors General declared support for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s promotion of nuclear safety at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) in

⁴¹²⁰ Iran – Conversation between Catherine Colonna and her Iranian counterpart (6 avril 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/iran/news/article/iran-conversation-between-catherine-colonna-and-her-iranian-counterpart-06-04>

⁴¹²¹ Draft Joint Statement by France and the United Kingdom, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ratification of the CTBT (6 April 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/united-kingdom/news/article/draft-joint-statement-by-france-and-the-united-kingdom-on-the-occasion-of-the>

⁴¹²² Foreign Minister Baerbock to travel to New York for the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference and to pay her first official visit to Canada, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/reise-baerbock-usa-kanada/2545396>

⁴¹²³ Statement by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the 10th Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2545450?view=>

Ukraine.⁴¹²⁴ The representatives reaffirmed the importance of the Seven Pillars of Nuclear Safety and Security in relation to Ukraine's nuclear power plants, welcomed the announced IAEA mission to the Plant and stated they would invite IAEA representatives to the G7 Global Partnership Initiative Meeting in October to outline other possible areas of support.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, Germany expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion regarding nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as its personnel.⁴¹²⁵ Signatories cited the heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA "nuclear safety and security assistance plan" for Ukraine.⁴¹²⁶

On 28 September 2022, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection Stefan Tidow made a speech at the IAEA regarding nuclear safety in Ukraine.⁴¹²⁷ State Secretary Tidow argued for the IAEA to be given access to all nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

On 17 October 2022, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Thomas Goebel delivered a statement at the UN General Assembly First Committee.⁴¹²⁸ In regards to North Korea's development of a nuclear weapons program, Germany declared its support for the United States and South Korean efforts to negotiate with North Korea. Ambassador Goebel reiterated Germany's commitment to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2231 regarding the Iran Nuclear Deal. Ambassador Goebel also called upon Iran to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and refrain from developing ballistic missiles.

On 22 October 2022, the G7 Nonproliferation Directors General issued a statement condemning Russia's seizure and militarization of the ZNPP.⁴¹²⁹ Signatories condemned Russia's threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA's efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴¹³⁰ On international arms control efforts, G7

⁴¹²⁴ Statement of the G7 Non-Proliferation Directors' Group on nuclear safety and security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 29 August 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023 <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant/2548774>

⁴¹²⁵ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴¹²⁶ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴¹²⁷ Speech by Stefan Tidow in the Plenum of the 66th IAEA General Conference, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.bmu.de/en/press/speeches/speech/speech-by-stefan-tidow-in-the-plenum-of-the-66th-iaea-general-conference>

⁴¹²⁸ Statement of the Federal Republic of Germany on Nuclear Weapons at the UN General Assembly, 77th Session, First Committee, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations (New York City) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://new-york-un.diplo.de/un-en/news-corner/-/2558968>

⁴¹²⁹ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA's efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-ndpg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaea-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴¹³⁰ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India's early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran's Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UNSCRs related to North Korea.

On 18 November 2022, Germany published a joint statement with France, the United Kingdom and the United States welcoming the IAEA Board of Governors' resolution on Iran.⁴¹³¹ The signatories echoed the contents of the resolution by stating that Iran must work with the IAEA to provide technically credible explanations for the presence of uranium particles identified at three undeclared locations.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP. The leaders also expressed support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."⁴¹³²

On 3 February 2023, Germany published a joint statement with France, the United Kingdom and the United States in response to the IAEA's latest report on Iran's nuclear program.⁴¹³³ The signatories strongly condemned Iran's unnotified change in the configuration of its centrifuges which produce uranium in the Fordow Enrichment Plant. The signatories called on Iran to comply with international obligations set out in its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA and to pursue effective safety measures at the Fordow Enrichment Plant.

On 18 February 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement that strongly condemned North Korea's recent launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile.⁴¹³⁴ They called on all states to fully and effectively implement relevant UNSCRs immediately. Secondly, the G7 Foreign Ministers condemned Russia's seizure of the ZNPP and underscored their support for the IAEA's efforts to address nuclear safety concerns in Ukraine.

On 27 February 2023, Minister Baerbock delivered a speech at the Conference on Disarmament.⁴¹³⁵ Minister Baerbock strongly urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to return to the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and resume dialogue with the US. Minister Baerbock also expressed concern over Iran's continued illicit enrichment of uranium, and stated the United Nations Security Council needs to take further action in response to North Korea's illegal nuclear programme.

On 7 March 2023, Germany issued a joint statement in response to the latest IAEA report on Iran's implementation of its nuclear commitments, alongside France and the UK.⁴¹³⁶ Inter alia, the parties called on

⁴¹³¹ Joint Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States regarding the IAEA Board of Governors resolution on Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2564244>

⁴¹³² G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴¹³³ Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States on the IAEA's Latest Report on Iran's Nuclear Program, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/iaea-report-iran-nuclea-program/2579928>

⁴¹³⁴ Statement by Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan in his capacity as chair of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Munich Security Conference, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2583180>

⁴¹³⁵ Speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the Conference on Disarmament, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/baerbock-disarmament-conference/2584526>

⁴¹³⁶ E3 statement to the IAEA Board of Governors on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, March 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/e3-statement-to-the-iaea-board-of-governors-on-the-joint-comprehensive-plan-of-action-march-2023>

Iran to re-apply the Additional Protocol as a confidence-building mechanism, urged Iran to re-install all necessary IAEA monitoring equipment, and noted Iran's changes to its centrifuge configuration.

On 15 March 2023, the foreign ministry released a press statement condemning North Korea's recent launch of several small ballistic missiles and stating that North Korea is bound to the complete, irreversible and verifiable ending of its nuclear programmes.⁴¹³⁷

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers condemned in the strongest terms the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its threat to regional and international peace and security.⁴¹³⁸ The ministers re-iterated their demand for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and comply with all relevant UNSCRs. The ministers also urged all UN members to effectively implement all UNSCRs and consider further significant measures by the UN Security Council against North Korea.

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries including Germany released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴¹³⁹ It regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not "accurately reflect" discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴¹⁴⁰

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. In particular, Germany has delivered many verbal statements regarding nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament, as well as the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Thus, Germany receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Madeline Hiron

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, Minister of Foreign Affairs Luigi Di Maio expressed his concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion regarding nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as personnel.⁴¹⁴¹ Signatories cited heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA "nuclear safety and security assistance plan" for Ukraine. Furthermore, the signatories demanded that the

⁴¹³⁷ Statement by the Federal Foreign Office on reports that North Korea has been testing ballistic missiles since 9 March, German Foreign Ministry (Berlin) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2588108>

⁴¹³⁸ North Korea: G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/north-korea-g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-launch-intercontinental-ballistic-missile_en

⁴¹³⁹ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁴⁰ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁴¹ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

Russian Federation remove its troops from the region, and Ukraine entirely, in compliance with IAEA standards.

On 22 October 2022, G7 members condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP).⁴¹⁴² Signatories condemned Russia's threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 26 October 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs outlined its decision to not involve Russian experts in the Proliferation Security Initiative Operational Experts Group session being held in Rome, citing Russia's brutal attack against Ukraine as well as Moscow's non-cooperation in significant international discussions on disarmament and non-proliferation.⁴¹⁴³

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA's efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴¹⁴⁴ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India's early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran's Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) related to North Korea.

On 7 November 2022, the IAEA and the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) commenced their joint two-week in-person College on Plasma Physics for Fusion Applications in Trieste, where the ICTP is based, to support the next generation of fusion scientists.⁴¹⁴⁵ The course taught young researchers about the fundamental processes in plasma physics and application to magnetic fusion, in an effort to advance global knowledge and development of nuclear fusion. The ICTP operates under a tripartite agreement between the Italian government, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the IAEA.

On 20 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers condemned, in the strongest terms, the launch of another Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea on 18 November 2022, which blatantly violated relevant UNSCRs.⁴¹⁴⁶ They deemed the act reckless and destabilizing, as well as a serious threat to regional and international security, and the global non-proliferation regime. They again demanded that North Korea comply with the NPT by verifiably and irreversibly abandoning all nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, as well as terminating all nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

⁴¹⁴² G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA's efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-mpdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaea-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhia-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴¹⁴³ Rome hosts Operational Experts Group session (Proliferation Security Initiative), Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/roma-sessione-del-gruppo-operativo-di-esperti-della-proliferation-security-initiative/

⁴¹⁴⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

⁴¹⁴⁵ Joint ICTP-IAEA College Launches E-learning Course on Fusion Applications, Provides Training, International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/joint-ictp-iaea-college-launches-e-learning-course-on-fusion-applications-provides-training>

⁴¹⁴⁶ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 20 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-launch-of-an-intercontinental-ballistic-missile-by-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-dprk/

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP. The leaders expressed support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."⁴¹⁴⁷

On 22 December 2022, G7 foreign ministers reiterated their strong condemnation of Russia's irresponsible nuclear rhetoric and seizure of Ukrainian nuclear facilities and emphasized their support for a Nuclear Safety and Security Zone at the ZNPP.⁴¹⁴⁸

On 11 January 2023, during bilateral security talks, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida agreed to reject attempts to alter the status quo by force and nuclear blackmail, conveying their disapproval of Russian threats to use nuclear weapons in its war against Ukraine.⁴¹⁴⁹

On 12 January 2023, in a meeting with IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, Minister Tajani expressed his full support for the IAEA's activities in Ukraine.⁴¹⁵⁰ Director General Grossi also expressed appreciation for Italy's role as chair of the IAEA General Conference.

On 27 January 2023, following the US-Italy Joint Commission Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation, Italy's national representative issued a joint statement which, *inter alia*, endorsed continued research cooperation on issues including nuclear physics and the energy transition.⁴¹⁵¹

On 15 February 2023, Minister Tajani reiterated Italy's support for a "free zone" around the ZNPP.⁴¹⁵²

On 18 February 2023, G7 foreign ministers condemned Russia's "irresponsible nuclear rhetoric" and declared that any use of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons by Russia would be met with consequences.⁴¹⁵³ The group again condemned Russia's continued seizure and militarization of the ZNPP and demanded Russia withdraw its forces. They further confirmed their full support for the IAEA's work in addressing nuclear safety, security and safeguards concern in Ukraine.

On 21 February 2023, Italy strongly condemned North Korea's recent launch of two short-range ballistic missiles and one intercontinental ballistic missile, citing threats to regional and international peace and

⁴¹⁴⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴¹⁴⁸ Statement by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in her capacity as Chair of today's virtual G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/12/statement-by-foreign-minister-annalena-baerbock-in-her-capacity-as-chair-of-todays-virtual-g7-foreign-ministers-meeting/

⁴¹⁴⁹ Japan and Italy to launch talks to boost security ties, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/01/11/national/japan-italy-talks/>

⁴¹⁵⁰ IAEA Grossi in Rome: Ukraine's Nuclear Safety and Security, Pope Francis, International Atomic Energy Agency Office of Public Information and Communication (Vienna) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/iaea-grossi-in-rome-ukraines-nuclear-safety-and-security-pope-francis>

⁴¹⁵¹ Joint Statement on U.S.-Italy Science and Technology Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/01/joint-statement-on-u-s-italy-science-and-technology-cooperation/

⁴¹⁵² Tajani: "The government is stronger and the centre remains crucial" (il Giornale), Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/interviste/2023/02/tajani-il-governo-e-piu-forte-e-il-centro-resta-decisivo-il-giornale/

⁴¹⁵³ Statement by Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan in his capacity as Chair of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Munich Security Conference, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Munich) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/statement-by-hayashi-yoshimasa-minister-for-foreign-affairs-of-japan-in-his-capacity-as-chair-of-the-g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-at-the-munich-security-conference/

security.⁴¹⁵⁴ Italy reiterated its call for North Korea to abandon its weapons of mass destruction programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and fully comply with the relevant UNSCRs.

On 22 February 2023, during the 11th emergency special session of the UN General Assembly, Minister Tajani reiterated Italy's support for the establishment of a nuclear safe area around the ZNPP.⁴¹⁵⁵

On 13 March 2023, during a meeting with his Israeli Minister Tajani declared Italy's strong opposition to the possibility of Iran possessing nuclear weapons and referenced his plea to IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi to prevent the Iranian development of nuclear weapons.⁴¹⁵⁶

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries including Italy released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴¹⁵⁷ The statement regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not "accurately reflect" discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴¹⁵⁸

On 2 April 2023, Minister Tajani had a phone conversation with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi where Minister Tajani expressed Italy's continued support for a "free zone" around ZNPP and that Italy would use the G7 Forum in Tokyo to highlight that this is a political priority for Italy.⁴¹⁵⁹

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the NPT across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. Italy has demonstrated positive action for all three pillars, with considerable verbal support for and leadership in nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and research, development and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Italy has publicly condemned and excluded states which refuse to comply with the NPT, as well as demanded those states take specific actions to fulfill their commitments. However, aside from their repeated public and private support for the establishment of a Nuclear Safety and Security Zone in Ukraine and continued imposition of economic sanctions on Russia, Italy has taken little strong actions in this regard.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Catherine Wu

⁴¹⁵⁴ Italy condemns the new launch of ballistic missiles by the DPRK, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/02/litalia-condanna-il-nuovo-lancio-di-missili-balistici-daparte-della-corea-del-nord/

⁴¹⁵⁵ 11th EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA – STATEMENT HIS VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ANTONIO TAJANI, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in New York (New York City) 22 February 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2023. https://italyun.esteri.it/it/news/dalla_rappresentanza/2023/02/eleventh-emergency-special-session-of-the-general-assembly-of-the-united-nations-statement-by-italy-delivered-by-his-excellency-antonio-tajani-vice-prime-minister-and-minister-of-foreign-affairs-and-i/

⁴¹⁵⁶ Italy 'asked IAEA chief to do everything to prevent nuclear Iran' - FM, The Jerusalem Post (Jerusalem) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-734233>

⁴¹⁵⁷ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁵⁸ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁵⁹ Foreign Minister Tajani's phone conversation with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 2 August 2023. Access Date: 11 August 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/04/telefonata-del-ministro-degli-affari-esteri-antonio-tajani-con-il-direttore-generale-aiea-rafael-grossi/

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Japan has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 1 August 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida participated in the General Debate at the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT.⁴¹⁶⁰ He called for recognition of the importance in recording non-use of nuclear weapons. He further sought to enhance transparency, maintain the decreasing trend of the global nuclear stockpile and reiterated his call for the commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty. The statement also said that Japan will contribute USD10 million to the United Nations in order to set up a “Youth Leader Fund for a World Without Nuclear Weapons.”

On 26 August 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi attended the Tenth NPT Review Conference.⁴¹⁶¹ He emphasized that strengthening the NPT is the only realistic path toward a world without nuclear weapons. In his speech, Minister Hayashi proposed the “Hiroshima Action Plan.” Furthermore, 88 countries joined the Joint Statement on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education submitted by Japan, which marked the largest number of support ever.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, Japan expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion regarding nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as its personnel.⁴¹⁶² Signatories cited the heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA “nuclear safety and security assistance plan” for Ukraine.

On 22 September 2022, Prime Minister Kishida reiterated Japan’s support for the Iran Nuclear Agreement.⁴¹⁶³ He stated that Japan consistently supports the Iran Nuclear Deal and hopes Tehran continues to restrict its nuclear developments.

On 18 October 2022, Minister Hayashi announced asset freezing due to the nuclear and missile development in North Korea based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.⁴¹⁶⁴

On 22 October 2022, the G7 Nonproliferation Directors General issued a statement condemning Russia’s seizure and militarization of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP).⁴¹⁶⁵ Signatories condemned Russia’s threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

⁴¹⁶⁰ General Debate at the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100376850.pdf>

⁴¹⁶¹ The Tenth NPT Review Conference (Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Toshimasa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 August 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022 https://www.mofa.go.jp/dns/ac_d/press1e_000317.html

⁴¹⁶² Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴¹⁶³ Kishida Reiterates Support for 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/09/22/national/kishida-iran-nuclear-deal/>

⁴¹⁶⁴ Press Conference by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000165.html

⁴¹⁶⁵ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA’s efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-npdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaeas-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

On 31 October 2022, Minister Hayashi submitted a draft of “Steps to Building a Common Roadmap Towards a World Without Nuclear Weapons,” to the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the Government of Japan.⁴¹⁶⁶ It was adopted with the support of 139 countries.

On 2 November 2022, Minister Hayashi attended the Eleventh Annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue in Tokyo alongside British Director of Nuclear Power and Decommissioning Chris Heffer.⁴¹⁶⁷ The representatives participated in five sessions, each addressing varying nuclear issues. Both parties emphasized the importance of transparency when handling nuclear situations like the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear plant. Japan expressed openness to boosting UK-Japan collaboration and sharing of best practices with respect to non-accident site decommissioning.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)’s efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around Ukraine’s ZNPP, and condemned Russia’s seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴¹⁶⁸ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India’s early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran’s Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UN Security Council Resolutions related to North Korea.

On 12 November 2022, during Minister Hayashi’s visit to Nagasaki, he highlighted his announcement made under the Hiroshima Action Plan at the August NPT Review Conference, where he encouraged world leaders to visit to understand the reality of atomic bombs.⁴¹⁶⁹ He also highlighted Japan’s submission of a draft resolution on the elimination of nuclear weapons in October, which was successfully adopted by the First Committee. Finally, Minister Hayashi also provided an update on the “Youth Leader Fund for a world without nuclear weapons,” stating that Japan is currently coordinating details with the UN.

On 28 November 2022, Japan attended the biannual meeting of the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Regulators’ Forum for the first time.⁴¹⁷⁰ Director of the Regulatory Standard and Research Division of the Japanese Nuclear Regulatory Authority Makoto Toyama stated that Japan has been participating in the Forum since April 2022 and believed information-sharing would contribute to enhancing the safety of SMRs.

⁴¹⁶⁶ Adoption of the Draft Resolution on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons submitted by Japan to the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000490.html

⁴¹⁶⁷ Eleventh Annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue (Summary of Discussions), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100439904.pdf>

⁴¹⁶⁸ G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

⁴¹⁶⁹ Extraordinary Press Conference by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023 https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000178.html

⁴¹⁷⁰ Japan, Czech Republic Latest Countries to Join Forum Dedicated to Safe and Secure Deployment of SMRs, International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/japan-czech-republic-latest-countries-to-join-forum-dedicated-to-safe-and-secure-deployment-of-smrs>

On 8 December 2022, Japan submitted a report regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant to the IAEA.⁴¹⁷¹ This report included the results of radiation levels from discharged groundwater and confirmed that radiation levels were much below the standards set by the Tokyo Electric Power Company.

On 10 December 2022, the first meeting of the International Group of Eminent Persons for a World without Nuclear Weapons took place in Hiroshima.⁴¹⁷² In the meeting, members discussed the current international situation surrounding nuclear disarmament. There was also discussion about the challenges in promoting nuclear disarmament, aspects of nuclear disarmament to prioritise and how to improve future meetings.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP.⁴¹⁷³ The leaders expressed support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."

On 11 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni agreed to reject attempts to alter the status quo by force and nuclear blackmail, conveying their disapproval of Russian threats to use nuclear weapons in its war against Ukraine.⁴¹⁷⁴

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, where both parties reiterated their commitment to the denuclearization of North Korea in line with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) and condemned Russia's threat of using its nuclear weapons.⁴¹⁷⁵

On 12 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, where the two sides agreed to urge North Korea to cease its nuclear-related provocations and to comply with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.⁴¹⁷⁶

On 13 January 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the visit of IAEA officials and international experts to the Fukushima Power Station to conduct a regulatory review, and reaffirmed that Japan will continue to provide the necessary information to the IAEA.⁴¹⁷⁷

On 30 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis signed a Joint Statement on a Strategic Partnership between Japan and Greece.⁴¹⁷⁸ Both countries reiterated their willingness to promote the yearly UN General Assembly resolution for a world without nuclear weapons, condemned Russia's threat to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine and reiterated their commitment to the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear weapons.

⁴¹⁷¹ Japan's Reports on Conditions at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, 8 December 2022, International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/japans-reports-on-conditions-at-tepcos-fukushima-daiichi-nuclear-power-station-8-december-2022>

⁴¹⁷² The First Meeting of the International Group of Eminent Persons for a World without Nuclear Weapons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/dns/ac_d/page3e_001286.html

⁴¹⁷³ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴¹⁷⁴ Japan and Italy to launch talks to boost security ties, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 11 January 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/01/11/national/japan-italy-talks/>

⁴¹⁷⁵ Japan-Canada Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/ca/page4e_001315.html

⁴¹⁷⁶ Meeting between Foreign Minister Hayashi and United Nations Secretary-General Guterres, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/unp_a/page3e_001301.html

⁴¹⁷⁷ Visit of the IAEA Delegation to Japan for the Second Regulatory Review on the Handling of ALPS Treated Water at the TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000531.html

⁴¹⁷⁸ Joint Statement on the Establishment of the Strategic Partnership between Japan and Romania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100469563.pdf>

On 31 January 2023, Prime Minister Kishida and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg issued a joint statement reaffirming their commitment to disarmament.⁴¹⁷⁹ Inter alia, they condemned North Korea's ongoing development of its ballistic and nuclear programs and urged UN member states to fully implement relevant UNSCRs against North Korea in response to their ongoing development of nuclear weapons.

On 2 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida signed a Joint Statement with Micronesian President David Panuelo.⁴¹⁸⁰ Both parties condemned Russia's threat to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine, reiterated their commitment to the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear weapons and welcomed Japan's "Hiroshima Action Plan."

On 8 February 2023, Foreign Press Secretary Hikariko Ono emphasized the importance the government places on showing the historic impact of atomic weapons on Hiroshima to G7 leaders during the G7 Summit; this is intended to provide a starting point for initiatives towards nuclear disarmament.⁴¹⁸¹

On 9 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, where both parties reiterated their commitment to the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear weapons, condemned Russia's threat of using its nuclear weapons and reaffirmed their joint intent to work closely toward the 11th Review Conference including through the activities of Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI).⁴¹⁸²

On 10 February 2023, Japan conducted a briefing regarding the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station with members of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, with relevant experts at hand.⁴¹⁸³ During the meeting, Japan discussed its procedures with respect to the measurement of radioactive materials present in water prior to discharging such waste into the sea. Several days prior, Prime Minister Kishida and the Secretariat agreed on the need for continuous briefing sessions, so that Pacific Island nations had transparency over Japan's activities while it continues to undergo IAEA reviews.

On 17 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with UN General Assembly President Korosi Csaba, where, inter alia, both parties agreed to work closely with the UN on non-proliferation and disarmament.⁴¹⁸⁴

On 20 January 2023, during the Fourth Tokyo Global Dialogue, Minister Hayashi condemned North Korea's intensified nuclear and missile activities, mentioned Japan's request to hold a public meeting of the United Nations Security Council on North Korea and committed to its complete denuclearization.⁴¹⁸⁵

⁴¹⁷⁹ JOINT STATEMENT Issued on the occasion of the meeting between H.E. Mr Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General and H.E. Mr. Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100453088.pdf>

⁴¹⁸⁰ Joint Statement between Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100454231.pdf>

⁴¹⁸¹ Press Conference by Foreign Press Secretary ONO Hikariko, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/kaiken/kaiken24e_000208.html

⁴¹⁸² Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sea2/ph/page1e_000569.html

⁴¹⁸³ Briefing Session to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Experts on the Current Status of Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) Treated Water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000549.html

⁴¹⁸⁴ Courtesy Call on Prime Minister Kishida by H.E. Mr. Kőrösi Csaba, President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/unp_a/page4e_001329.html

⁴¹⁸⁵ Speeches by the Foreign Minister: Keynote Speech by Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the 4th Tokyo Global Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/pp/page3e_001305.html

On 27 February 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, where both parties agreed to cooperate to maintain and strengthen the NPT, respond to North Korea's nuclear and missile activities and condemn Russia's threat of using its nuclear weapons.⁴¹⁸⁶

On 28 February 2023, Minister Hayashi delivered a speech at the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament, where he emphasized the importance of immediately commencing negotiations on a fissile-material cut-off treaty and the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty.⁴¹⁸⁷ He further highlighted Japan's Hiroshima Action Plan, and stated Japan, as G7 President, will reiterate the unacceptability of threats or the use of nuclear weapons.

On 6 March 2023, Director General for the Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department Kaifu Atsushi hosted the Eleventh Meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee, alongside French Chairman and Executive Officer Francois Jacq.⁴¹⁸⁸ Chairman Jacq and Director General Kaifu held discussions on nuclear energy policy in France and Japan, Japan's decommissioning work at the Fukushima Plant, small modular reactors and final waste management.

On 7 March 2023, Minister Hayashi joined Romanian Foreign Minister Bogdan Aurescu in signing a joint statement on the Establishment of the Strategic Partnership between Japan and Romania.⁴¹⁸⁹ Both countries condemned Russia's threat to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine and reiterated their commitment to the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear weapons. Additionally, they emphasized their support for research projects in nuclear physics, confirmed their commitment to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons in line with the NPT and condemned Russia's decision to suspend implementation of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers condemned in the strongest terms the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its threat to regional and international peace and security.⁴¹⁹⁰ The ministers disapproved of North Korea's intention to further expand its unlawful nuclear and missile programs, and continued irresponsible and escalatory actions regarding the use of nuclear and missile weapons. They further reiterated the demand for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and programs in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner and comply with all relevant UNSCRs and stated that North Korea cannot ever attain status as a nuclear-weapon State. They urged for North Korea to engage in diplomacy toward denuclearization, and for all UN members to effectively implement all UNSCRs, follow through on commitments and consider further significant measures by the UN Security Council against North Korea.

On 21 March 2023, Prime Minister Kishida met with Ukraine's President Zelensky. Prime Minister Kishida stated he would convey Japan's condemnation of Russia's nuclear threats at the G7 summit.⁴¹⁹¹ Prime Minister Kishida further expressed Japan's support of the IAEA's activities with respect to ZNPP and that the two nations will coordinate closely over issues related to North Korea, including those regarding North Korea's increased nuclear activity. The two leaders agreed to work together to strengthen the NPT regime and also

⁴¹⁸⁶ Japan-New Zealand Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000382.html

⁴¹⁸⁷ Speech by H.E. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, at the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 23 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000384.html

⁴¹⁸⁸ The 11th Meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee (Results), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000565.html

⁴¹⁸⁹ Joint Statement on the Establishment of the Strategic Partnership between Japan and Romania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100469563.pdf>

⁴¹⁹⁰ North Korea: G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/north-korea-g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-launch-intercontinental-ballistic-missile_en

⁴¹⁹¹ Japan-Ukraine Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100478707.pdf>

agreed on the importance of using Official Development Assistance in order to promote the socio-economic development of Ukraine, especially with respect to nuclear safety.

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries including Japan released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴¹⁹² The statement regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not “accurately reflect” discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴¹⁹³

On 5 April 2023, during the IAEA release of the report entitled “Second Review Mission of Safety Aspects of Handling ALPS treated water at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station report,” the IAEA stated that Japan remains committed to providing all necessary information to the IAEA and to making efforts to help the international community better understand how it handles such treated water.⁴¹⁹⁴

On 6 April 2023, in a joint statement with the US and South Korea, Japan condemned North Korea’s repeated ballistic missile launches and its escalatory and destabilizing rhetoric regarding the use of nuclear weapons.⁴¹⁹⁵ The signatories also urged North Korea to engage in dialogue and expressed support for South Korea’s “Audacious Initiative.”

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. Japan’s disarmament efforts include the Hiroshima Action Plan and substantial participation in NPT conferences and advancing a resolution at the First Committee. Secondly, Japan has advanced non-proliferation concretely by calling for negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty and by freezing assets related to upholding UNSCRs on North Korea’. Finally, Japan’s collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency and with bilateral partners such as the UK showcases the country’s effort toward the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 1 August 2022, the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office released a joint statement with the United States and France, reaffirming the importance of the NPT.⁴¹⁹⁶ The statement furthered the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by denouncing provocative nuclear

⁴¹⁹² Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁹³ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴¹⁹⁴ Publication of the 4th Report on IAEA’s Review of Safety Related Aspects of Handling ALPS Treated Water at TEPCO’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003239.html

⁴¹⁹⁵ Joint Statement by the United States, the Republic of Korea, and Japan Special Representatives for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-united-states-the-republic-of-korea-and-japan-special-representatives-for-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-dprk/>

⁴¹⁹⁶ Joint ministerial statement by the UK, US and France on the importance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Government of UK (London) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/continued-importance-of-the-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty-npt-uk-us-and-france-joint-statement/joint-ministerial-statement-by-the-uk-us-and-france-on-the-importance-of-the-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty>

rhetoric, calling for stronger nuclear safeguards and urging Iran to re-implement the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

On 25 August 2022, the UK signed onto a joint statement which noted that the signatories are engaged in capacity building projects under the Foundational Infrastructure for the Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactor Technology (FIRST) program and reaffirmed the right to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.⁴¹⁹⁷

On 21 September 2022, as part of a Joint Statement, the United Kingdom expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion to nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as their personnel.⁴¹⁹⁸ Signatories cited heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA “nuclear safety and security assistance plan” for Ukraine.

On 22 October 2022, G7 Non-proliferation Directors General issued a statement condemning Russia’s seizure and militarization of Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP).⁴¹⁹⁹ Signatories condemned Russia’s threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 2 November 2022, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority provided over GBP700,000 towards the development of technology to monitor nuclear sites, thereby facilitating effective nuclear decommissioning projects.⁴²⁰⁰

On 2 November 2022, Director of Nuclear Power and Decommissioning Chris Heffer attended the Eleventh Annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue in Tokyo alongside Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi.⁴²⁰¹ Director Heffer participated in five sessions, each addressing varying nuclear issues. The UK offered to share its experiences with space-constrained decommissioning sites and in setting up the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers in issuing a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA’s efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia’s seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴²⁰² On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India’s early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran’s Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of

⁴¹⁹⁷ Joint Statement on FIRST Program Cooperation at the 2022 NPT Review Conference, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-first-program-cooperation-at-the-2022-npt-review-conference/>

⁴¹⁹⁸ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴¹⁹⁹ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA’s efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-mpdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaea-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhia-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴²⁰⁰ Over £700k in contracts awarded to fund innovations that remotely monitor legacy nuclear sites, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (Moor Row) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-700k-in-contracts-awarded-to-fund-innovations-that-remotely-monitor-legacy-nuclear-sites>

⁴²⁰¹ Eleventh annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue: summary of discussions, Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (London) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eleventh-annual-japan-uk-nuclear-dialogue/eleventh-annual-japan-uk-nuclear-dialogue-summary-of-discussions>

⁴²⁰² G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UN Security Council Resolutions related to North Korea.

On 18 November 2022, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the United States released a joint statement welcoming the IAEA Board of Governors' resolution on Iran.⁴²⁰³ The signatories echoed the contents of the resolution by stating that Iran must work with the IAEA to provide technically credible explanations for the presence of uranium particles identified at three undeclared locations.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP.⁴²⁰⁴ The leaders expressed support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."

On 2 February 2023, Secretary Cleverly and Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace hosted Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles and Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong.⁴²⁰⁵ The parties reaffirmed their commitment to work transparently with the IAEA towards an approach that will strengthen the non-proliferation regime, in light of the Australia-UK-US security alliance on nuclear submarines.

On 3 February 2023, the UK issued a joint statement in response to the IAEA's latest report on Iran's implementation of its nuclear commitments, alongside Germany, France and the US.⁴²⁰⁶ The signatories called on Iran to comply with its legally binding obligations under its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and to cooperate with the Agency in the application of effective safeguards at the Fordow Enrichment Plant.

On 24 February 2023, G7 leaders restated their concern about Russia's rhetoric regarding nuclear weapons and expressed support for the IAEA's actions to bolster nuclear safety in Ukraine.⁴²⁰⁷

On 27 February 2023, the UK delivered a statement at the Conference on Disarmament, where the representative urged Russia to comply with the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and called for the beginning of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.⁴²⁰⁸ Moreover, the UK pressed for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and expressed concern over the proliferation activities of North Korea and Iran. The UK representative also stated that the best way to achieve a world without nuclear weapons is through gradual multilateral disarmament negotiated within the framework of the NPT and that the UK is working with other states on verification and irreversibility challenges.

⁴²⁰³ Joint Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States regarding the IAEA Board of Governors resolution on Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2564244>

⁴²⁰⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴²⁰⁵ Australia-UK ministerial consultations (AUKMIN) 2023: joint statement, Government of the UK (London) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/australia-uk-ministerial-consultations-aukmin-2023-joint-statement/australia-uk-ministerial-consultations-aukmin-2023-joint-statement>

⁴²⁰⁶ Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States on the IAEA's Latest Report on Iran's Nuclear Programme, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-by-france-germany-the-united-kingdom-and-the-united-states-on-the-iaea-latest-report-on-irans-nuclear-programme>

⁴²⁰⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, UK Prime Minister's Office (London) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-leaders-statement-24-february-2023>

⁴²⁰⁸ UN Conference on Disarmament 27 February 2023: Minister for Europe statement, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/un-conference-on-disarmament-27-february-2023-minister-for-europe-statement>

On 7 March 2023, the UK issued a joint statement in response to the latest IAEA report on Iran's implementation of its nuclear commitments, alongside France and Germany.⁴²⁰⁹ Inter alia, the parties called on Iran to re-apply the Additional Protocol as a confidence-building mechanism, urged Iran to re-install all necessary IAEA monitoring equipment and noted Iran's changes to its centrifuge configuration.

On 8 March 2023, during a meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors, the UK announced GBP1.5 million in extrabudgetary funding to support the modernization of the IAEA laboratory in Seibersdorf and to support IAEA projects in Isotope Hydrology.⁴²¹⁰ Additionally, the government expressed excitement in hosting the 29th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference in October 2023.

On 8 March 2023, the Ministry of Defence tabled a report in Parliament entitled "The United Kingdom's Future Nuclear Deterrent: The 2022 Update to Parliament."⁴²¹¹ In the report, the UK states their ongoing process of replacing their sovereign nuclear warhead to meet their obligations under the NPT and that they are finalizing plans to dismantle intermediate-level radioactive waste associated with their decommissioned submarines.

On 9 March 2023, during the IAEA Board of Governors meeting, the UK announced an additional GBP570,000 in funding to support the IAEA's nuclear security work in Ukraine and welcomed the establishment of a permanent IAEA presence at the ZNPP in January.⁴²¹²

On 10 March 2023, Prime Minister Sunak met with France's President Emmanuel Macron as part of the 36th France-United Kingdom Summit.⁴²¹³ In the Joint Statement, the leaders reaffirmed their support for the NPT, reaffirmed their opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and committed to further develop their Joint Nuclear Commission. Prime Minister Sunak also urged Russia to comply with the New START Treaty and condemned nuclear-related activities by Iran and North Korea. More concretely, the two nations agreed on a bilateral energy partnership with a civil nuclear cooperation component, and to relaunch the "Treasuries Dialogue," where the two nations would discuss, inter alia, the role of export credit instruments in bilateral nuclear cooperation.

On 13 March 2023, as part of a joint statement with Australia and the US, the UK announced an arrangement for Australia to acquire a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability through the Australia-United Kingdom-United States enhanced security partnership.⁴²¹⁴ The agreement establishes a framework for Australia to acquire nuclear submarines in close consultation with the IAEA to ensure nuclear non-proliferation.

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers condemned in the strongest terms the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its threat to regional and international peace and

⁴²⁰⁹ E3 statement to the IAEA Board of Governors on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, March 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/e3-statement-to-the-iaea-board-of-governors-on-the-joint-comprehensive-plan-of-action-march-2023>

⁴²¹⁰ Nuclear Technology Review 2023: UK National Statement to the IAEA Board of Governors, UK Mission to the UN in Vienna (Vienna) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nuclear-technology-review-2023-uk-national-statement-to-the-iaea-board-of-governors>

⁴²¹¹ The United Kingdom's future nuclear deterrent: the 2022 update to Parliament, UK Ministry of Defence (London) 8 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-united-kingdoms-future-nuclear-deterrent-the-2022-update-to-parliament/the-united-kingdoms-future-nuclear-deterrent-the-2022-update-to-parliament>

⁴²¹² IAEA Board of Governors: Agenda Item 7: Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine - UK National Statement, UK Mission to the UN in Vienna (Vienna) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/iaea-board-of-governors-agenda-item-7-nuclear-safety-security-and-safeguards-in-ukraine-uk-national-statement>

⁴²¹³ UK-France Joint Leaders' Declaration, UK Prime Minister's Office (London) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration/uk-france-joint-leaders-declaration>

⁴²¹⁴ FACT SHEET: Trilateral Australia-UK-US Partnership on Nuclear-Powered Submarines, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/13/fact-sheet-trilateral-australia-uk-us-partnership-on-nuclear-powered-submarines/>

security.⁴²¹⁵ The ministers reiterated the demand for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and comply with all relevant UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs). Ministers called for all UN members to effectively implement all UNSCRs and consider further significant measures by the UN Security Council against North Korea.

On 31 March 2023, a group of 41 countries including the UK released a Joint Statement during the Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.⁴²¹⁶ The statement regretted that the Summary Report for the Review Meeting did not “accurately reflect” discussions on the risks to nuclear safety posed by Russian attacks on the ZNPP.⁴²¹⁷

On 6 April 2023, in a joint statement with France, the UK reaffirmed its commitment to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).⁴²¹⁸ On the topic of nuclear testing, the countries expressed their concern over Russia’s announcement that it will ensure its preparedness to conduct a nuclear test and demanded North Korea’s cease conducting any further nuclear tests. On the topic of the CTBT, the countries called for the universalization and entry into force of the treaty.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the NPT across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. In its verbal statements, the United Kingdom has opposed harmful rhetoric that threatens the ideals of nuclear disarmament. In terms of strong actions, in support of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the UK is implementing capacity-building projects under the auspices of the FIRST program, provided financial support to the IAEA lab in Seibersdorf, dismantled intermediate-level radioactive waste in the UK and is a party to the AUKUS nuclear submarine deal. Secondly, with respect to nuclear non-proliferation, the UK has concretely called for immediate negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty and has provided financial support to the IAEA’s efforts with respect to ZNPP.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Vivek Sapru

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 1 August 2022, the US Department of State released a joint statement with the UK and France reaffirming the importance of the NPT.⁴²¹⁹ The statement furthers the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by denouncing provocative nuclear rhetoric, calling for stronger nuclear safeguards and urging Iran to re-implement the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

⁴²¹⁵ North Korea: G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/north-korea-g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-launch-intercontinental-ballistic-missile_en

⁴²¹⁶ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴²¹⁷ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴²¹⁸ Draft Joint Statement by France and the United Kingdom, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ratification of the CTBT (6 April 2023), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/united-kingdom/news/article/draft-joint-statement-by-france-and-the-united-kingdom-on-the-occasion-of-the>

⁴²¹⁹ Ministerial Statement of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/ministerial-statement-of-the-french-republic-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-and-the-united-states-of-america/>

On 25 August 2022, the US Department of State released a joint statement that noted that the signatories are engaged in capacity building projects under the Foundational Infrastructure for the Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactors (SMR) Technology program and reaffirmed the right to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.⁴²²⁰

On 25 August 2022, President Joe Biden announced a four-year extension of the Agreement for Cooperation between the United States and South Africa concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy.⁴²²¹ This extension permits the sharing of nuclear technology and non-restricted nuclear information for peaceful purposes.

On 21 September 2022, as part of a joint statement, the Department of State expressed its concern for the safety and security risks posed by the Russian invasion to nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes in Ukraine, as well as their personnel.⁴²²² Signatories cited heightened risk of a nuclear accident, noted the 2009 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference unanimous decision to prohibit armed attack or threat thereof to nuclear installations and conveyed their intent to support the IAEA “nuclear safety and security assistance plan” for Ukraine.

On 27 September 2022, the Department of State granted the non-profit organization, Civilian Research and Development Foundation Global USD3.9 million to promote the new US-UK initiative, Sustained Dialogue on Peaceful Uses.⁴²²³ This initiative aims to use nuclear technology to increase food security, fight cancer and tackle challenges related to climate change.

On 29 September 2022, during the first-ever US-Pacific Islands Summit, the US joined summit participants in a joint statement that reaffirmed US support for the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone, as well as its commitment to address the ongoing public health and environmental impacts of past US nuclear testing on Pacific nations such as the Republic of the Marshall Islands.⁴²²⁴

On 22 October 2022, G7 Nonproliferation Directors General issued a statement condemning Russia’s seizure and militarization of Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP).⁴²²⁵ Signatories condemned Russia’s threats to the safe and secure operation of the nuclear facility and urged Russia to remove all Russian personnel.

On 27 October 2022, the Under-Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Bonnie Jenkins announced the “Winning an Edge Through Cooperation in Advanced Nuclear” program, which aims to

⁴²²⁰ Joint Statement on FIRST Program Cooperation at the 2022 NPT Review Conference, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-first-program-cooperation-at-the-2022-npt-review-conference/>

⁴²²¹ Memorandum on Presidential Determination on the Proposed Agreement to Extend the Agreement for Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of South Africa Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/25/memorandum-on-presidential-determination-on-the-proposed-agreement-to-extend-the-agreement-for-cooperation-between-the-united-states-of-america-and-the-republic-of-south-africa-concerning-peaceful-use/>

⁴²²² Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴²²³ United States Awards \$3.9 Million to Establish a Sustained Dialogue on the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Science and Technologies, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-awards-3-9-million-to-establish-a-sustained-dialogue-on-the-peaceful-uses-of-nuclear-science-and-technologies/>

⁴²²⁴ Declaration on U.S.-Pacific Partnership, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://au.usembassy.gov/declaration-on-u-s-pacific-partnership/>

⁴²²⁵ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA’s efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-npdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaeas-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhia-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

increase US-Japanese cooperation on the sharing of nuclear reactor technologies such as SMRs.⁴²²⁶ This program aims to promote partner countries' energy security and climate goals.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA's efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴²²⁷ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India's early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran's Safeguards Agreement, and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UN Security Council Resolutions related to North Korea.

On 18 November 2022, the United States issued a joint statement welcoming the IAEA Board of Governors resolution on Iran, alongside France, the United Kingdom and Germany.⁴²²⁸ The signatories echoed the contents of the resolution by stating that Iran must work with the IAEA to provide technically credible explanations for the presence of uranium particles identified at three undeclared locations.

On 1 December 2022, President Biden issued a joint statement with French President Emmanuel Macron. President Biden stated that they would work with international partners to address issues surrounding Iran's legal obligations under its Non-Proliferation Treaty Safeguards Agreement, reaffirmed the importance of the NPT and their opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and stated their intent to expand the areas of nuclear-related technical cooperation under their Mutual Defence Agreement.⁴²²⁹ On the topic of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the two leaders also noted the recent meeting of the US-France Bilateral Clean Energy Partnership and stated they planned to set up a nuclear energy working group under the Partnership. The group will prioritize deepening civilian nuclear cooperation and contributing to a reliable nuclear supply chain in accordance with the highest standards of nuclear non-proliferation.

On 2 December 2022, the Department of State announced Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Bonnie D. Jenkins will join her counterparts at the year-end plenary meeting of the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV) in Sydney.⁴²³⁰ Plenary participants will discuss the complex task of disarmament verification, review existing work and will set out a work plan for 2023. The US will host the next meeting of the IPNDV in April 2023.

⁴²²⁶ United States and Japan Announce WECAN — Winning an Edge Through Cooperation in Advanced Nuclear — Partnership to Help Countries Meet Their Energy Security and Climate Goals, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 19 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-and-japan-announce-wecan-winning-an-edge-through-cooperation-in-advanced-nuclear-partnership-to-help-countries-meet-their-energy-security-and-climate-goals/>

⁴²²⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

⁴²²⁸ Joint Statement by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States regarding the IAEA Board of Governors resolution on Iran, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2564244>

⁴²²⁹ Joint Statement Following the Meeting Between President Biden and President Macron, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/01/joint-statement-following-the-meeting-between-president-biden-and-president-macron/>

⁴²³⁰ International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV) Sydney Plenary, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/international-partnership-for-nuclear-disarmament-verification-ipndv-sydney-plenary/>

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders reiterated their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP.⁴²³¹ The leaders condemned the reported abduction and abuse of Ukrainian personnel at the facility, and expressed their support of the IAEA efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone.

On 14 December 2022, the Departments of State and Energy announced an additional USD4 million in funding to the IAEA's Rays of Hope initiative,⁴²³² an addition to a prior USD23 million investment. These funds will be used to increase African nations' access to nuclear medicine and radiotherapy in the form of packages of specialized equipment and training.

On 15 December 2022, Under Secretary of State Jenkins and Kenyan Foreign Minister Alfred Mutua signed a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Strategic Civil Nuclear Cooperation.⁴²³³ This memorandum aims to provide a framework for civil nuclear cooperation and engagement between experts from government, industry, national laboratories and academic institutions.

On 27 January 2023, following the US-Italy Joint Commission Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation, the national representatives present issued a joint statement which, inter alia, endorsed continued research cooperation on issues including nuclear physics and the energy transition.⁴²³⁴

On 3 February 2023, in a joint statement with France, Germany, and the UK, the US called upon Iran to comply with its obligations under the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement in light of Iran changing the configuration of a number of its centrifuges without prior notice to the IAEA.⁴²³⁵

On 3 February 2023, Secretary Blinken met Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin, where they reaffirmed the goal to bring about the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and noted a meeting earlier last week where both parties agreed to further deepen information sharing on North Korean nuclear activity.⁴²³⁶

On 16 February 2023, the US and the Gulf Cooperation Council released a joint statement on Iran which, inter alia, called on Iran to fully cooperate with IAEA investigations and to reverse course of its alleged production of highly enriched uranium.⁴²³⁷

⁴²³¹ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴²³² FACT SHEET: Cancer Moonshot Announces New Actions Aimed to Reduce the Cancer Burden in Africa as Part of the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, US Departments of State and Energy (Washington D.C.) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2022/12/14/fact-sheet-cancer-moonshot-announces-new-actions-aimed-to-reduce-the-cancer-burden-in-africa-as-part-of-the-u-s-africa-leaders-summit/>

⁴²³³ The United States of America and the Republic of Kenya Sign a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Strategic Civil Nuclear Cooperation, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date 3 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-of-america-and-the-republic-of-kenya-sign-a-memorandum-of-understanding-concerning-strategic-civil-nuclear-cooperation/>

⁴²³⁴ Joint Statement on U.S.-Italy Science and Technology Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/01/joint-statement-on-u-s-italy-science-and-technology-cooperation/

⁴²³⁵ Statement by France, Germany, The United Kingdom and the United States on the IAEA's latest report on Iran's nuclear program, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/iran/news/article/statement-by-france-germany-the-united-kingdom-and-the-united-states-on-the>

⁴²³⁶ Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Park Jin at a Joint Press Availability, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-republic-of-korea-foreign-minister-park-jin-at-a-joint-press-availability-2/>

⁴²³⁷ Joint Statement by the United States and Gulf Cooperation Council Members on Iran, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-united-states-and-gulf-cooperation-council-members-on-iran/>

On 24 February 2023, pursuant to Executive Order 14024, the Department of the Treasury sanctioned businessman Walter Moretti for procuring equipment for Russia’s nuclear weapons laboratories among other sensitive technologies and equipment.⁴²³⁸

On 2 March 2023, President Biden signed “National Security Memorandum 19 to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism and Advance Nuclear and Radioactive Material Security worldwide.”⁴²³⁹ This comprehensive new strategy integrates US policies that counter weapons-of-mass-destruction terrorism and sets out unified cross-government priorities. More specifically, inter alia, the memorandum establishes the first comprehensive policy for securing radioactive materials, and produces new domestic guidelines for the management and security of nuclear material.

On 7 March 2023, the Department of State’s Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation released a press statement articulating it was bolstering its programs and initiatives in support of National Security Memorandum 19.⁴²⁴⁰ These programs include, inter alia, encouraging countries to make political commitments to the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, providing technical and financial support to the IAEA to facilitate activities related to global nuclear safety and developing a new framework for cooperation on global counter radiological and nuclear terrorism efforts.

On 13 March 2023, as part of a joint statement with Australia and the UK, President Joe Biden announced an arrangement for Australia to acquire a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability through the Australia-United Kingdom-United States enhanced security partnership.⁴²⁴¹ The agreement establishes a framework for Australia to acquire nuclear submarines in close consultation with the IAEA to ensure nuclear non-proliferation.

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement on North Korea’s 16 March intercontinental ballistic missile launching.⁴²⁴² The ministers condemned North Korea’s missile launches and its irresponsible and destabilizing rhetoric regarding the use of nuclear weapons. The ministers also called on North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and weapons programs in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner and fully comply with all obligations under the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs).

On 28 March 2023, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament Bruce Turner called on Russia to return to full implementation of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, reiterated the US view on

⁴²³⁸ Targeting Key Sectors, Evasion Efforts, and Military Supplies, Treasury Expands and Intensifies Sanctions Against Russia, The Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 24 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1296>

⁴²³⁹ FACT SHEET: President Biden Signs National Security Memorandum to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism and Advance Nuclear and Radioactive Material Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/02/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-national-security-memorandum-to-counter-weapons-of-mass-destruction-terrorism-and-advance-nuclear-and-radioactive-material-security/>

⁴²⁴⁰ The Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation Advances the National Security Memorandum to Counter WMD Terrorism and Advance Nuclear and Radioactive Material Security, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/the-bureau-of-international-security-and-nonproliferation-advances-the-national-security-memorandum-to-counter-wmd-terrorism-and-advance-nuclear-and-radioactive-material-security/>

⁴²⁴¹ FACT SHEET: Trilateral Australia-UK-US Partnership on Nuclear-Powered Submarines, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/13/fact-sheet-trilateral-australia-uk-us-partnership-on-nuclear-powered-submarines/>

⁴²⁴² G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement On the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile by North Korea, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-united-states-the-republic-of-korea-and-japan-special-representatives-for-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-dprk/>

the importance of nuclear risk reduction as one of many tools to reduce the risk of escalation and reaffirmed the importance of a fissile material production moratorium.⁴²⁴³

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On 3 April 2023, Assistant Secretary Eliot Kang of the Department of State Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation expressed the immediate need for negotiations on a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty, noting that China is the only nuclear weapon state that has not declared a moratorium on the use of fissile materials for use in nuclear explosive devices.⁴²⁴⁶

On 6 April 2023, in a joint statement with South Korea and Japan, the US condemned North Korea’s repeated ballistic missile launches and its escalatory and destabilizing rhetoric regarding the use of nuclear weapons.⁴²⁴⁷

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the NPT across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. In addition to verbal statements reaffirming the three core pillars of the NPT, the US also took concrete actions by extending an agreement on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy with two partner countries, participating in AUKUS and providing financial support to cooperative activities including those related to SMRs. On non-proliferation, the US expressed support for immediate negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty and sanctioned an individual accused of engaging in nuclear proliferation. On nuclear disarmament, the US expressed support for a South Pacific Nuclear Weapon Free Zone.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars.

On 29 August 2022, High Representative of the European Union Josep Borrell expressed the EU’s regret regarding the lack of substantial outcomes from the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT.⁴²⁴⁸ Borrell additionally emphasized the EU’s regard for the NPT as a cornerstone of peaceful nuclear development,

⁴²⁴³ U.S. AMBASSADOR BRUCE TURNER’S REMARKS TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ON NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION, U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Geneva (Geneva) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

<https://geneva.usmission.gov/2023/03/28/u-s-ambassador-bruce-turners-remarks-to-the-conference-on-disarmament-on-nuclear-risk-reduction/>

⁴²⁴⁴ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴²⁴⁵ Joint Statement Eighth and Ninth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, US Department of State (Vienna) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-eighth-and-ninth-review-meeting-of-the-convention-on-nuclear-safety/>

⁴²⁴⁶ ISN Assistant Secretary Eliot Kang’s Keynote Address to CSIS-FKI Webinar, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/isn-assistant-secretary-eliot-kangs-keynote-address-to-csis-fki-webinar/>

⁴²⁴⁷ Joint Statement by the United States, the Republic of Korea, and Japan Special Representatives for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-united-states-the-republic-of-korea-and-japan-special-representatives-for-the-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-dprk/>

⁴²⁴⁸ Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty: Statement by the High Representative Josep Borrell on the occasion of the closure of the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/non-proliferation-nuclear-weapons-treaty-statement-high-representative-josep-borrell-occasion_en

nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, with renewed calls for action in the face of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

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On 27 October 2022, Chair of the Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports Michal Karczmarz participated in the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly Meeting as an observer and expressed the EU’s concern at the ongoing decline in “international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation architecture” as a result of the Russian invasion.⁴²⁵¹ Mr. Karczmarz stressed the EU’s disapproval regarding the stalemate condition of the Conference on Disarmament and called for the appointment of a special coordinator to take the lead in expanding Conference membership and bringing concrete solutions to the table for Conference members to consider. Mr. Karczmarz encouraged members of the United Nations to make their full contributions to the organization’s disarmament machinery and emphasized its importance in providing sound, political and financial support to various non-proliferation and disarmament agreements.

On 31 October, 2022, EU member states voted to establish a zone free of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems in the region of the Middle East at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, which would promote regional security through commitment to nuclear, chemical and biological non-proliferation.⁴²⁵² The EU further reiterated their full support for the NPT and readiness to assist processes which would help establish this nuclear-weapon free zone (NWFZ), citing past examples of facilitating dialogue among States in the region.

On 2 November 2022, High Representative Borrell and the Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian held a telephone conversation regarding the prospects for reviving the Iran Nuclear Deal, which would have Iran dismantle much of its nuclear program and reopen facilities to extensive international inspections in compliance with the NPT pillars regarding nuclear disarmament and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.⁴²⁵³

⁴²⁴⁹ Joint statement on the safety and security of civil nuclear facilities in armed conflicts, 21 September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/09/joint-statement-on-the-safety-and-security-of-civil-nuclear-facilities-in-armed-conflicts-21-september-2022/

⁴²⁵⁰ G7 NPDG Statement in support of the IAEA’s efforts to promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 22 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/g7-mpdg-statement-in-support-of-the-iaeas-efforts-to-promote-nuclear-safety-and-security-at-the-zaporizhzhya-nuclear-power-plant-in-ukraine/

⁴²⁵¹ Disarmament Machinery Impasse ‘Cause and Consequence’ of Competing Strategic Priorities, Ruthless Pursuit of Military Advantage, First Committee Told, United Nations (New York City) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://press.un.org/en/2022/gadis3700.doc.htm>

⁴²⁵² EU Explanation of Vote: UN General Assembly 1st Committee: Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East, EEAS Press and Information Team to the UN (New York) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/eu-explanation-vote-un-general-assembly-1st-committee-establishment-nuclear_en

⁴²⁵³ Iranian, EU top diplomats discuss renewal of Iran nuclear deal — statement, Tass News Agency (Tehran) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 20 November 2022. <https://tass.com/world/1531785>

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers issued a Joint Statement. On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they stated their support for the IAEA's efforts to establish a Safety and Security Zone around the ZNPP and condemned Russia's seizure and militarization of the plant.⁴²⁵⁴ On international arms control efforts, G7 members committed to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and expressed support for India's early entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On Iran, G7 members called on Iran to fully cooperate with the IAEA regarding Iran's Safeguards Agreement and to make critical decisions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. On North Korea, G7 members strongly condemned the unlawful launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2022, reiterated that North Korea dismantle its nuclear program in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and called upon all states to effectively implement all UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) related to North Korea.

On 5 November 2022, High Representative Borrell condemned North Korea's increase in ballistic missile launches, which marked repeated violations of UNSCRs regarding global non-proliferation.⁴²⁵⁵ The EU demanded that North Korea comply with the NPT by verifiably and irreversibly abandoning all nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, as well as terminating all nuclear and ballistic missile programmes. The EU further called on all UN members to implement strict sanctions to prevent North Korea from "procuring materials, knowledge and finance that support its illegal weapons programmes."

On 17 November 2022, the EU condemned Russia's "unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression" against Ukraine, which threatened the safety and security of Ukrainian nuclear facilities and prevented the IAEA from properly conducting IAEA safeguard verification activities in Ukraine.⁴²⁵⁶ The EU stated its continued concern regarding the attacks on and illegal seizure of the ZNPP by the Russian armed forces, citing the violation of the vital pillars for nuclear safety and security, and calling for Russia to withdraw and relinquish control of all nuclear facilities within Ukraine's borders to Ukrainian authorities. The EU reaffirmed its support for IAEA work, including efforts to establish a nuclear safety and security protection zone around the ZNPP and stressed the need for new legally binding international rules which prohibit armed attacks against peaceful nuclear installations. The EU further demonstrated its disapproval of Russia's illegal actions by rescinding funding for IAEA projects which would benefit Russia or Belarus and refusing to participate in IAEA meetings occurring in Russia or Belarus.

On 18 November 2022, the EU, along with various candidate and European Free Trade Association countries, reaffirmed its strong support for the establishment of a NWFZ in the Middle East, and encouraged all stakeholders, especially the States of the region, to engage in meaningful consultations which would advance the implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East.⁴²⁵⁷ The EU also voiced its disappointment regarding the issue of Israeli Nuclear Capabilities being raised once more before the Board, emphasizing a consensual approach in achieving progress towards the 1995 Resolution.

On 12 December 2022, the Council of the EU imposed additional restrictive measures on eight persons and four entities that are responsible for or involved in the development of ballistic missiles in North Korea, in

⁴²⁵⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement, Ministry of External Affairs and International Cooperation (New York City) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/11/g7-foreign-ministers-statement/

⁴²⁵⁵ DPRK: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the recent launch of multiple missiles, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 5 November 2022. Access Date: 7 November 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/11/05/dprk-north-korea-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu-on-the-recent-launch-of-multiple-missiles/>

⁴²⁵⁶ EU Statement at IAEA BoG on Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine, as delivered on 17 November 2022, European External Action Service Press and Information Team to the United Nations and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Vienna) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/eu-statement-iaea-bog-nuclear-safety-security-and_en

⁴²⁵⁷ EU Statement at IAEA BoG on the application of IAEA Safeguards in the Middle East and Israeli Nuclear Capabilities, European External Action Service Press and Information Team to the United Nations and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Vienna) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/vienna-international-organisations/eu-statement-iaea-bog-application-iaea-safeguards_en

particular, providing support and funds for North Korea's nuclear-related and ballistic-missile-related programmes.⁴²⁵⁸ The restrictive measures include an asset freeze, a travel ban to the EU and a prohibition to make funds or economic resources available to those targeted in response to the continued development of ballistic missiles in violation to the relevant UNSCRs. The Council continues to condemn the marked increase in illegal missile launches by North Korea, including an intercontinental ballistic missile launched on 18 November and its undermining of the international non-proliferation agenda.

On 12 December 2022, G7 leaders issued a statement reiterating their condemnation of Russia's seizure and militarization of Ukraine's ZNPP.⁴²⁵⁹ The leaders expressed support of the IAEA's efforts to establish a "Safety and Security Zone."

On 20 December 2022, High Representative Borrell held a discussion with Minister Abdollahian on behalf of the EU regarding the unacceptable developments inside Iran, namely the country's worrying military support to Russia and stalled efforts towards the nuclear deal.⁴²⁶⁰ Moreover, the EU reaffirmed its intentions to keep communications open and work with Iran to restore the 2015 nuclear deal as an effective option for nuclear non-proliferation in the region.⁴²⁶¹

On 2 February 2023, the EU, along with various candidate countries, again reaffirmed its support for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems.⁴²⁶² The EU called upon nuclear weapon states to ratify the relevant protocols of international peace and security treaties which would help establish NWFZs following the requisite consultations, and upon states in existing NWFZs to sign and ratify the relevant treaties to advance the implementation of the NPT. Inter alia, the EU urged all Middle East states to accede to and abide by the NPT, sign and ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-ban Treaty and conclude a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, the Additional Protocol and a Small Quantities Protocol, if necessary, with the IAEA. The EU further called upon all relevant Parties to build an inclusive and consensus-based process in establishing a Middle East NWFZ and affirmed their willingness to assist through facilitating dialogue among States of the region and the EU Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centers of Excellence Initiative.

On 3 February 2023, as part of a joint statement at the 24th EU-Ukraine Summit, President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen reiterated the EU's condemnation of Russia's actions at Ukraine's ZNPP and emphasized their continued support for the IAEA's work assisting Ukraine in maintaining nuclear safety and security.⁴²⁶³ The EU further reaffirmed a united front against Russia's weaponization of nuclear energy.

On 18 February 2023, in response to North Korea's newest long-range missile launch, the EU reiterated its condemnation of North Korea's undermining of international non-proliferation architecture and its call for

⁴²⁵⁸ DPRK/North Korea: EU imposes additional restrictive measures on eight persons and four entities responsible for or involved in the development of ballistic missiles, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/12/dprk-north-korea-eu-imposes-additional-restrictive-measures-on-eight-persons-and-four-entities-responsible-for-or-involved-in-the-development-of-ballistic-missiles/>

⁴²⁵⁹ G7 Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/12/12/g7-leaders-statement-4/>

⁴²⁶⁰ Iraq – more than a linchpin, can actively contribute to regional stability, The European External Action Service (Brussels) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/iraq-%E2%80%93-more-linchpin-can-actively-contribute-regional-stability_en

⁴²⁶¹ EU tells Iran to halt repression, support for Russia, Reuters (Amman) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/iranian-eu-nuclear-negotiators-meet-jordan-iranian-media-2022-12-20/>

⁴²⁶² Nuclear Weapons Free Zones - Thematic debate - EU Statement, EEAS Press and Information Team to the UN (Geneva) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-geneva/nuclear-weapons-free-zones-thematic-debate-eu-statement_en

⁴²⁶³ Joint statement following the 24th EU-Ukraine Summit, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/03/joint-statement-following-the-24th-eu-ukraine-summit/>

North Korea to cease all ballistic missile launches and engage in complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.⁴²⁶⁴ The EU further declared the launch to be dangerous and required an appropriate response by the UN Security Council.

On 21 February 2023, High Representative Borrell declared the EU's strong disapproval of President Putin's decision to suspend Russia's obligations under the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which the EU regards as a crucial contribution to international and European nuclear security.⁴²⁶⁵ The EU demanded that Russia fulfill its obligations through New START inspections and participation in the Bilateral Consultative Commission, citing an undermining of European security infrastructure and a setback to arms control efforts.

On 24 February 2023, High Representative Borrell gave a statement on the anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, strongly condemning Russia's destruction of Ukrainian civilian nuclear infrastructure like the ZNPP using missiles.⁴²⁶⁶

On 28 February 2023, during an informal meeting of EU Council of Energy Ministers, 11 EU countries signed a declaration in Stockholm reaffirming their joint desire to strengthen and structure European cooperation in the field of nuclear energy as a key tool in generating baseload electricity and ensuring security of energy supply as well as promoting nuclear research and innovation.⁴²⁶⁷ EU Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson took part in the meeting.

On 16 March 2023, the Council of the EU adopted an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility for the army of North Macedonia worth EUR9 million, which included radiological and nuclear training equipment in order to strengthen the EU's security and stability engagement with its Western Balkan partners.⁴²⁶⁸

On 19 March 2023, G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning in the strongest terms the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its threat to regional and international peace and security.⁴²⁶⁹ The ministers reiterated the demand for North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and comply with all relevant UNSCRs. The ministers also called for all UN members to effectively implement all UNSCRs and consider further significant measures by the UN Security Council against North Korea.

On 23 March 2023, during an exchange of views with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the European Council reiterated its urgent demand for Russia to cease actions endangering the safety and security of peaceful nuclear facilities in Ukraine and expressed the EU's full support for the work of the IAEA.⁴²⁷⁰

⁴²⁶⁴ DPRK: Statement by the Spokesperson on the latest missile launch, The European External Action Service (Brussels) 18 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/dprk-statement-spokesperson-latest-missile-launch_en

⁴²⁶⁵ Arms Control: Statement by the High Representative on Russia's obligations under New START Treaty, The European External Action Service (Brussels) 21 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/arms-control-statement-high-representative-russia-s-obligations-under-new-start-treaty_en

⁴²⁶⁶ One year of war against Ukraine: Acting together to ensure international law will prevail, Delegation of the European Union to Algeria (Algiers) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/algeria/one-year-war-against-ukraine-acting-together-ensure-international-law-will_en

⁴²⁶⁷ Eleven EU countries launch alliance for nuclear power in Europe, EURACTIV (Brussels) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2023. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/eleven-eu-countries-launch-alliance-for-nuclear-power-in-europe/>

⁴²⁶⁸ European Peace Facility: Council adopts assistance measure in support of the army of North Macedonia, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/16/european-peace-facility-council-adopts-assistance-measure-in-support-of-the-army-of-north-macedonia/>

⁴²⁶⁹ North Korea: G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement on the launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, EEAS Press Team (Brussels) 19 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/north-korea-g7-foreign-ministers%E2%80%99-statement-launch-intercontinental-ballistic-missile_en

⁴²⁷⁰ European Council conclusions on Ukraine, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 23 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/03/23/european-council-conclusions-on-ukraine/>

On 26 March 2023, High Representative Borrell cautioned Belarus on allowing Russia to station tactical nuclear weapons, declaring it an irresponsible escalation and threat to European security and further threatening EU sanctions against Belarus if it decides to comply with Russia's request.⁴²⁷¹

The EU has fully complied with its commitment to advance implementation of the NPT across all three of its mutually reinforcing pillars. It has made numerous verbal statements supporting the pillars and sentiment of the Treaty in various conferences, and taken steps to enforce its compliance through the introduction of framework, negotiations, and condemnation of non-complying states. In terms of strong actions, the EU's involvement in reviving the Iran nuclear deal implicates one pillar of the NPT: non-proliferation. Its commitment to establishing a NWFZ in the Middle East, as well as the restrictive measures imposed on North Korea regarding its nuclear and ballistic-weapon programmes and the threat of sanctions against Belarus for Russian tactical nuclear weapons implicate another pillar: nuclear disarmament.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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⁴²⁷¹ EU threatens more sanctions if Russia moves nukes to Belarus, Euronews (Paris) 26 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.euronews.com/2023/03/26/putin-says-russia-will-station-tactical-nukes-in-belarus-sending-a-clear-warning-to-the-we>

20. Terrorism: Cooperation on Extremism

“We will intensify our cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.”

Elmau G7 Summit Communiqué

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75 (88%)		

Background

At the 1978 Bonn Summit, G7 leaders made their first cooperative attempt to address terrorism.⁴²⁷² Member states released a “Statement on Air-Hijacking,” recognizing the need to “intensify their joint efforts” against international terrorism and the taking of hostages.⁴²⁷³ G7 members were committed to take immediate action, banning all air travel to and from countries that refused to extradite or prosecute suspected terrorist hijackers within their borders.

At the 1980 Venice Summit, member states expressed contentment with the international support given to the principles outlined in the Bonn Declaration of July 1978.⁴²⁷⁴ G7 members also “[emphasized] that hijacking [remained] a threat to international civil aviation” and that measures against it should not be eased.

At the 1990 Houston Summit, G7 members reaffirmed their condemnation of terrorist activity and demanded that all governments supporting or financing terrorism cease their assistance immediately.⁴²⁷⁵ The sabotage of civilian aircrafts by terrorist groups in Scotland in 1988, Niger in 1989, and Colombia in 1989 served to motivate the G7 members to reiterate their ongoing fight against attacks on civil aviation. Members pledged to support initiatives by the International Civil Aviation Organization and recognized the importance of working with this organization to provide more training and technical assistance to other countries.

At the 1995 Halifax Summit, G7 members restated their “resolve to defeat all forms of terrorism.”⁴²⁷⁶ They also committed to strengthen cooperation “in all areas of counter-terrorism, including research and technology.” G7 members also called upon all countries that aid terrorists to reverse their financial support and deny suspects sanctuary within their borders. They also tasked a terrorism experts group to report on measures that can be taken to “deter, prevent, and investigate terrorist acts.”

⁴²⁷² G7 Performance on Terrorism, 1975-2020, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2021. Access Date: 30 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/yampolsky-terrorism-2021>

⁴²⁷³ Statement on Air-Hijacking, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 April 2009. Access Date: 29 September 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1978bonn/hijacking>

⁴²⁷⁴ Statement on Hijacking, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 11 February 2021. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1980venice/hijacking>

⁴²⁷⁵ Statement on Transnational Issues, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 January 2015. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1990houston/transition>

⁴²⁷⁶ Chairman’s Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1995halifax/chairman>

At the 2002 Kananaskis Summit, G8 members reaffirmed their commitment to fighting against terrorism while adding that they would prevent terrorists from acquiring nuclear, chemical, biological, and radiological weapons.⁴²⁷⁷ They also emphasized the need to prevent countries from harbouring terrorist suspects. A new G8 Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction was implemented to “address non-proliferation, disarmament, counter-terrorism and nuclear safety issues,” with members committing to raising USD20 billion in funding to sustain its operation.

At the 2003 Evian Summit, G8 members reiterated their commitment to prevent and eradicate terrorism. In the action plan “Building International Political Will and Capacity to Combat Terrorism,” states defined three main areas of counter-terrorism activity.⁴²⁷⁸ The first was to prevent terrorists from accessing the finances, false documents, and weapons needed to successfully execute acts of terrorism. The second was to deny terrorists refuge and to guarantee that suspects would be prosecuted and/or extradited. The last area was to “overcome vulnerability” to terrorism by expanding domestic security, strengthening the rule of law and investigating the factors that cause terrorism. These commitments, among others, led to the creation of a Counter-Terrorism Action Group (CTAG), which would invite other states to allocate money, training facilities, and expertise towards counter-terrorism measures.

At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 members condemned the terrorist attacks in London and promised to improve how information concerning terrorist movements would be shared between allies.⁴²⁷⁹ This fostered an early consensus on a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. Members resolved to produce a common definition of terrorist threats and assess the links between crime and terrorism so that new generations of terrorism could be precluded. Common terms and definitions were agreed upon, making it easier for members to share intelligence reports and terrorist travel data.

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G8 members emphasized the importance of maintaining human rights and the rule of law as part of curating a successful counter-terrorism scheme.⁴²⁸⁰ Participants welcomed improvements to the United Nations al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions regime as enshrined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1904. Members committed to build upon the efforts of the CTAG by making them more sustainable and innovative.

At the 2015 Schloss Elmau Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to create an international framework that would freeze terrorist assets and allow for greater cross-border cooperation.⁴²⁸¹ This is a continuation of the efforts outlined in the Financial Action Task Force established in 1989 to assist in the monitoring of money laundering and other illegal financial operations. Leaders committed to implementing a cross-border freezing request system in which members could petition allies to prevent suspected terrorists from withdrawing and spending money. G7 members also pledged to combat wildlife trafficking, recognizing that it is a potential source of income for terrorism and other forms of organized crime.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 members emphasized the importance of monitoring the relationship between cyberspace and terrorism.⁴²⁸² The goal was to counter terrorism with stronger democratic institutions that could readily adapt to new technological frontiers. G7 members recognized that the Internet can and has been used for terrorist recruitment, training, propaganda, and finances and committed to bolstering

⁴²⁷⁷ Statement by G8 Leaders: The G8 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 February 2015. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2002kananaskis/arms>

⁴²⁷⁸ Building International Political Will and Capacity to Combat Terrorism: A G8 Action Plan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 May 2014. Access Date: 5 October 2022. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2003evian/will_action_en

⁴²⁷⁹ G8 Statement on Counter-Terrorism, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 April 2014. Access date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/counterterrorism.pdf>

⁴²⁸⁰ G8 Leaders Statement on Countering Terrorism, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 November 2010. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/counterterrorism>

⁴²⁸¹ Leaders’ Declaration: G7 Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 11 June 2015. Access Date: 5 October 2022.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en>

⁴²⁸² The G7 from Charlevoix to Biarritz-A Special Compliance Report, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 March 2020. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2018special/special-compliance-2018.pdf>

collaboration with the Global Internet Forum as a strategy.⁴²⁸³ They also committed to implement the Women, Peace and Security agenda more strongly as a way to better respond to “gender-sensitive” issues in terrorism, including women’s participation and victimization.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders met virtually alongside the Secretaries General of the UN and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to reaffirm their commitment to fighting terrorism in Afghanistan.⁴²⁸⁴ G7 members pledged to collaborate with partners, especially those in NATO, to counter terrorist acts and to hold the Taliban accountable regarding their treatment of women and minorities.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders committed to “intensify [their] cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.”⁴²⁸⁵

“Intensify” is understood to mean to increase existing actions.⁴²⁸⁶ In the context of this commitment, it refers to increasing the amount or extent of cooperative actions taken to fight against all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

“Fight” is understood to mean to “put forth a determined effort” or “attempt to prevent the success or effectiveness of” something.⁴²⁸⁷ In the context of this commitment, it refers to increasing initiatives to prevent, investigate and prosecute extremist and terrorist acts, organizations as well as actors.

“Cooperation” is understood to mean the process or action of working together towards a shared goal.⁴²⁸⁸ Hence, for this commitment, it is required that G7 members demonstrate joint action – rather than individual state policy – to combat all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

“Extremism” is understood to mean the promotion of views and actions that support or use violence to achieve ideological, religious or political goals.⁴²⁸⁹ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the G7 members increasing cooperation among themselves and/or with international organizations to strengthen measures against the spread of politically, ideologically, or religiously motivated extremist beliefs, ideas, videos, literature, such as pamphlets, manifestos, blog and social media posts, and other materials which intimidate or threaten the use of violence against any particular group of people. This can be achieved by making joint statements with the leaders of the G7 members and other countries that condemn acts of extremism, namely expressions of a violent nature with racist, homophobic, sexist, islamophobic, or other discriminatory content. Aside from verbal reiterations of support, which are relatively weak actions that count for partial rather than full compliance, other measures that constitute strong actions under this category are: cooperating with international organizations and multinational corporations to intensify regulations for online platforms, as well as creating and enforcing international laws against hate speech and extremism-related crimes.

⁴²⁸³ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communique, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique>

⁴²⁸⁴ G7 Leaders Statement on Afghanistan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 August 2021. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210824-afghanistan>

⁴²⁸⁵ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué – Executive Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communication-summary>

⁴²⁸⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴²⁸⁷ Fight, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 25 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fight>

⁴²⁸⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴²⁸⁹ ‘Radicalization’ and ‘Violent Extremism’, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Vienna) July 2018. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.unodc.org/e4j/zh/terrorism/module-2/key-issues/radicalization-violent-extremism.html>

“Terrorism” is defined as any violent action carried out with the intent of causing physical or psychological harm to the general public based on political, ideological, or religious beliefs.⁴²⁹⁰ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the G7 members increasing their cooperation among themselves and/or with international organizations to prevent the use of violence aimed at intimidating the general public, governments, and/or a particular group. The G7 members can achieve this by sharing information and expertise on anti-terrorist measures, conducting joint training among their national police and/or armed forces together with other countries to address terrorist threats, freezing bank accounts and other financial resources of entities suspected of terrorism, cooperating with other countries on extradition procedures of suspected terrorists, as well as collaborating on the prosecution of terrorists in international courts.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong cooperative action to combat both violent extremism and terrorism. Strong actions against violent extremism could include cooperating with international organizations and multinational corporations to intensify regulations for social media and other online platforms that can be used for the spread of extremism, creating and enforcing international legislation against hate speech and extremism-related crimes, as well as expanding or putting forward new initiatives aimed at tackling extremism. Strong actions against terrorism could include allocating money and personnel to organizations and institutions that fight terrorism, such as the UN Counter-Terrorism Office; expanding or creating new programs aimed at combating terrorism; creating and enforcing international anti-terrorism laws; conducting joint training among police and/or military forces with other countries to address terrorist threats; freezing financial resources of terrorist entities, and collaborating with other countries on extradition and prosecution of suspected terrorists. The G7 member must also take at least a few actions, i.e. more than one or two, for full compliance. This report also acknowledges overlap between “extremism” and “terrorism” and takes this into account in its scoring.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong cooperative action against either violent extremism or terrorism; or that take weak cooperative actions in violent extremism and terrorism. Weak actions against violent extremism include reaffirming an existing commitment to fight against this issue in joint verbal statements with the leaders of G7 members and other countries, as well as engaging in cross-border information sharing with regards to extremist groups and the rhetoric they use to limit the spread and effectiveness of extremism. Weak actions against terrorism include making bilateral and multilateral verbal statements that condemn acts of terrorism, joining international organizations and attending meetings of international institutions that deal with the issue of terrorism. Further, unilateral actions will be considered for partial compliance only, due to the language in the commitment specifying “international cooperation.”

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned to G7 members who take no strong action towards intensifying international cooperation to fight violent extremism nor terrorism; or to members that took weak action in just one area.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has NOT taken any strong action towards intensifying international cooperation to fight violent extremism OR terrorism, OR took weak action in ONE area (violent extremism OR terrorism).
0	The G7 member has taken strong action towards intensifying international cooperation to fight either violent extremism OR terrorism, OR has taken weak action in both areas (violent extremism AND terrorism).
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action towards intensifying international cooperation to fight both violent extremism AND terrorism.

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Lead Analyst: Christopher Henry*

⁴²⁹⁰ Negative Effects of Terrorism on the Enjoyment of Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022.
https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/AdvisoryCom/Session24/A_HRC_AC_24_CRP1.docx

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 20 September 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced at the Christchurch Call 2022 Leaders' Summit that Canada would invest up to CAD1.9 million to combat online violent extremism and terrorist content online.⁴²⁹¹ The financial contribution will support Tech Against Terrorism, an initiative launched by the United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED). The funding will be divided over three years and will go towards Phase 2 of Tech Against Terrorism's Terrorist Content Analytics Platform (TCAP). TCAP is a digital platform responsible for "the detection, notification, and analysis of verified terrorist content."

On 15 October 2022, Canadian and US military aircraft landed in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to deliver the Haitian government's purchased security equipment and tactical gear.⁴²⁹² The gear is intended to assist the Haitian National Police in combating "criminal actors who are fomenting violence and disrupting the flow of critically needed humanitarian assistance, hindering efforts to halt the spread of cholera." In a joint statement, Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joy, Minister Anand, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken affirmed their support for the restoration of security in Haiti. Together, Canada, the US, and other international partners continue working to strengthen the Haitian National Police's capacity, operations, and training efforts.

On 20 October 2022, Defence Minister Anita Anand held a bilateral meeting with Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed Al Attiyah. During the discussion, both ministers reaffirmed their commitment to "supporting peace and stability in the Middle East, including by combating terrorism and violent extremism."⁴²⁹³ They also discussed Canada's ongoing contributions to Operation IMPACT, part of the Global Coalition against Daesh, and Operation Foundation aimed at counterterrorism efforts in North Africa, Southwest Asia, and the Middle East.

On 27 October 2022, Canada announced the allocation of over CAD37 million in funding towards African Union priorities at the first Canada-African Union Commission High-Level Dialogue.⁴²⁹⁴ In partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, this funding will go towards "capacity building in community reintegration of former associates of extremist groups in the Lake Province of Chad."

On 12 November 2022, Canada and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) held a summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to celebrate the 45th anniversary of ASEAN-Canada Dialogue Relations.⁴²⁹⁵ At the summit, members discussed economic, socio-cultural and, most pertinently, political security cooperation. To

⁴²⁹¹ Government of Canada announces up to \$1.9 million in funding to combat online terrorist and violent extremist content, Public Safety Canada (Ottawa) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-announces-up-to-19-million-in-funding-to-combat-online-terrorist-and-violent-extremist-content.html>

⁴²⁹² Canada and United States coordinate delivery of Haitian National Police equipment, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-and-united-states-coordinate-delivery-of-haitian-national-police-equipment.html>

⁴²⁹³ Readout of Defence Minister Anita Anand's Bilateral Meeting with Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed Al Attiyah, National Defence (St-Jean-sur-Richelieu) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2022/10/readout-of-defence-minister-anita-anands-bilateral-meeting-with-qatars-deputy-prime-minister-and-minister-of-state-for-defence-affairs-his-excellen.html>

⁴²⁹⁴ Peaceful and democratic Africa, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/peaceful-and-democratic-africa.html>

⁴²⁹⁵ ASEAN-Canada 45th Anniversary Commemorative Summit Joint Statement, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Phnom Penh) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/11/13/asean-canada-45th-anniversary-commemorative-summit-joint-statement>

enhance political security cooperation, member states pledged to address common and uncommon concerns, including terrorism, violent extremism, cybersecurity issues, and transnational crime.

On 20 November 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau and President of Niger Mohamed Bazoum met to discuss global affairs and security issues in the Sahel.⁴²⁹⁶ Together, they welcomed increased cooperation between Canada and Niger in various areas, including counterterrorism. Additionally, Canada reaffirmed its commitment to increasing bilateral cooperation to better combat terrorism.

On 16 February 2023, Prime Minister Trudeau concluded his visit with the leaders of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Nassau, the Bahamas.⁴²⁹⁷ Canada announced the deployment of two Royal Canadian Navy Kingston-Class ships to Haiti as well as the imposition of sanctions against Haitian elites implicated in supporting gang actors. Canada also affirmed its commitment to restoring peace and security in Haiti by supporting democratic elections.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. Canada had pledged a monetary contribution to the prevention and combating of online terrorist and extremist content in cooperation with the multilateral Christchurch Call. Additionally, Canada has allotted financial resources to help the African Union in its counterterrorism and counter-extremism efforts and has worked with the US to support the Haitian National Police in its fight against extremist and terrorist actors. Canada has also reaffirmed its commitment to bilateral relations with Niger to increase counterterrorism efforts. Moreover, Canada has affirmed its commitment to enhance efforts in addressing extremism and terrorism concerns alongside ASEAN and CARICOM members as well as the Commonwealth heads of government.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Elliot Mohammed

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 1 August 2022, Operation Barkhane's Desert Tactical Group Monclar conducted an operation to secure Gao, Mali.⁴²⁹⁸ The objective of the mission was to protect the population from the potential presence of armed terrorist groups. Operation Barkhane is a French-led and G5 Sahel-partnered operation aimed at supporting the armed forces of other countries in their counterterrorism efforts.

On 16 August 2022, the Constitutional Council promulgated a law to integrate European Union legislation aimed at combating online content that is terrorist and extremist in nature.⁴²⁹⁹ This law will require the compliance of social media and search engine platforms with the new regulations. The objective of the law is

⁴²⁹⁶ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Meets with the President of Niger, Mohamed Bazoum, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Djerba) 20 November 2022. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2022/11/20/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-meets-president-niger-mohamed-bazoum>

⁴²⁹⁷ Prime Minister strengthens ties with the Caribbean, announces new support for the Haitian people, Office of the Prime Minister of Canada (Nassau) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/02/16/prime-minister-strengthens-ties-caribbean-announces-new-support>

⁴²⁹⁸ BARKHANE – GTD Monclar security operation in the Gao region, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 12 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/barkhane-operation-securisation-du-gtd-monclar-region-gao>

⁴²⁹⁹ Law of 16 August 2022 laying down various provisions for adapting European Union law to the prevention of the dissemination of terrorist content online, French Republic (Paris) 17 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 December 2022. <https://www.vie-publique.fr/loi/285972-loi-16-aout-2022-retrait-contenus-terroristes-sur-internet-dans-lheure>

to promote cross-border cooperation among the 27 European Union members for the rapid removal of terrorist and extremist content on online platforms and the blocking of online content via national injunctions.

On 22 August 2022, Commander of the Barkhane force Major General Bruno Baratz met with Chadian General Tidjani-Mahamat Seid.⁴³⁰⁰ During this meeting, Major General Baratz reaffirmed Operation Barkhane's support for the Chadian Armed Forces and institutions in their counterterrorism efforts.

On 12 September 2022, the *Éléments français au Gabon* (EFG) and Chadian Joint Military Schools Group began conducting an eleven-day joint exercise to enhance the training capabilities of Chadian instructors.⁴³⁰¹ The training aimed at strengthening topographical, tactical, and educational areas. The goal of France's participation in these joint exercises was to aid Chadian armed forces in their fight against terrorist groups and to establish an adaptable and supportive relationship for future counterterrorism efforts.

On 13 September 2022, the EFG and Cameroonian Armed Forces began conducting an eleven-day joint artillery training exercise at the NGaoundere camp in Cameroon.⁴³⁰² Cooperation between the EFG and Cameroonian Armed Forces is aimed at supporting stability, anti-trafficking, and counterterrorism efforts in the Gulf of Guinea and West Africa.

On 19 September 2022, the EFG and the Cameroonian Special Amphibious Battalion began four weeks of joint river combat training.⁴³⁰³ The purpose of this training exercise was to strengthen French and Cameroonian operational abilities to promote peace and stability in Cameroon and counterterrorism efforts in West Africa.

On 26 September 2022, representatives from the Ministries of Armed Forces and of Europe and Foreign Affairs participated in the third edition of the Franco-British Strategic Forum that lasted four days.⁴³⁰⁴ "The general theme of the Forum was the various aspects of the Franco-British defense partnership in West Africa, the Sahel and East Africa, and its implications in the fight against terrorism and illegal immigration."

On 28 November 2022, French Armed Forces and police officers from the Gabonese Research and Intervention Brigade conducted a three-week training course in Gabon.⁴³⁰⁵ The French and Gabonese groups engaged in collaborative exercises, such as breaching a building with explosives, target practice, area securing, and hostage extraction. This ongoing Franco-Gabonese partnership is aimed at promoting training and knowledge sharing to intensify efforts to combat terrorism.

⁴³⁰⁰ BARKHANE – COMANFOR visit to the Abéché and Faya-Largeau detachments, in Chad, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 2 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 November 2022.

⁴³⁰¹ EFG – Partnership between the Chadian Joint Military Schools Group and the EFG, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 17 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/efg-partenariat-entre-groupe-ecoles-militaires-interarmees-tchadien-efg-1>

⁴³⁰² EFG – Joint development exercise in the handling of mortars with the Cameroonian armed forces, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/efg-exercice-conjoint-perfectionnement-au-maniement-mortiers-forces-armees-camerounaises>

⁴³⁰³ EFG – Joint riverine combat training between French and Cameroonian soldiers at the Combat Training Center in the Gabonese forest, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/efg-entrainements-conjoints-au-combat-fluvial-entre-militaires-francais-camerounais-au>

⁴³⁰⁴ 3rd edition of the Franco-British Strategic Forum, Ministry of Armed Forces (Paris) 29 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/dems/actualites/3e-edition-du-forum-strategique-franco-britannique>

⁴³⁰⁵ EFG – Training in the Field of Counter-Terrorism and Investigation in a Closed Environment for the Benefit of the Gabonese BRI, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 16 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/efg-entrainements-domaine-du-contre-terrorisme-linvestigation-milieu-clos-au-profit-bri>

On 8 December 2022, the Director of Technical and Scientific Police of Niger discussed procedures for combating improvised explosive devices (IEDs) with the French Armed Forces.⁴³⁰⁶ The two groups “strengthened their operational knowledge” through these discussions.⁴³⁰⁷ The French Armed Forces deployed in the Sahel are actively engaged in supporting the Sahelo-Saharan Strip countries in combating armed terrorist groups alongside European and North American Forces. This IED training is a collaborative effort between France and Niger to intensify their fight against armed terrorism.

On 28 December 2022, the Government of France announced a financial contribution of EUR300,000 to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT).⁴³⁰⁸ This contribution will go towards UNOCT’s Programme to counter the financing of terrorism and it is meant to demonstrate France’s commitment to the work of the UNOCT and the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

On 3 January 2023, France reported on French Sahelian Forces’ three-week joint training exercise in October 2022 alongside Beninese, Chadian, and Nigerien forces.⁴³⁰⁹ The training took place at N’Djamena air base in Chad and focused on coordinating air support with the needs of ground troops in real-life scenarios. The mission of the French Armed Forces in the Sahel is to support the fight against armed terrorism, so this exercise is part of a larger French commitment to increasing cooperation and capabilities to combat terrorism.

On 10 February 2023, the French-led multilateral Operation Chammal conducted emergency close air support training in the Levant.⁴³¹⁰ The scenario simulated a rocket attack against an air base and coordinated a response between a ground detachment and two Dassault Rafale fighter aircrafts. Operation Chammal draws on support from five international organizations and 80 countries aimed at combating the armed terrorist group Daesh.

On 23 February 2023, the French and Chadian armed forces completed the three-day Agatha 11 exercise in Chad.⁴³¹¹ The exercise coordinated ground and air elements to simulate medical evacuation, regain military advantage against armed terrorists, and receive a mock supply drop. The exercise utilized skills learned during months of joint training between the French and Chadian forces to increase efforts and cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

On 16 March 2023, the French Combined Arms Tactical Subgroup and the Chadian Fourth Wheeled Armored Group completed an 11-day training exercise.⁴³¹² Using combat vehicles, the training simulated a level-one combat rescue mission. The exercise aimed to provide Chadian forces with new operational skills and was a

⁴³⁰⁶ NIGER – Strengthening of the Partnership with the Technical and Scientific Police of Niger in the Field of the Fight Against IEDs, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 20 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/niger-renforcement-du-partenariat-police-technique-scientifique-nigerienne-domaine-lutte-0>

⁴³⁰⁷ NIGER – Strengthening of the Partnership with the Technical and Scientific Police of Niger in the Field of the Fight Against IEDs, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 20 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 February 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/niger-renforcement-du-partenariat-police-technique-scientifique-nigerienne-domaine-lutte-0>

⁴³⁰⁸ France Contributes to the UNOCT’s Programme to Counter the Financing of Terrorism, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations (New York) 28 December 2022. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://onu.delegfrance.org/france-contributes-to-the-unoct-s-programme-to-counter-the-financing-of>

⁴³⁰⁹ CHAD – PMO in the Field of Advanced Tactical Air Guidance with Beninese, Nigerien and Chadian Soldiers, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 3 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/tchad-exercice-agatha-11-larmee-tchadienne>

⁴³¹⁰ CHAMMAL – Joint Training of the Rafales with the BAP Protection Detachment in the Levant, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 17 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023.

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/chammal-entrainement-conjoint-rafale-detachement-protection-bap-au-levant>
⁴³¹¹ CHAD – Exercise AGATHA 11 with the Chadian Army, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 1 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/tchad-exercice-agatha-11-larmee-tchadienne>

⁴³¹² Chad – Joint Training with Chadian Soldiers from the 4th Wheeled Armored Group, Ministry of the Armed Forces (Paris) 24 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/actualites/tchad-entrainement-conjoint-soldats-tchadiens-du-4e-groupement-blinde-roues>

demonstration of France and Chad's standing relationship that includes sharing resources and knowledge, thus increasing their capabilities in the fight against armed terrorism.

France has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. France has conducted multiple joint military training exercises and joint operations to combat terrorism with Chadian, Cameroonian and Beninese armed forces, Gabonese police forces, Nigerien technical and scientific police, as well as through the multilateral operations Barkhane and Chammal. France has also passed a law to facilitate cross-border cooperation with other European Union members to combat online terrorist and extremist content. Additionally, France reaffirmed its commitment to combating terrorism alongside Britain at the Franco-British Strategic Forum.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Elliot Mohammed

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 25 August 2022, Germany and Morocco released a joint declaration underlining "their special commitment to the fight against international terrorism and transnational organized crime."⁴³¹³ The two countries also called for "stronger international action to counter terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirmed their support for the international counter-terrorism architecture, including the relevant decisions of the United Nations Security Council and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy."

On 30 September 2022, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, with support from the German Government and in partnership with the Mozambican Office of the Attorney General, "completed a training series for Mozambique criminal justice officials and investigators focusing on the collection, exploitation, management and preservation of forensic evidence."⁴³¹⁴ Such lessons are part of the German-funded project named "Assisting Mozambique to further strengthen rule of law-based criminal justice responses to terrorism and violent extremism (Phase III)" and included "evidence collection and management techniques to enhance the knowledge of the military, law enforcement officials, and prosecutors to ensure the admissibility of evidence in the prosecution of terrorism and terrorist financing-related cases."

On 5 October 2022, the Federal Foreign Office decided to extend the mandate for the deployment of Bundeswehr in Syria to fight the IS terrorist organization.⁴³¹⁵ The mandate was supposed to end in January 2022, however, Germany decided to extend it until October 2023 to continue contributing its efforts to fight terrorism abroad. Additionally, Germany aims to continue its regional stabilisation efforts, prevent the resurgence of IS and aid reconciliation in Iraq.

⁴³¹³ German-Moroccan joint declaration, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023.

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/joint-declaration-germany-morocco/2548280>

⁴³¹⁴ UNODC Concludes Training for Mozambique on the Collection, Preservation, Exploitation and Sharing of Evidence Collected in Conflict Settings, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Vienna) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/terrorism/latest-news/2022_concludes-training-for-mozambique-on-the-collection--preservation--exploitation-and-sharing-of-evidence-collected-in-conflict-settings.html

⁴³¹⁵ Germany continues to stand shoulder to shoulder with Iraq in the fight against IS, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/fight-against-is/2383354>

On 17 October 2022, Germany and Spain released an Action Plan for closer bilateral and EU cooperation. In the document the countries stated their aim to “strengthen cooperation on the fight against terrorism, radicalization and organised crime, with a special focus on cybercrime and on-line child sex-abuse.”⁴³¹⁶

On 14 November 2022, Germany and Singapore issued a joint statement named “Partners for a Resilient and Sustainable Future.”⁴³¹⁷ In it, both countries committed to “expand cooperation on non-traditional security threats, including through counter-terrorism, maritime security, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.”

On 7 December 2022, Federal Prosecutor General's Office deployed 3,000 German police officers, which included specialised tactical response units, to search the premises and arrest suspects across the country in the largest counter-terrorism operation aimed at far-right domestic extremists in the post-WWII era in Germany.⁴³¹⁸

On 24 February 2023, Germany, as a member of the EU Council, renewed the EU terrorist list, which had “13 persons and 21 groups and entities ... subject to the freezing of their funds and other financial assets” on the territory of the EU.⁴³¹⁹ This renewal also prohibited the EU operators from making funds and economic resources available to the individuals and entities on the terrorist list, limiting terrorism funding.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. The G7 member reaffirmed its commitment towards counter-terrorism and committed to increase cooperation with other countries to find extremism. The country also provided support to international organizations and international initiatives aimed at combating terrorism and extremism.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Inayat Brar

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 21 October 2022, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) delivered two national training workshops in Bamako (Mali) financed by the Government of Italy. The initiative was conceived due to the increase of attacks against civilians and defense and security forces. The workshops were part of a bespoke technical assistance project on “Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism in Mali by Strengthening the Technical Capacities of Specialized Anti-Terrorism Pole and Investigation Unit to Efficiently Investigate, Prosecute, and Adjudicate Terrorism-related Crimes” developed and implemented by UNODC.

On 26 October 2022, the Government of Italy participated in the first meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) Africa Focus Group, which is an intergovernmental

⁴³¹⁶ Draft Joint Plan of Action (JPA) for Closer Bilateral and EU Cooperation, La Moncloa (Madrid) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2022. https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/presidente/actividades/Documents/2022/051022_Anexo-Plan-Accion-conjunto-hispano-aleman.pdf

⁴³¹⁷ Official Visit of His Excellency Olaf Scholz, Federal Chancellor of Germany, 14 November 2022, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Singapore) 14 November 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Newsroom/Press-Statements-Transcripts-and-Photos/2022/11/20221114-scholz>

⁴³¹⁸ Germany Targets One of Its Largest Far-Right Domestic Extremist Groups, International Centre for Counterterrorism (Hague) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.icct.nl/publication/germany-targets-one-its-largest-far-right-domestic-extremist-groups>

⁴³¹⁹ EU Terrorist List: Council Renews Restrictive Measure to Combat Terrorism, Council of European Union (Strasbourg) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/fight-against-terrorism/history-fight-against-terrorism/>

counterterrorism effort, in Niamey, Niger.⁴³²⁰ As a co-chair of this initiative, the Government of Italy recognized the importance of enhancing counterterrorism capacity building efforts in Africa and discussed ways to collaborate on effective methods targeting violent extremism via border management and information sharing in addition to deradicalization and stabilization projects.

On 8 November 2022, the Government of Italy, along with the Governments of the United States and Saudi Arabia, virtually co-hosted the seventeenth meeting of the Counter ISIS Finance Group (CIFG), a working group of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, on combating ISIS financing worldwide.⁴³²¹ Italy and other CIFG members and observers continue working closely with counterterrorism partners to dismantle ISIS financial support networks, funding sources and methods.

On 9 November 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation co-hosted the North Atlantic Treaty Organization 2022 Cyber Defense Pledge Conference in Rome.⁴³²² The conference focused on “Resilience, Preparedness and Responsiveness to Cyber Threats to Critical Infrastructure,” with participants discussing how cybersecurity can be elevated nationally and as an Alliance.

On 1 March 2023, the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS Africa Focus Group co-chaired by Italy, Morocco, Niger, and the US met in Niamey upon invitation of the Nigerien government.⁴³²³ Coalition members and observers attended the two-day meeting that highlighted various initiatives to fight against ISIS on the continent and facilitated region-based discussion to address the threat of ISIS and identify gaps in the counterterrorism capabilities of the states of coastal West Africa, the Sahel region, East Africa and Central and Southern Africa. The group also endorsed the Africa Focus Group Action Plan that committed to strengthen border security, collect biometrics of known and suspected terrorists, protect and use battlefield evidence, counter Daesh/ISIS propaganda, and block the financing of terrorism.

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. It has taken weak action by participating in international meetings and discussing strategies to deal with the issues of terrorism and extremism.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Warisa Rahman

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 12 November 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen chaired the 25th summit of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Japan

⁴³²⁰ Joint Statement of the Co-Chairs of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS Africa Focus Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/joint-statement-of-the-co-chairs-of-the-global-coalition-to-defeat-isis-africa-focus-group/

⁴³²¹ Counter ISIS Finance Group Leaders Joint Statement, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1120>.

⁴³²² NATO’s 2022 Cyber Defense Pledge Conference, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/natos-2022-cyber-defense-pledge-conference/>

⁴³²³ Joint Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS Africa Focus Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/03/joint-statement-by-the-co-chairs-of-the-global-coalition-to-defeat-isis-africa-focus-group/

and ASEAN members “resolved to continue enhancing cooperation in addressing security issues of common interest and concern, including terrorism.”⁴³²⁴

On 8 December 2022, senior government officials from Japan met with the United States Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Timothy Betts and officials from Australia for trilateral counterterrorism discussions. “These discussions focused on the current terrorism landscape, including persistent threats in the Indo-Pacific.”⁴³²⁵

On 13 December 2022, Japan and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kazakhstan signed an agreement to launch a new USD4.1 million initiative to promote resilient communities in all countries of Central Asia.⁴³²⁶ The project aims to provide “a preventive response to the threat of violent extremism. It aims to mobilise the energy, mobility, open-mindedness and dynamism of young people as a positive force to prevent violent extremist influences and narratives in target communities.”

On 16 December 2022, Japan adopted a new National Security Strategy.⁴³²⁷ In it, Japan committed to “take a firm position against [acts of terrorism] and take counter-terrorism measures in coordination with the international community.”⁴³²⁸ That includes “[promoting] measures against international terrorism” and reinforcing as well as “[building] arrangements to cooperate with others such as foreign countries and corporate enterprises, including information sharing, to ensure the safety of Japanese nationals and others overseas.”

On 3 March 2023, government officials from Japan met with foreign ministers of Australia and India as well as the US Secretary of State in New Delhi, India to announce the “establishment of the Quad Working Group on Counterterrorism, which will explore cooperation amongst the Quad, and with Indo-Pacific partners, to counter new and emerging forms of terrorism, radicalization to violence, and violent extremism.”⁴³²⁹

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. The G7 member took strong action with regards to combating both terrorism and violent extremism. That includes reaffirming its existing commitment towards counter-terrorism, participating in multilateral talks to discuss the issue, and establishing the Quad Working Group on Counterterrorism. Additionally, the country cooperated with international institutions to put forward new initiatives aimed at tackling violent extremism.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Inayat Brar

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

⁴³²⁴ Chairman's Statement of the 25th ASEAN-Japan Summit Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 November 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100425524.pdf>

⁴³²⁵ Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Betts' Travel to Japan, the Philippines, and India, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.state.gov/acting-coordinator-for-counterterrorism-betts-travel-to-japan-the-philippines-and-india/>

⁴³²⁶ Japan and UNDP embark on a new initiative to prevent violent extremism in Central Asia, United Nations Development Programme (New York) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.undp.org/eurasia/press-releases/japan-and-undp-new-initiative-prevent-violent-extremism>

⁴³²⁷ Adoption of the new “National Security Strategy (NSS),” Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003192.html

⁴³²⁸ National Security Strategy of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/siryoku/221216anzenhoshou/nss-e.pdf>

⁴³²⁹ Joint Statement of the Quad Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi, United States Department of State (Arlington) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-of-the-quad-ministerial-meeting-in-new-delhi/>

On 21 July 2022, the United Kingdom and the United States released a joint statement regarding the Data Access Agreement intended to take effect on 3 October 2022.⁴³³⁰ The Agreement allows law enforcement of both states to “directly request data held by telecommunications providers in the other party’s jurisdiction.”⁴³³¹ The information is used solely for the purposes of “preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting” crimes such as terrorism.

On 9 August 2022, Deputy Political Coordinator at the United Nations Alice Jacobs stated the importance of the Global Coalition to Counter Daesh in a speech at the UN Security Council (UNSC) briefing on counterterrorism.⁴³³² Referencing the possibility of Daesh’s expansion into sub-Saharan Africa as well as the continued influence of Daesh in Syria, Iraq and to Afghans by Daesh Khorasan (ISIS-K), she reiterated the importance of continuing the fight against Daesh, “despite its territorial defeat and recent successful operations against [its] leadership.”

On 25 September 2022, Special Envoys and Representatives for Afghanistan of the United Kingdom, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Norway and the United States released a statement conveying “grave concern” for the threat posed by terrorist groups in a meeting held in Washington DC to discuss Afghanistan.⁴³³³ The group condemned al-Qaida’s leader Ayman al-Zawahiri’s presence in Afghanistan and noted it as a demonstration of the “Taliban’s failure to meet their counter-terrorism commitments.” The group emphasized the need for the Taliban to “take sustained and verifiable steps” in accordance with international law against terrorist groups and activities in Afghanistan, censured recent attacks by ISIS-K and stressed the need for the Taliban to “protect at-risk ethnic and religious communities” that are vulnerable to attacks by terrorist groups.

On 29 October 2022, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly stated that “countries must do more nationally and internationally to counter the threat of terrorism” in a speech at the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee in New Delhi, India.⁴³³⁴ He discussed the technological developments that have created “new opportunities” for terrorists, including “global online recruitment and incitement campaigns,” and reiterated the need to work together to counter terrorism online. He also noted past actions taken by the United Kingdom, including the Counter Daesh Communication Cell in partnership with the US and the work conducted with the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism along with other G7 members.

On 4 November 2022, G7 foreign ministers released a statement, following a meeting in Münster, Germany, expressing deep concern for the threat posed to the Sahel by terrorist groups.⁴³³⁵ The statement condemned the terrorist attacks and the “violations and abuses of human rights” of civilian populations, calling for accountability. They also reiterated their “strong commitment” to strengthen the resilience of Sahel countries to the terrorist threat in a comprehensive way.

On 9 February 2023, the Political Coordinator at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Fergus Eckersley expressed concern over the resurgence of Daesh in Syria and Iraq and reiterated the collective responsibility of

⁴³³⁰ Policy factsheet on the UK-US Data Access Agreement, Home Office (London) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-us-data-access-agreement-factsheet/policy-factsheet-on-the-uk-us-data-access-agreement>

⁴³³¹ UK-US Data Access Agreement: factsheet, Home Office (London) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-us-data-access-agreement-factsheet>

⁴³³² Continuing UK support in the fight against Daesh as it expands to new settings, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/continuing-our-support-to-the-fight-against-daesh-as-it-expands-to-new-theatres>

⁴³³³ Afghanistan: US-Europe Group joint communiqué, September 2022, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-communiqué-of-the-us-europe-group-on-afghanistan>

⁴³³⁴ UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting in New Delhi: Foreign Secretary’s speech, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 29 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/un-security-council-counter-terrorism-committee-meeting-uk-foreign-secretarys-speech>

⁴³³⁵ G7 foreign ministers’ statement in Germany, November 2022, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g7-foreign-ministers-statement>

the UN to combat the re-emerging terrorist threat, particularly through the Global Coalition to Counter Daesh.⁴³³⁶ Coordinator Eckersley further articulated the threat posed by the Islamic State Khorasan Province in Afghanistan to civilians and international targets and called for the UNSC to continue addressing the possibility that the Taliban may provide protection to terrorist groups, thereby allowing them to use the country as a “base to encourage attacks abroad.” Moreover, he voiced his concern regarding the spread of Daesh through Africa, stating that “instability, famine and climate-related crises” have provided opportunities for terrorists to further target populations. Lastly, he emphasized the UK’s commitment to work collaboratively to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

On 20 February 2023, Ambassador to the UN Barbara Woodward emphasized the international commitment to combat terrorism in the region at the UN Security Council briefing on the Middle East.⁴³³⁷ She condemned terrorist attacks in the region and reiterated the need for Israel to practice ‘restraint’ and for the Palestinian Authority to cooperate on security issues and “renounce and confront terrorism.”

On 27 February 2023, Minister for Europe Leo Docherty expressed the importance of collective action in achieving disarmament at the UN Conference on Disarmament.⁴³³⁸ He emphasized that conventional and chemical weapons present a “real and urgent threat” to global security, stating that the abuse of conventional weapons, such as “small arms and light weapons,” encourages terrorism. He further reiterated the need to combat the acquisition and use of Improvised Explosive Devices by non-state actors.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. The UK has taken weak collaborative contributions to counter terrorism and raise awareness of the threat posed by terrorist groups in Africa and Afghanistan, and it has not taken any strong action towards countering violent extremism.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kiara Senanayake

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 9 September 2022, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Timothy Betts traveled to Israel for a 9/11 commemoration ceremony at the International Institute for Counterterrorism (ICT).⁴³³⁹ During this trip, Coordinator Betts met with his Israeli counterparts to discuss regional security and counterterrorism cooperation and delivered remarks at the ICT’s annual summit meeting in Herzliya on 13 September 2022. Acting Coordinator’s Betts’ ICT remarks highlighted the United States’ iron-clad security partnership with Israel, the need to implement whole of government approaches to terrorism, and the ongoing efforts to strengthen the counterterrorism capacities of the country’s partners.

⁴³³⁶ UK Remains Committed to Global Fight Against Terrorism as Threat from Daesh and Its Affiliates Continues to Grow: UK Statement at UN Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-remains-committed-to-global-fight-against-terrorism-as-threat-from-daesh-and-its-affiliates-continues-to-grow-uk-statement-at-un-security-council>

⁴³³⁷ The UK Stands Ready to Facilitate Discussion and Dialogue Between Israelis and the Palestinians: UK Statement at the UN Security Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-uk-stands-ready-to-facilitate-discussions-and-dialogue-between-israelis-and-the-palestinians-uk-statement-at-the-un-security-council>

⁴³³⁸ UN Conference on Disarmament 27 February 2023: Minister for Europe Statement, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/un-conference-on-disarmament-27-february-2023-minister-for-europe-statement>

⁴³³⁹ Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Betts’ Travel to Israel, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/acting-coordinator-for-counterterrorism-betts-travel-to-israel/>

On 21 September 2022, Assistant Defense Secretary Celeste Wallander met with Iraqi leaders to reaffirm the US partnership with Iraq and to underscore the US commitment to supporting Iraq in the Defeat-ISIS mission.⁴³⁴⁰ Assistant Secretary Wallander also signed an updated memorandum of understanding with Shoresh Ismail Abdulla, the Kurdistan Regional Government Minister of Peshmerga Affairs. The agreement sets out mutually agreed parameters for the next four years as the US continues to support the Peshmerga for Defeat-ISIS operations.

On 3 October 2022, Acting Coordinator Betts traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia to lead a counterterrorism dialogue with the Indonesian National Counterterrorism Agency.⁴³⁴¹ In the meeting Ministers discussed cooperation under the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Indonesia on strengthening counterterrorism cooperation, to include using watchlists to share information on terrorist travel.

On 15 October 2022, US and Canadian military aircraft landed in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to deliver the Haitian government's purchased security equipment and tactical gear.⁴³⁴² The gear is intended to assist the Haitian National Police in combating "criminal actors who are fomenting violence and disrupting the flow of critically needed humanitarian assistance, hindering efforts to halt the spread of cholera." In a joint statement, Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joy and Canadian Minister of National Defence Anita Anand affirmed their support for the restoration of security in Haiti. Together, Canada, the US, and other international partners continue working to strengthen the Haitian National Police's capacity, operations, and training efforts.

On 1 November 2022, the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) took action against the Islamic State in Somalia, its first step against this affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).⁴³⁴³ This action follows OFAC's recent measures implemented against the al-Shabaab financial facilitators and weapons smugglers on 17 October 2022, further targeting a network of weapons traffickers, their associates and affiliated businesses that have facilitated weapons transfers to multiple terrorist groups.

On 3 November 2022, OFAC sanctioned members of an international oil smuggling network that facilitated oil trades and generated revenue for Hizballah and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF).⁴³⁴⁴ The sanctions target several key individuals and numerous front companies and vessels that blend oil to conceal the Iranian origins of the shipments and export it around the world in support of Hizballah and the IRGC-QF.

On 7 November 2022, OFAC designated four members of an ISIS cell operating in South Africa who have provided technical, financial, or material support to this terrorist group.⁴³⁴⁵ The Treasury also designated eight companies that are owned, controlled, or directed by the individuals in this ISIS cell.

On 8 November 2022, the US Government as well as the Governments of Italy and Saudi Arabia co-hosted the virtual 17th meeting of the Counter ISIS Finance Group (CIFG), a working group of the Global Coalition

⁴³⁴⁰ DOD, Kurdish Peshmerga Continue Partnership to Fight ISIS, United States Department of Defense (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 5 January 2023. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3171097/dod-kurdish-peshmerga-continue-partnership-to-fight-isis/>

⁴³⁴¹ Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Betts' Travel to Indonesia, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.state.gov/acting-coordinator-for-counterterrorism-betts-travel-to-indonesia/>

⁴³⁴² Canada and United States coordinate delivery of Haitian National Police equipment, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/10/canada-and-united-states-coordinate-delivery-of-haitian-national-police-equipment.html>

⁴³⁴³ Treasury Sanctions Terrorist Weapons Trafficking Network in Eastern Africa, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1066>

⁴³⁴⁴ Treasury Sanctions Oil Shipping Network Supporting IRGC-QF and Hizballah, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1076>

⁴³⁴⁵ Treasury Designates Members of ISIS Cell in South Africa, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1084>

to Defeat ISIS, on combating the worldwide financing of ISIS.⁴³⁴⁶ The US, along with other CIFG members, continues to work closely with counterterrorism partners to dismantle ISIS financial support networks, funding sources and methods.

On 1 December 2022, OFAC took action against two individuals and two companies based in Lebanon for providing financial services to Hizballah, along with an additional individual involved in facilitating weapons procurement for Hizballah.⁴³⁴⁷ These designations target individuals and companies that manage and enable Hizballah's overarching financial apparatus operating throughout Lebanon, including Al-Qard Al-Hassan and Hizballah's Central Finance Unit.

On 8 December 2022, Coordinator Betts participated in trilateral counterterrorism discussions with senior government officials from Australia and Japan. "These discussions focused on the current terrorism landscape, including persistent threats in the Indo-Pacific."⁴³⁴⁸

On 5 January 2023, OFAC designated critical nodes of a key financial facilitation network of ISIS, which included four individuals and two entities in Turkey who have enabled the terrorist group's recruitment and financial transfers to and from Iraq and Syria.⁴³⁴⁹ Undersecretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian E. Nelson noted that this "action reaffirms Treasury's commitment to degrade ISIS's ability to operate globally," adding that "these designations and accompanying asset freezes are a result of close coordination and collaboration with our Turkish partners to target ISIS activity in the region."

On 27 January 2023, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons released a report that found the Assad regime responsible for the deadly chemical weapons attack on Douma, Syria, on 7 April 2018, refuting the Russian claim that it was an opposition attack.⁴³⁵⁰ The US Department of State released a statement, condemning the Syrian regime's repeated use of chemical weapons and reiterating its demand that the Assad regime immediately comply with its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

On 27 February 2023, the Department of State issued the 2021 Country Reports on Terrorism (CRT), which provides a detailed look at the counterterrorism environment in 2021.⁴³⁵¹ Each year, the CRT provides insight into important issues in the fight against terrorism and helps the US make informed decisions about policies, programs, and resource allocation to help increase counterterrorism capacity and resilience.

On 28 February 2023, the US government officials met with representatives from Qatar, Somalia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the UK in Washington D.C. to discuss Somalia's security, state-building, development, and humanitarian priorities.⁴³⁵² The partners discussed how to better support Somalia's fight against al-Shabaab and expressed support for the Somalian Federal Government's focus on counterterrorism and capacity building.

⁴³⁴⁶ Counter ISIS Finance Group Leaders Joint Statement, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1120>

⁴³⁴⁷ Treasury Sanctions Hizballah Accountants and Weapons Facilitator, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 1 December 2022. Access Date: 2 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1135>

⁴³⁴⁸ Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Betts' Travel to Japan, the Philippines, and India, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023.

⁴³⁴⁹ The United States and Türkiye Take Joint Action to Disrupt ISIS Financing, United States Department of Treasury (Washington D.C.) 5 January 2023. Access Date: 6 January 2023. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1181>

⁴³⁵⁰ Joint Statement on OPCW Report Finding Syrian Regime Responsible for Chemical Weapons Attack in Douma, Syria on April 7, 2018, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-opcw-report-finding-syrian-regime-responsible-for-chemical-weapons-attack-in-douma-syria-on-april-7-2018/>

⁴³⁵¹ Release of the 2021 Country Reports on Terrorism, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/release-of-the-2021-country-reports-on-terrorism/>

⁴³⁵² Joint Statement on Somalia, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 28 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-somalia/>

On 1 March 2023, the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS Africa Focus Group, co-chaired by the US, Morocco, Niger, and Italy, met in Niamey, Niger.⁴³⁵³ Coalition members and observers attended the two-day meeting that highlighted different initiatives to combat ISIS on the continent, facilitated regional discussion to face the threat of ISIS and identified gaps in the counter-terrorism capabilities of the countries of coastal West Africa, the Sahel region, East Africa and Central and Southern Africa. The Group also expressed support for the Africa Focus Group Action Plan that committed to help the Defeat-Daesh/ISIS Coalition to enhance border security, collect biometric data of terrorists, safeguard and utilize battlefield evidence, fight against the Daesh/ISIS propaganda, and counter terrorist financing.

On 6 March 2023, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Christopher Landberg led a US interagency delegation in Islamabad, Pakistan.⁴³⁵⁴ The dialogue was aimed at discussing the common threat of terrorism, cooperation at multilateral fora, and countering the financing of terrorism. Both the US and Pakistan discussed shared terrorist threats facing the two countries and developed policy-oriented strategies regarding cooperation in critical areas such as border security and countering the financing of terrorism.⁴³⁵⁵

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. The US has taken strong action to address both terrorism and violent extremism by meeting with representatives of other countries and initiating and supporting various efforts to counter both terrorist and extremist concerns.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Warisa Rahman

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism.

On 22 September 2022, the five-year program funded by the European Union that focuses on “preventing the spread of violent extremism in prison settings” marked its end with a conference in Astana, Kazakhstan.⁴³⁵⁶ The program was a joint initiative with the UNOCT conducted in Kazakhstan, Tunisia and Uganda. The program’s achievements include the training of prison officers, creation of rehabilitation programs, and the launch of the CRIMINO-TN – “Tunisia’s first-ever research center on violent extremism in prisons.” The EU Ambassador to Kazakhstan Kestutis Jankauskas stated that the joint program shows the benefits of collaboration.

On 26 September 2022, the European Union funded a five-day seminar led by the Law Enforcement in Central Asia Project to train prosecutors from Andorra, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Japan, Luxembourg, and Niger on “the investigation and prosecution of terrorists” in partnership with France’s Civipol and led by officers of the

⁴³⁵³ Joint Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS Africa Focus Group, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 2 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-co-chairs-of-the-global-coalition-to-defeat-isis-africa-focus-group/>

⁴³⁵⁴ Pakistan-US Counter Terrorism Dialogue, Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad) 5 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://mofa.gov.pk/pakistan-us-counter-terrorism-dialogue-6-7-march-2023/>

⁴³⁵⁵ Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Landberg’s Travel to Pakistan, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.state.gov/acting-coordinator-for-counterterrorism-landbergs-travel-to-pakistan/>

⁴³⁵⁶ Tackling violent extremism in prisons: Kazakhstan hosts international conference to mark the completion of the European Union and the United Nations System joint initiative, European External Action Service (Astana) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kazakhstan/tackling-violent-extremism-prisons-kazakhstan-hosts-international-conference_en

French National Police.⁴³⁵⁷ The seminar also focused on threat assessment and the prosecution of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs).

On 18 October 2022, the European Union co-organized a conference to “promote international cooperation” against terrorism, along with the UNOCT, the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.⁴³⁵⁸ The conference focused on improving border and customs regulations to “prevent and detect the movement of terrorists, including FTFs.” The European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell Fontelles emphasized the importance of “comprehensive and integrated border management” in combating terrorism and pledged to share the approach and experience of the EU. He further stated the necessity for a strong multilateral framework centered on the United Nations in the fight against terrorism.

On 14 December 2022, the European Parliament and the Czech Presidency of the Council of Europe reached a preliminary agreement on a regulation on the digital exchange of information in terrorism cases.⁴³⁵⁹ “This draft regulation is part of ongoing efforts to modernize and digitalise cross-border judicial cooperation ... supporting coordination and cooperation between national investigative and prosecuting authorities in relation to terrorist offences.”⁴³⁶⁰

On 8 February 2023, the Council of Europe adopted a Counter-Terrorism Strategy for the years 2023-2027.⁴³⁶¹ It is designed to expand the protection standards devised under the previous strategy and strengthen state measures to provide short- and long-term assistance to terrorist attack victims by developing special guidelines on support services. Additionally, this Strategy aims to counter the threat posed by violent extremism in Europe and beyond as well as “the surge in abuses of new technologies for messaging, recruitment and training, and the interplay between acts of terrorism and violations of the rules of armed conflict (war crimes)” in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine.

On 20 February 2023, the EU Council released a statement reaffirming its commitment to protect human rights on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.⁴³⁶² The statement reiterated the EU’s commitment to protecting human rights by combating terrorism and violent extremism and emphasized the need for cooperation from all states to ensure that investigation and prosecution of the cases related to terrorism is conducted in accordance with international human rights, humanitarian and refugee law.

⁴³⁵⁷ French experience in Judicial Treatment of Terrorism and Violent Radicalization, European External Action Service (Tashkent) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uzbekistan/french-experience-judicial-treatment-terrorism-and-violent-radicalization_en

⁴³⁵⁸ International High-Level Conference on “International and Regional Border Security and Management Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Prevent the Movement of Terrorists,” European External Action Service (Dushanbe) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/tajikistan/international-high-level-conference-%E2%80%9Cinternational-and-regional-border_en

⁴³⁵⁹ Digital exchange of information in terrorism cases: Presidency and European Parliament reach provisional agreement, European Council (Strasbourg) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/council-presidency-and-european-parliament-reach-provisional-agreement-to-improve-information-exchange-in-terrorism-cases/>

⁴³⁶⁰ Digital exchange of information in terrorism cases: Presidency and European Parliament reach provisional agreement, European Council (Strasbourg) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 15 January 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/press/press-releases/2022/12/14/council-presidency-and-european-parliament-reach-provisional-agreement-to-improve-information-exchange-in-terrorism-cases/>

⁴³⁶¹ Council of Europe Adopts New Counter-Terrorism Strategy for 2023-2027, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 18 April 2023. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/counter-terrorism/-/council-of-europe-adopts-new-counter-terrorism-strategy-for-2023-2027>

⁴³⁶² Council Conclusions on EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2023, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/02/20/council-conclusions-on-eu-priorities-in-un-human-rights-fora-2023/>

On 10 March 2023, the Council of Europe expressed solidarity with those who have suffered from terrorist attacks on the occasion of the 19th European Remembrance Day of the Victims of Terrorism.⁴³⁶³ The Council reiterated its support for counter-terrorism measures through the Committee on Counter-Terrorism.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to intensify its cooperation to fight all forms of violent extremism and terrorism. In addition to acknowledging the need to act collaboratively, the EU has also taken strong collaborative actions, including joint training on prosecution of terrorists and the creation of programs aimed at combating extremism in prisons, to counter both terrorism and violent extremism.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kiara Senanayake

⁴³⁶³ European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 18 April 2023. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/counter-terrorism/-/european-remembrance-day-for-victims-of-terrorism>

21. Development: Debt Transparency

“We reaffirm our commitment to promoting transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability”

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Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada		0	
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.75 (88%)	

Background

The G7 has consistently made development a key area of focus throughout its history. Although debt sustainability has always been an implicit area of concern in commitments related to development, the idea of promoting debt sustainability through increased transparency has only been explicitly mentioned a few times in G7 commitments. Over the last two decades, debt sustainability became a more prominent element of development in G7 summits. Recent summits, such as the 2021 Cornwall Summit, explicitly reference aspects of sustainability, such as information sharing, as a key driver of improved debt sustainability.⁴³⁶⁴

At the 1983 Williamsburg Summit, G7 leaders introduced an international development strategy based on “close cooperation and timely sharing of information” among debtor nations and international institutions.⁴³⁶⁵ G8 leaders also recognized the importance of “private and official financing” in promoting “worldwide economic recovery.”

At the 1984 London Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed a commitment to “encourage more openness towards private investment flows” and encourage international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to take on a more central role in facilitating development.⁴³⁶⁶ Additionally, G7 leaders recognized that debtor nations “making successful efforts to improve their position” should negotiate the terms of their debt repayment. G7 leaders also reaffirmed a commitment to improve the “operation and stability of the International [Monetary and] Financial system.”

At the 1985 Bonn Summit, G7 leaders emphasized the role of the IMF and World Bank Group in “supporting policies by debtor countries necessary to strengthen the confidence of domestic and foreign creditors and investors” for the sake of long-term development.⁴³⁶⁷ Additionally, G7 leaders also resolved to discuss increasing the resources available to the World Bank Group to make this possible.

⁴³⁶⁴ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) June 13 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communicue.html>

⁴³⁶⁵ Declaration on Economic Recovery, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 February 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1983williamsburg/communiquue.html>

⁴³⁶⁶ The London Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 April 2020. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1984london/communiquue.html>

⁴³⁶⁷ The Bonn Economic Declaration: Towards Sustained Growth and Higher Employment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 7 September 2014 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1985bonn/communiquue.html>

At the 1987 Venice Summit, G7 leaders recognized that increased lending by institutions like the World Bank and “adequate commercial bank lending” are essential elements in supporting middle-income debtors.⁴³⁶⁸ G7 leaders also recognized that commercial banks and debtor nations should develop a “menu of alternative negotiating procedures and financing techniques for providing continuing support to debtor countries.”

At the 1996 Lyon Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed a commitment to replenish the “concessional resources of multilateral financial institutions” and equitably share the burden of providing multilateral support for development.⁴³⁶⁹ G7 leaders also committed to an “Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility” as the centerpiece of the IMF support for the poorest countries.

At the 1998 Birmingham Summit, G8 leaders recognized the importance of “encouraging greater transparency in the World Trade Organization, and other international organizations” to promote greater support for the multilateral system.⁴³⁷⁰ G8 leaders also recognized the importance of ensuring that the rules of origins for least developed countries are transparent. Additionally, G8 leaders reaffirmed to “support the speedy and determined extension of debt relief to more countries, within the terms of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative agreed by the International Financial Institutions and Paris Club.” Lastly, G8 leaders reaffirmed the need to work with international institutions and other creditors to ensure relief measures are adequately provided and debt problems can be minimized.

At the 1999 Köln Summit, G8 leaders requested the Paris Club and other creditors to “forgive commercial debt up to 90% or more” to achieve debt sustainability.⁴³⁷¹ G8 leaders also requested the full cancellation of the Official Development Assistance debt.

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders encouraged eligible countries to “create the right conditions to participate in the HIPC initiative” and reaffirmed their commitment to “provide 100% debt reduction of ODA claims” and eligible commercial claims.⁴³⁷² Additionally, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to promote “more responsible lending and borrowing practices.”

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to implement the “landmark” recommendations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s (OECD) Development Assistance Committee on Untying Aid to the least developed countries, which should “increase aid effectiveness and achieve more balanced effort--sharing among donors.”⁴³⁷³ G8 leaders also reaffirmed the development of assessment frameworks to identify the best practices in debt relief.

At the 2002 Kananaskis Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to work with other donor countries and international financial institutions to ensure that adequate resources are provided to achieve debt sustainability.⁴³⁷⁴ Additionally, G8 leaders reaffirmed to “assist countries through the HIPC programme” and ensure they leave the programme with a sustainable level of debt.

⁴³⁶⁸ Venezia Economic Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 October 2018. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1987venice/communique/index.html>

⁴³⁶⁹ Economic Communiqué: Making a Success of Globalization for the Benefit of All, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 February 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1996lyon/communique.html>

⁴³⁷⁰ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 September 2014. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1998birmingham/finalcom.htm>

⁴³⁷¹ G8 Communiqué Köln 1999 Final, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 3 February 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1999koln/finalcom.htm>

⁴³⁷² G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 February 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.htm>

⁴³⁷³ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 March 2021. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommunique.html>

⁴³⁷⁴ The Kananaskis Summit Chair’s Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 February 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2002kananaskis/summary.html>

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 leaders recognized the importance of “transparent data on G8 developmental assistance.”⁴³⁷⁵ G8 leaders also committed to implement “the Busan Common Standard on Aid Transparency, including both the Creditor Reporting System of the OECD Development Assistance Committee and the International Aid Transparency Initiative” in order to ensure that developmental assistance is effective.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to use monetary, fiscal, and structural policy tools to “place debt on a sustainable path.”⁴³⁷⁶ As a part of this, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to increase economic growth by investing in areas such as “the environment, energy, digital economy, human resource development, education, science and technology.”

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to use monetary, fiscal and structural policy tools to “ensure debt as a share of GDP [gross domestic product] is on a sustainable path.”⁴³⁷⁷ G7 leaders stated that fiscal policy should be used to “strengthen growth and job creation,” namely by improving public finances and investing in infrastructure.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders called for “greater debt transparency not only from low income debtor countries, but also emerging sovereign lenders and private creditors” in light of rising debt levels in low income countries.⁴³⁷⁸ Additionally, G7 leaders determined that public finance was insufficient in supporting economic growth and committed to the Charlevoix Commitment on Innovative Financing for Development to promote economic growth.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “fair and open lending practices” as well as information sharing.⁴³⁷⁹ G7 leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to the G20 and Paris Club Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative and called on multilateral development banks to open additional financing options for developing countries.

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau summit, leaders committed to “promoting transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.”⁴³⁸⁰ This commitment can be interpreted to be setting the target of “improved debt sustainability.”

“Promote” is understood to mean supporting or renewing old efforts or creating new efforts in the area. It should not have to be a new initiative.⁴³⁸¹ In the context of the commitment, it refers to efforts in the four dimensions of transparency.

⁴³⁷⁵ G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 February 2015. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communique.html>

⁴³⁷⁶ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 May 2018. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

⁴³⁷⁷ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communiqu.html>

⁴³⁷⁸ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communiqu.html>

⁴³⁷⁹ Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) June 13 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html>

⁴³⁸⁰ G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) June 28 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022 <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html>

⁴³⁸¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 23 September 2022 http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

“Transparent” is understood to mean open, frank, candid,⁴³⁸² further interpreted as to be free from bias and deceit, to be publicly available and to be easily understood.

“All” refers to every member or individual component of.⁴³⁸³ In the context of the commitment, this is interpreted as “a significant portion” of the debtors and creditors, or several (at least four or five, for full compliance).

“Debtor” is understood to mean someone who owes a debt.⁴³⁸⁴ In this context, this refers to developing countries, like those classified as a Heavily Indebted Poor Country (HIPC).

“Creditor” is understood to mean one to whom a debt is owed.⁴³⁸⁵ In this context, this refers to wealthy countries and international institutions such as the IMF and multilateral development banks.

“Private Creditor” is understood to mean creditors that are neither governments nor public sector agencies. These include private bondholders, private banks, other private financial institutions, and manufacturers, exporters, and other suppliers of goods that have a financial claim.⁴³⁸⁶

“Improved” is understood to mean to advance or make progress in what is desirable.⁴³⁸⁷

“Debt sustainability” refers to a country’s ability to meet all its current and future financial obligations without help through exceptional financing or going into default.⁴³⁸⁸

“Promoting transparency,” has four dimensions: limiting bias, limiting deceit, increasing availability and increasing ease of understanding.

In terms of limiting bias, this includes action to eliminate unintentional shortcomings in the information and analysis surrounding debt sustainability, thereby increasing their accuracy. Some sources of bias in analysis can originate from an unjustified preference for certain types of actors or policies. Members can tackle such bias by placing a greater focus on methodologies verified by research or accounting for different types of positive financial practices.

In terms of limiting deceit, G7 members can work to eliminate intentional manipulation in the information and analysis surrounding debt sustainability, thereby increasing their accuracy. This includes actions against misrepresentation and fraud with respect to the financial handling of funds and the financial health of individuals, firms and other institutions.

In terms of increasing availability, G7 members can enhance the visibility and reach of available information and analysis relating to debt sustainability. This includes increasing the quantity, depth and level of organization of the data and analysis available to debtors and creditors, as well as increasing the transparency of economic and financial models and methods of analyses.

⁴³⁸² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 23 September 2022 http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴³⁸³ All, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022 <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/all>

⁴³⁸⁴ Debtor, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022 <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/debtor>

⁴³⁸⁵ Creditor, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/creditor>

⁴³⁸⁶ External Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users – Appendix III, International Monetary Fund (Washington) 28 August 2003. Access Date: 25 September 2022 <https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/eds/Eng/Guide/file6.pdf>

⁴³⁸⁷ Improved, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 September 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/improved>

⁴³⁸⁸ Analyze This! Debt Sustainability, International Monetary Fund (Washington) 28 July 2020. Access Date: 23 September 2022 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kq72XCXB_o

In terms of increasing ease of understanding, G7 can enhance the comprehensibility of information relating to debt sustainability. This includes placing an emphasis on communicating information to stakeholders with varying levels of specialized knowledge. These actions support informed decision-making by debtors and creditors.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that implement strong actions in improving debt transparency across public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) and debtors (i.e. HIPCs). The applicable strong actions to promote transparency include the allocation of resources to maintaining and publicising information; the creation or expansion of bureaucratic structures like regulatory financial offices; the creation, expansion, amendment or rescindment of programs, regulations and legislation; enforcement using judicial and policy actions to punish the publication of deceitful advertising or financial statements and financing international institutions with the same purpose. The instances mentioned here are not exhaustive.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that implement strong actions in improving debt transparency across one actor: public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) or debtors (i.e. HIPCs); or G7 members that took weak action to promote transparency across two or three actors. Weak actions include affirmations or remarks made by government officials in a remark, response, speech, conference or public address on debt sustainability and attendance at a relevant conference. The instances mentioned here are not exhaustive.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member took insufficient action to promote transparency across the three actors: public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) and debtors (i.e. HIPCs). This includes G7 members that took no action to promote transparency and G7 members that took weak actions to promote transparency across only one actor.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member took no action to promote debt transparency across the three actors: public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) and debtors (i.e. HIPCs) OR took weak actions to promote debt transparency across only one actor.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to improve debt transparency across one actor: public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) or debtors (i.e. HIPCs) OR has taken weak action to promote transparency across two or three actors.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action to improve debt transparency across public creditors (i.e. governments and development banks), private creditors (i.e. private banks and corporations) and debtors (i.e. HIPCs).

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Lead Analyst: Alan Fan*

Canada: 0

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 10 August 2022, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan announced that Canada would provide a CAD120 million loan to Jordan under the Sovereign Loans Program.⁴³⁸⁹ Such action demonstrates

⁴³⁸⁹ Minister Sajjan announces \$120-million sovereign loan offer and \$25 million in international assistance on trip to Jordan, Global Affairs Canada (Amman) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-sajjan-announces-120-million-sovereign-loan-offer-and-25-million-in-international-assistance-on-trip-to-jordan.html>

that Canada continues to contribute to the Sovereign Loans Program, which was initially launched in 2018 with three main objectives: market building for pro-poor investments, gender equality, and mobilizing public and private finance for the poor.” This program defends transparency for and by both the public creditor (the government of Canada) and the debtors, as the creditor can regulate and supervise the programs that take place with the loan, and the debtors have access to clear and transparent guidelines of the terms and payments that would need to take place.

On 28 September 2022, the Bank of Canada announced that starting January 2023, it will publish a “summary of deliberations after each policy rate announcement.”⁴³⁹⁰ This significantly increases accessibility for all debtors to view and understand the monetary policy that takes place within two weeks of the individual policy decisions made by the Bank of Canada, that in this instance, represents a public creditor.

On 11 October 2022, the Competition Bureau of Canada launched an investigation on the Royal Bank of Canada for misleading climate action claims over investments and loans.⁴³⁹¹ The investigation represents the government of Canada’s commitment to holding private creditors accountable to ensure transparency and provide debtors with sufficient information.

On 14 October 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland urged “all creditors to provide timely, coordinated, and orderly debt treatments to countries in need” to alleviate the rising sovereign debt” levels caused by the disproportionate impact that Small Island Developing States have faced by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the food and energy crises resulting from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.⁴³⁹² By specifically promoting transparency across creditors, both private and public, this statement shows the Government of Canada’s awareness of the importance of debt transparency to enhance sustainable development.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement that said the G7 is “ensuring the swift delivery of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI)” to “increase debt transparency and find solutions to debt vulnerabilities.”⁴³⁹³ The Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative “is an agreement of the G20 and Paris Club countries to coordinate and cooperate on debt treatments for up to 73 low-income countries that are eligible for the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI).”⁴³⁹⁴

On 31 December 2022, the Department of Finance updated its public database regarding the Government of Canada’s loans to countries. This database contains two tables. The first table is the exact loans since 2021, which presents information such as the loan’s date, the beneficiary, the use of proceeds, the grace period, the maturity, the interest rate type, etc. The second table contains the total outstanding loans up to 2022, which shows the quantities each debtor country owes to the Government of Canada and individual Canadian

⁴³⁹⁰ Bank of Canada response to detailed review report, Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2022/09/bank-of-canada-response-to-detailed-review-report/>

⁴³⁹¹ Competition Bureau opens investigation into RBC over climate claims, Financial Post (Ottawa) 12 October 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://financialpost.com/fp-finance/banking/competition-bureau-opens-investigation-into-rbc-over-climate-claims>

⁴³⁹² Statement by the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Canada, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of Canada (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://deputyprime.minister-of-finance.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/10/14/statement-deputy-prime-minister-106th-meeting-development-committee>

⁴³⁹³ G7 foreign ministers statement, Global Affairs Canada (Münster) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g7/documents/2022-11-04-joint-statement-declaration-commune.aspx?lang=eng

⁴³⁹⁴ Questions and Answers on Sovereign Debt Issues, International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C.) 8 April 2021. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.imf.org/en/About/FAQ/sovereign-debt#g20q1>

government entities.⁴³⁹⁵ Making this information public and accessible to all shows Canada's commitment to advancing and ensuring debt transparency in its capacity as a public creditor.

On 8 February 2023, the Bank of Canada, for the first time in its history, published a summary of deliberations of the Bank's Governing Council meetings.⁴³⁹⁶ This action demonstrates the Government of Canada's commitment with promoting debt transparency in its capacity of creditor, as it is publicizing previously confidential information. This promotes debt transparency by allowing all debtors to better understand the Bank of Canada's monetary policies.

On 25 February 2023, G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors met in New Delhi and agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency, and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴³⁹⁷ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. The Government of Canada has developed programs, regulations, and policies to make sure that debt sustainability and debt transparency take place among public creditors but needs to take strong action among private creditors and debtors to attain full compliance.

Thus, Canada receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alonso Muñoz Sanchez

France: 0

France has partially complied with the commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 9 September 2022, under the initiative of Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire published and implemented the guidelines for the control of foreign investment in France.⁴³⁹⁸ Minister Le Maire said that the publication of guidelines on control of foreign investments in France will ameliorate legal conviction and likelihood of foreign transactions. These guidelines reaffirm the transparency and predictability of the control of foreign investments, enhancing the visibility of information to debtors and creditors.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement reaffirming their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴³⁹⁹ They also advocated for prompt distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

⁴³⁹⁵ Lending to National Governments, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 31 December 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/international-trade-finance-policy/lending-national-governments.html>

⁴³⁹⁶ Summary of Governing Council deliberations: Fixed announcement date of January 25, 2023, Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 8 February 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2023/02/summary-governing-council-deliberations-fixed-announcement-date-january-25-2023/>

⁴³⁹⁷ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

⁴³⁹⁸ Control of foreign investment in France: publication of guidelines, The Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty (Paris) 9 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 October 2022 <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/09-09-2022-controle-des-investissements-etranagers-en-france-publication-de-lignes-directrice/>

⁴³⁹⁹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

On 25 February 2023, G20 members agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency, and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴⁰⁰ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

France has partially complied with the commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. France has taken effective action to increase transparency of financial models and make information available but has not taken substantial action in improving debt transparency effectively across public creditors, private creditors and debtors.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sara Ashim Ranu

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 1 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet published the draft federal budget for 2023 which promotes clarity on the fiscal spending, future financial policies, and the debt brake.⁴⁴⁰¹ The draft budget clarifies reinstating the debt brake of the Basic Law, which advances financial sustainability without loans. This improves transparency regarding fiscal policies and debt rules for all creditors through the net borrowing budgetary indicators.

On 28 September 2022, the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) published an article called "Increase the transparency of markets and products" outlining guidelines for better regulation and investment decisions.⁴⁴⁰² Germany is encouraging international protocols to regulate shadow banks which would reduce risk to financial sustainability by ensuring that public creditor investments in these private creditors are backed by equity. In essence, shadow bank investment companies such as hedge funds would be modulated, increasing transparency.

On 12 October 2022, the BMF held a conference with G7 finance ministers to improve debt sustainability in African countries through the stronger implementation of the "Common Framework for Debt Treatments."⁴⁴⁰³ During Germany's 2022 G7 Presidency, the BMF called for improvements to the Common Framework by making information regarding debt reconstruction more accessible to debtor countries with clearer guidelines. Germany commands creditor coordination for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries for better data collection to improve debt transparency. Germany commits to boosting private sector-led recovery in Africa to diminish debt risks through the Common Framework and the G20 Compact with Africa initiatives. Additionally, it proposes a fiscal policy framework to improve taxation policies, raising tax revenue with the assistance of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

⁴⁴⁰⁰ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

⁴⁴⁰¹ Haushaltsentwurf 2023 beschlossen: Weichenstellung für eine höhere Resilienz der öffentlichen Finanzen, Bundesministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Oeffentliche_Finanzen/Bundeshaushalt/2023/regerungsentwurf-bundeshaushalt-2023.html

⁴⁴⁰² Die Transparenz der Märkte und Produkte erhöhen, Bundesministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 28 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Internationales_Finanzmarkt/Finanzmarktpolitik/transparenz-der-maerkte-und-produkte-erhoehen.html

⁴⁴⁰³ Internationale Schuldenstrategie zur Entlastung hoch verschuldeter Länder, Bundesministerium der Finanzen (Berlin) 12 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Internationales_Finanzmarkt/Schuldenstrategie/schuldenstrategie.html

On 13 October 2022, Minister of Finance Christian Lindner and Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel attended the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank Group to discuss the debt situation of developing countries.⁴⁴⁰⁴ IMF's Reliance and Sustainability Trust was approved which funds debt reconstruction for climate and pandemic-related issues. Germany contributed EUR6.3 billion to support debtor countries with reconstruction and sustainability.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement reaffirming their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴⁴⁰⁵ They also advocated for prompt distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

On 7 November 2022, Minister Lindner made a statement regarding the Eurogroup meeting to assess the effect of the US's Inflation Reduction Act on Europe.⁴⁴⁰⁶ The Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development recognized the importance of combating inflation but affirmed the greater importance of the central bank's monetary policy over state fiscal policy. This is crucial for financial and debt sustainability, alongside further financing of Germany's debtors, such as Ukraine.

On 9 November 2022, Minister Lindner made a public statement to call for reform regarding the European Commission's proposal for the development of the Stability and Growth Pact.⁴⁴⁰⁷ The BMF recognizes that the previous rules of the pact were unsuitable for reducing debt ratios and encourages amendments for more realistic debt sustainability guidelines, especially with higher debt ratios post-pandemic. Germany suggests a uniform multilateral approach to European fiscal policies is essential for debt sustainability and equity.

On 15 November 2022, The Bundesbank held the virtual Digital Euro Summit to propose the concept of a digital euro to improve public and private sector cooperation.⁴⁴⁰⁸ Central Bank Digital Currency aims to stabilize central bank regulation. It promises a standardized platform for payment. Under the proposal, transparency and authenticity amongst private creditors would be enhanced by know-your-customer and anti-money laundering checks.

On 18 January 2023, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development published the development policy outcomes of Germany's G7 Presidency.⁴⁴⁰⁹ The statement acknowledges initiatives taken by the G7 with the G20 to involve private creditors in debt reconstruction in an effort to strengthen debt transparency and management.

⁴⁴⁰⁴ Jahrestagung des Internationalen Währungsfonds und der Weltbankgruppe (Berlin) 1 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 February 2022. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Monatsberichte/2022/11/Inhalte/Kapitel-3-Analysen/3-3-jahrestagung-iwf-und-weltbankgruppe.html>

⁴⁴⁰⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/countryfiles/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

⁴⁴⁰⁶ Christian Lindner vor dem November-Treffen der Eurogruppe (Berlin) 7 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 February 2023. <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Video-Textfassungen/2022/textfassung-2022-11-07-doorstep-eurogruppe.html>

⁴⁴⁰⁷ Christian Lindner zum Inflationsausgleich, Jahresgutachten des Sachverständigenrates und EU-Stabilitätspakt (Berlin) 9 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 March 2023 <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Video-Textfassungen/2022/textfassung-2022-11-09-lindner-inflationsausgleichsgesetz.html>

⁴⁴⁰⁸ Public-private partnership: key to the success of a digital euro, Bundesbank (Frankfurt) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 30 November 2022. <https://www.bundesbank.de/en/press/speeches/public-private-partnership-key-to-the-success-of-a-digital-euro-781050>

⁴⁴⁰⁹ Development policy outcomes of Germany's G7 Presidency in 2022 (Berlin) 18 January 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2023 <https://www.bmz.de/resource/blob/136424/development-policy-outcomes-of-germanys-g7-presidency-in-2022.pdf>

On 25 February 2023, G20 members agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴¹⁰ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to promoting transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability by publishing information about fiscal spending, future initiatives to control debt and regulate private creditors, and suggestions to improve debt sustainability through better implementation of previously proposed policies by further integrating creditors and its associated institutions.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Preksha Khemka

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 14 October 2022, the Bank of Italy published its monthly report outlining statistics on general government debt and borrowing.⁴⁴¹¹ This report, in accordance with the European Union Excessive Deficit Procedure, includes data related to government debt, creditors, and debtors and makes transparent the economic models and methods of analyses used to do so.

On 21 October 2022, the Bank of Italy released its quarterly economic bulletin report.⁴⁴¹² This report provides information on economic developments in Italy, with a specific focus on national accounts and debt. This information increases the access and quantity of data and analysis available to debtors and creditors.

On 28 October 2022, the Bank of Italy released its twice-yearly report on local government debt.⁴⁴¹³ This report provides detailed statistics on the composition of consolidated and non-consolidated local government debt by sub-sector, instrument, and geographical area. This promotes debt transparency by publicizing detailed data and analysis related to debt.

On 4 November 2022, the Council of Ministers met to present its report on public finance objectives and expenditure targets of ministries for the 2023 to 2025 period.⁴⁴¹⁴ This included information on net debt of public administrations and gross domestic product and debt forecasts. This promotes debt transparency by increasing the availability of information.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement reaffirming their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴⁴¹⁵ They also advocated for the prompt

⁴⁴¹⁰ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

⁴⁴¹¹ The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 28 October 2022. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica/index.html>

⁴⁴¹² Economic Bulletin, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/bollettino-economico/index.html?com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1>

⁴⁴¹³ Local Government Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/debito-amministrazioni/index.html>

⁴⁴¹⁴ Press release of the Council of Ministers n. 3, Government of Italy (Rome) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/node/20919>

⁴⁴¹⁵ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022.

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

On 15 November 2022, the Bank of Italy published its monthly report outlining statistics on general government debt and borrowing.⁴⁴¹⁶ This report, in accordance with the European Union Excessive Deficit Procedure, includes data related to government debt, creditors, and debtors and makes transparent the economic models and methods of analyses used in the report. This promotes debt transparency by increasing the availability of information.

On 25 November 2022, the Bank of Italy published its bi-annual publication on the stability of the Italian financial sector.⁴⁴¹⁷ The publication provides information on the state of the financial system and debt and contextualizes them in the context of the world economy, international finance, and domestic and external risk factors. Thus, debt transparency is promoted.

On 2 December 2022, the Bank of Italy published annual statistics on general government net borrowing, debt, and main non-financial account items of Italy, other EU countries, and G7 countries.⁴⁴¹⁸ These statistics, as part of Italy's Statistics Series, publicize detailed public finance information relevant to both public and private creditors and debtors across Italy and other countries. In turn, by increasing ease of understanding and supporting informed decision-making, debt transparency is improved.

On 15 December 2022, the Bank of Italy published its monthly report outlining statistics on general government debt and borrowing.⁴⁴¹⁹ This report, in accordance with the EU Excessive Deficit Procedure, includes data related to government debt, creditors, and debtors and promotes transparency by detailing the economic models and methods of analyses used in the report.

On 21 December 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance released its public debt guidelines and public debt auction calendar for 2023.⁴⁴²⁰ These reports contain the Italian government's public debt management strategy and the dates of auctions, announcements, and settlements for all government securities. In doing so, information on debt management and transparency is made accessible, which promotes debt sustainability.

On 30 December 2022, the Bank of Italy published a report on the financial and credit system, specifically about loans, borrowers, bank-borrower relationships, credit quality, and lending rates and guarantees.⁴⁴²¹ This report improves debt sustainability by publicizing debt-related information for private debtors and creditors.

On 16 January 2023, the Bank of Italy published its monthly report outlining statistics on general government debt and borrowing.⁴⁴²² This report, in accordance with the EU Excessive Deficit Procedure, includes data related to government debt, creditors, and debtors and promotes transparency by detailing the economic models and methods of analyses used in the report.

⁴⁴¹⁶ The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica/index.html>

⁴⁴¹⁷ Financial Stability Report, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 25 November 2022. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/rapporto-stabilita/index.html?com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1>

⁴⁴¹⁸ Public Finance Statistics in the European Union, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica-ue/index.html>

⁴⁴¹⁹ The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica/index.html>

⁴⁴²⁰ 2023 Public Debt Auction calendar and Public Debt Guidelines are now online, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/en/news_debito_pubblico/2022/calendario_linee_guida_2023.html

⁴⁴²¹ Banks and Financial Institutions: Credit Conditions and Risk by Sector and Geographical Area, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 30 December 2022. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/condizioni-rischiosita/index.html>

⁴⁴²² The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica/index.html>

On 20 January 2023, the Bank of Italy released its updated quarterly economic bulletin report.⁴⁴²³ This report provides information on economic developments in Italy, with a specific focus on national accounts and debt. This information increases the access and quantity of data and analysis available to debtors and creditors.

On 15 February 2023, the Bank of Italy published its monthly report outlining statistics on general government debt and borrowing.⁴⁴²⁴ This report, in accordance with the EU Excessive Deficit Procedure, includes data related to government debt, creditors, and debtors and promotes transparency by detailing the economic models and methods of analyses used in the report.

On 24 February 2023, the Bank of Italy released its twice-yearly report on local government debt.⁴⁴²⁵ This report provides detailed statistics on the composition of consolidated and non-consolidated local government debt by sub-sector, instrument, and geographical area. This promotes debt sustainability by publicizing detailed data and analysis related to debt.

On 9 March 2023, the Bank of Italy published monthly statistics on monetary policy, banks' balance sheets and bad debts, and deposit and loan interest rates.⁴⁴²⁶ These statistics increase the accessibility of debt-related data and economic models and tables, all of which support decision-making by debtors and creditors.

On 14 March 2023, the Italian Treasury, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and World Bank launched an e-book on debt sustainability entitled "Sustainability of Debt Management in the Post-Pandemic Era."⁴⁴²⁷ This e-book summarizes the proceedings of the second Public Debt Management Network Conference with the aim of maintaining and publicizing information on debt sustainability.

On 25 February 2023, G20 members agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴²⁸ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

On 15 March 2023, the Bank of Italy published its monthly publication of statistics on Italian debt securities and the portfolios of investment funds.⁴⁴²⁹ This report provides information on Italy's financial market and increases the amount of debt-related information available for creditors and debtors, which promotes debt transparency.

On 16 March 2023, the Bank of Italy released its publication on markets, infrastructures, and payments systems in Italy.⁴⁴³⁰ This publication contains information on net debt positions and debt securities and is created with the aim of raising awareness and fostering debate about Italy's debt institutions, markets, and other economic

⁴⁴²³ Economic Bulletin, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/bollettino-economico/index.html>

⁴⁴²⁴ The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 15 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/finanza-pubblica/index.html>

⁴⁴²⁵ Local Government Debt, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 24 February 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/debito-amministrazioni/index.html>

⁴⁴²⁶ Banks and Money: National Data, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 9 March 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2023.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/moneta-banche/index.html>

⁴⁴²⁷ PDM Network: a webinar on the topic "Sustainability of Debt Management in the Post-Pandemic Era", Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 14 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/en/news/2023/pdm_event.html

⁴⁴²⁸ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.

https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

⁴⁴²⁹ The Financial Market, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/mercato-finanziario/index.html>

⁴⁴³⁰ Mercati, infrastruttura, sistemi di pagamento, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/mercati-infrastrutture-e-sistemi-di-pagamento/index.html>

infrastructures. By providing educational materials targeted at non-specialist readers, the publication increases debt sustainability.

On 27 March 2023, the Ministry of Economy and Finance released updates on its quarterly government bond issuance program.⁴⁴³¹ This document updated creditors and debtors on public debt issuance and the macroeconomic and public finance frameworks and provided corrected information on debt/GDP ratios and public debt.

On 31 March 2023, the Bank of Italy published its yearly report on annual accounts, constituting its balance sheet and profit and loss account.⁴⁴³² This report provided financial reporting that increases understanding of the bank's activities and included information on government debt, debtor positions, and liabilities, which promotes debt transparency.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. Italy has increased the visibility and reach of information and analysis related to debt sustainability when it comes to the government's role in the financial markets. Italy's monthly, quarterly, and annual reports provide updated and new information that informs the decisions of both private creditors and debtors. Italy has also funded resources to ease the understanding of debt and publicize information on debt sustainability and the state of the financial market.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: James Jiang

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 28 August 2022, the African Development Bank and the government of Japan announced a joint USD5 billion program with the objective of “enhancement of debt transparency and sustainability” in Africa.⁴⁴³³ Through this program, a Special Window will be created that will support countries that are struggling but making improvements in their debt payments. Japan's support to debtors in the form of public creditors demonstrates Japan's positive compliance with debt transparency.

On 14 October 2022, the Ministry of Finance urged creditor countries to “share their lending data with the IMF and World Bank” to allow those institutions to increase their data accuracy and therefore improve debt transparency.⁴⁴³⁴ The urgency with which Japan addresses creditor countries demonstrates that debt transparency and global debt sustainability are priority topics that they are not only taking action towards addressing but also providing tools for other nations to effectively address.

On 4 November 2022, the World Bank announced that the Government of Japan plans to contribute to many of the World Bank's initiatives, including USD5 million to the' Global Data Facility “to improve debt transparency and accountability, particularly through the redesign and expansion of the Debt Reporting System

⁴⁴³¹ Public Debt, the quarterly issuance program is online, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. https://www.dt.mef.gov.it/en/news_debito_pubblico/2023/programma_trimestrale_27032023.html

⁴⁴³² Annual Accounts, the Bank of Italy (Rome) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 8 April 2023. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/bilancio-esercizio/index.html>

⁴⁴³³ Japan and the African Development Bank announce up to \$5 billion in support for Africa's private sector, African Development Bank Group (Tunis) 28 August 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/japan-and-african-development-bank-announce-5-billion-support-africas-private-sector-54402>

⁴⁴³⁴ Japan's Statement at the 106th Meeting of the Development Committee, The Ministry of Finance (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/imf/dc/20221014_1.html

(DRS) and technical assistance to strengthen debt recording and reporting in borrowing countries.”⁴⁴³⁵ The Global Data Facility was created by the World Bank as their “primary mechanism to mobilize and coordinate donor support for data and statistics priorities at the global, regional, national, and community levels,” which will enable partnerships between countries and development organizations to increase accountability across debtors and creditors and accelerate the loaning processes.⁴⁴³⁶ The contributions of programs that increase the effectiveness of data and information on debt and transparentize the processes of debtors, public creditors, and private creditors accurately demonstrate the government of Japan’s commitments to improving debt transparency and therefore improving debt sustainability.

On 13 February 2023, the International Monetary Fund and the Japan International Cooperation Agency held a joint conference in Tokyo with the objective of presenting public financial management practices for sustainable fiscal policy in the late stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this conference, one of the four key topics included enhancing “fiscal transparency and accountability” to facilitate the achievement of fiscal targets.⁴⁴³⁷ The conference shows the Government of Japan’s commitment to promoting debt transparency across creditors as it calls for publishing data on public liabilities and it also shows its commitment to promoting debt transparency across public debtors by calling low-income developing countries to publish and regularly update debt data.

On 20 February 2023, the African Development Bank Group announced that the Government of Japan and the African Development Bank signed an exchange of notes for USD350 million in relation to the Bank’s private sector operations department. This is the latest of eight private assistance loans that the Government of Japan has provided to the African Development Group. Moreover, the Bank emphasized Japan as “one of the Bank’s biggest contributors,” providing the example of the Japan International Cooperation Agency’s USD1 billion contribution with the objective of promoting debt transparency across the African continent.⁴⁴³⁸ By strengthening the African Development Bank’s private sector operations, Japan reaffirms its commitment to improving debt transparency between debtors and creditors.

On 25 February 2023, G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors met in New Delhi and agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency, and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴³⁹ This joint statement shows members’ continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. Through partnerships with international development organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank, Japan has proven to have debt transparency and debt sustainability as a top policy priority. Japan has taken the figure of public creditor and has worked closely with private creditors to ensure that debtor countries can benefit from loans while improving debt sustainability.

⁴⁴³⁵ Japan Provides \$8 Million to Bolster Key Research and Data Functions of World Bank Group, The World Bank (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/11/04/japan-provides-8-million-to-bolster-key-research-and-data-functions-of-world-bank-group>

⁴⁴³⁶ Global Data Facility, The World Bank (Washington D.C.) 12 August 2021. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/research/brief/global-data-facility>

⁴⁴³⁷ Fiscal Policy During the Exit from Pandemic: Strengthening Public Financial Management to Support a Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, International Monetary Fund (Tokyo) 14 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.imf.org/en/News/Seminars/Conferences/2023/02/14/-/media/DF7DA1B38E154B2E894D821FB80AFE5D.ashx>

⁴⁴³⁸ African Development Bank Group and Japan sign exchange of notes for \$350 million private sector assistance loan to finance Bank’s private sector operations, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 20 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/african-development-bank-group-and-japan-sign-exchange-notes-350-million-private-sector-assistance-loan-finance-banks-private-sector-operations-59219>

⁴⁴³⁹ G20 Chair’s Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alonso Muñoz Sanchez

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 11 July 2022, the UK Debt Management Office and Her Majesty's Treasury published its annual report on its debt management office and debt management account from 2021 to 2022.⁴⁴⁴⁰ This report includes accountability, sustainability, and performance reports of UK debt accounts.

On 19 July 2022, the UK government released information on its lending to other national governments, releasing information about its creditor portfolio on a loan-by-loan basis.⁴⁴⁴¹ This conforms to the G20 Operational Guidelines for Sustainable Financing.

On 28 October 2022, the Office for National Statistics published its quarterly report on the estimates of the UK government's debt and deficit.⁴⁴⁴² This report publicizes detailed debt information and data, promoting debt transparency.

On 1 November 2022, the Ministry of Justice launched a program that will allow around 20,000 people facing debt difficulties to receive free early-stage legal advice.⁴⁴⁴³ This program allocates resources to promote debt transparency and to increase understanding of debt sustainability.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴⁴⁴⁴ G7 members also advocated for the prompt distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

On 17 November 2022, the Treasury published a policy paper setting out the government's fiscal framework and debt management policy, including debt objectives and targets.⁴⁴⁴⁵ This paper eases the understanding of debt management, which promotes debt transparency and sustainability.

On 15 December 2022, the Treasury published a report outlining the outstanding debt owed by other countries to its government.⁴⁴⁴⁶ This report increases the visibility and quantity of information and data available to debtors.

⁴⁴⁴⁰ UK Debt Management Office and Debt Management Account annual report and accounts, 2021 to 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-debt-management-office-and-debt-management-account-annual-report-and-accounts-2021-to-2022>

⁴⁴⁴¹ UK lending to other national governments in 2022-23, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-lending-to-other-national-governments-in-2022-23>

⁴⁴⁴² UK government debt and deficit: June 2022, Office for National Statistics (London) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/governmentpublicsectorandtaxes/publicspending/bulletins/ukgovernmentdebtanddeficitforeurostatmast/june2022>

⁴⁴⁴³ Free legal advice piloted to help people facing financial difficulties, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 1 November 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-legal-advice-piloted-to-help-people-facing-financial-difficulties>

⁴⁴⁴⁴ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

⁴⁴⁴⁵ Charter for Budget Responsibility: Autumn 2022 Update, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charter-for-budget-responsibility-autumn-2022-update>

⁴⁴⁴⁶ Report on outstanding debt owed by other countries to His Majesty's Government in 2022, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/report-on-outstanding-debt-owed-by-other-countries-to-his-majestys-government-in-2022>

On 15 December 2022, the Treasury published a document describing the procedure for preparing government annual reports and accounts in the UK, including its debt management account.⁴⁴⁴⁷ This document introduces regulations and rules to ensure the transparency of financial statements in the UK, which improves debt transparency for both debtors and creditors.

On 21 December 2022, the Treasury published its monthly report on public sector finances.⁴⁴⁴⁸ This report provides the latest available estimates for key financial statistics such as public sector borrowing, debt, and deficits. This increases the accessibility of debt-related data and economic models and tables, all of which support decision-making by debtors and creditors.

On 20 January 2023, the UK government released updated information on its lending to other national governments, publishing information about its creditor portfolio on a loan-by-loan basis.⁴⁴⁴⁹ This improves on previous debt transparency data and conforms to the G20 Operational Guidelines for Sustainable Financing.

On 31 January 2023, the Office for National Statistics published its quarterly report on the estimates of the UK government's debt and deficit.⁴⁴⁵⁰ This report publicizes detailed debt information and data, promoting debt transparency.

On 25 February 2023, G20 members agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴⁵¹ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

On 13 March 2023, the Treasury published a document containing the 2023 to 2023 guidance for government departments on the budgeting framework for expenditure control.⁴⁴⁵² These principles and standards make transparent key aspects of the UK public spending and debt management framework, which promotes debt sustainability.

On 15 March 2023, the Treasury published a policy paper outlining its spring budget for 2023.⁴⁴⁵³ This document included information on public debt, debt interest, debt forecasts, and plans to decrease debt, which increases public debt data.

On 31 March 2023, the Office for National Statistics published its report on the UK's quarterly sector accounts.⁴⁴⁵⁴ This report publicized data on household debt to income ratio, the UK government's borrowing

⁴⁴⁴⁷ Government Financial Reporting Manual: 2023-24, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-financial-reporting-manual-2023-24>

⁴⁴⁴⁸ Public sector finances bulletin, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 21 December 2022. Access Date: 26 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-sector-finances-bulletin>

⁴⁴⁴⁹ UK lending to other national governments in 2022-2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-lending-to-other-national-governments-in-2022-23>

⁴⁴⁵⁰ UK government debt and deficit: September 2022, Office for National Statistics (London) 31 January 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2023. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/governmentpublicsectorandtaxes/publicspending/bulletins/ukgovernmentdebtanddeficitforeurostatmaast/september2022>

⁴⁴⁵¹ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

⁴⁴⁵² Consolidated budgeting guidance 2023 to 2024, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 13 March 2023. Access Date: 14 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consolidated-budgeting-guidance-2023-to-2024>

⁴⁴⁵³ Spring Budget 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 15 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spring-budget-2023>

⁴⁴⁵⁴ Quarterly sector accounts, UK: October to December 2022, Office for National Statistics (London) 31 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/bulletins/quarterlysectoraccounts/octobertodecember2022>

position, and the lending positions of financial and non-financial corporations. This information increases the access and quantity of data and analysis available to debtors and creditors.

On 5 April 2023, the Treasury published its monthly statistics on the UK's official holdings of international reserves.⁴⁴⁵⁵ These statistics show details of movements in the UK's gold, foreign currency assets, and International Monetary Fund assets. In conjunction with other published reports on financing items, this allows debtors and creditors to assess debt risk, balance of payments, and the capacity of the government to service and repay its debt.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. The UK has taken action to increase ease of understanding, information, analysis, and data related to debt management and sustainability. The UK's monthly and quarterly reports and releases promote debt sustainability by allowing for informed debt risk assessment by private debtors and public creditors. The UK has also allocated resources to introduce regulations and promote debt transparency.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: James Jiang

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with the commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 6 July 2022, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Bali, Indonesia.⁴⁴⁵⁶ The Secretary of State reinforced the United States' commitment on improving debt transparency through a multilateral approach. Secretary Blinken reaffirmed creditors to apply the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments completely and transparently to effectively tackle debt vulnerabilities and support debt sustainability.

On 29 July 2022, the United States and Japan released a joint statement regarding strengthening economic security at the US-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee.⁴⁴⁵⁷ The countries reaffirmed their intent to ensure debt sustainability and transparency and encouraged other countries to respect global rules and principles including the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment and the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI). The United States and Japan emphasized on creditor coordination to enable fair burden sharing among all creditors in debt treatments under the Common Framework.

On 20 September 2022, the Counsellor to the Secretary of the Treasury Brent Neiman gave a speech at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.⁴⁴⁵⁸ Counsellor Neiman emphasized on supporting sustainability and transparency in debt ventures including the G20 guidelines, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Institute of International Finance debt transparency initiative. He

⁴⁴⁵⁵ UK official holdings of international reserves: March 2023, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 5 April 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-official-holdings-of-international-reserves-march-2023>

⁴⁴⁵⁶ The United States and G20: Building a More Peaceful, Stable, and Prosperous World Together, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 20 October 2022 <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-and-g20-building-a-more-peaceful-stable-and-prosperous-world-together/>

⁴⁴⁵⁷ Joint Statement of the U.S.-Japan Economic Policy Consultative Committee Strengthening Economic Security and the Rules-Based Order, U.S. Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2022/07/joint-statement-us-japan-economic-policy-consultative-committee>

⁴⁴⁵⁸ Remarks by Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury Brent Neiman at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0963>

further elaborated on multilateral debt restructuring through transparency in financial statements, encouraged creditors to adopt transparency measures and improved coordination among creditors and debtors.

On 13 October 2022, Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen released the Joint International Monetary and Finance Committee and Development Committee Statement.⁴⁴⁵⁹ This statement reiterates challenges emerging due to rising debt and emphasis on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank's role in promoting debt transparency through collaborative efforts. The statement reaffirms the Sustainable Development Financing Policy of the World Bank to improve transparency and sustainability in debt.

On 20 October 2022, the Department of the Treasury released the Chair of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) enforcement and penalty guidelines.⁴⁴⁶⁰ The CFIUS enforcement and penalty guidelines aim to make information available to the public about the legislative framework and regulations of financial transactions, leading to increased visibility and availability of information.

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement reaffirming their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴⁴⁶¹ They also advocated for prompt distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the DSSI.

On 11 November 2022, the governments of the United States and India released a joint statement at the Ninth India-US Economic and Financial Partnership.⁴⁴⁶² The countries reaffirmed their commitment towards debt transparency and sustainability in bilateral lending. The countries also reiterated their intent to implement the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatment promptly and coherently. This action will help in promoting transparency across debtors leading to improved debt sustainability.

On 15 December 2022, Secretary Yellen held a bilateral meeting with President of the Republic of Zambia Hakainde Hichilema.⁴⁴⁶³ Both countries reinforced their commitment towards achieving debt sustainability. Secretary Yellen also proposed the inception of a debt treatment for Zambia through the Common Framework immediately and discussed the need for a fair share of burden among all bilateral creditors to promote debt credibility. This action will help in promoting debt sustainability by ameliorating transparency among creditors and debtors.

On 25 February 2023, G20 members agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴⁶⁴ This joint statement shows members' continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

The United States has fully complied with the commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability. The United States has taken action to

⁴⁴⁵⁹ Joint IMFC and Developing Committee Statement by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 24 October 2022 <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1018>

⁴⁴⁶⁰ Treasury Releases CFIUS Enforcement and Penalty Guidelines, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) October 20 2022. Access Date: 27 October 2022, <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1037>

⁴⁴⁶¹ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022 <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

⁴⁴⁶² Joint Statement on the Ninth India-U.S. Economic and Financial Partnership, US Department of the Treasury (New Delhi) 11 November 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022 <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1099>

⁴⁴⁶³ Remarks by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at Bilateral Meeting with the President of the Republic of Zambia Hakainde Hichilema, US Department of the Treasury (Washington D.C.) 15 December 2022. Access Date: 18 December 2022 <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1167>

⁴⁴⁶⁴ G20 Chair's Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf

increase public transparency of financial models and make information available and has taken effective action in improving debt transparency effectively across public creditors, private creditors and debtors. It has aimed to improve debt sustainability through the implementation of policies to improve public knowledge and integrated global financial institutions and countries in its suggestions to increase transparency.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sara Ashim Ranu

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promoting transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability.

On 23 September 2022, the European Banking Authority launched its EU-wide Transparency exercise to monitor financial risks through better data collection.⁴⁴⁶⁵ More than one million data points are expected to be reported by more than 120 banks across the European Union. Published in December, the report is expected to collect more information on risk exposure amounts and asset quality, amongst other aspects.

On 14 October 2022, in the 46th meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni, on behalf of the European Commission, committed to using fiscal policy to preserve debt sustainability.⁴⁴⁶⁶

On 4 November 2022, G7 Foreign Ministers issued a statement reaffirming their objective to promote debt transparency and reduce problems caused by debt vulnerabilities.⁴⁴⁶⁷ They also advocated for prompt distribution of results through the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

On 30 November 2022, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs held a public hearing on Public and Private Debt Sustainability to review the fiscal rules.⁴⁴⁶⁸ The International Monetary Fund provides policies that focus on sustaining inflation and living costs for sustaining debt and strengthening debt reconstruction.

On 8 December 2022, the European Commission proposed tax transparency rules for crypto-asset transactions in the European Union.⁴⁴⁶⁹ The proposal codifies the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework into EU law. It aims to counter tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance by crypto-asset providers, thereby increasing transparency in digital transactions.

On 17 January 2023, the Economic and Financial Affairs Council made recommendations to fiscal policy surveillance regarding the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact.⁴⁴⁷⁰ It recommends that fiscal policy should involve increased public and private investment to preserve debt sustainability. Additionally, the European Commission proposed to move to a risk-based EU surveillance framework that considers risks to

⁴⁴⁶⁵ EBA launches 2022 EU-wide transparency exercise, European Banking Authority (Paris) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 6 November 2022. <https://www.eba.europa.eu/eba-launches-2022-eu-wide-transparency-exercise>

⁴⁴⁶⁶ MFC Statement by Valdis Dombrovskis Executive Vice President, International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C.) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.imf.org/-/media/AMSM/Files/AM2022/IMFC/EC.ashx>

⁴⁴⁶⁷ G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement (4 November 2022, Münster), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Münster) 4 November 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/countryfiles/europe/western-balkans-62918/article/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-4-november-2022-munster>

⁴⁴⁶⁸ EU economic developments and projections (Strasbourg) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2023. [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/645716/IPOL_BRI\(2020\)645716_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/645716/IPOL_BRI(2020)645716_EN.pdf)

⁴⁴⁶⁹ Taxation: New transparency rules require service providers to report crypto-asset transactions, European Commission (Brussels) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 16 December 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7513

⁴⁴⁷⁰ Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact under exceptional times (Strasbourg) 17 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2022/699543/IPOL_IDA\(2022\)699543_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2022/699543/IPOL_IDA(2022)699543_EN.pdf)

debt sustainability by evaluating public debt challenges. For government structure, it presents a debt sustainability analysis methodology suggesting an “escape clause” for debtor countries depending on the varying level of debt. It suggests monitoring and supervision procedures for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) that are non-compliant with the framework.

On 25 February 2023, G20 members including the EU agreed to continue working towards enhancing debt transparency and invited private creditors to join these efforts.⁴⁴⁷¹ This joint statement shows the EU’s continued interest in enhancing debt transparency across debtors, public creditors, and most notably in this instance, private creditors to improve debt sustainability.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote transparency across all debtors and creditors, including private creditors, for improved debt sustainability by taking recent actions and making improvements to past actions in areas of debt sustainability and transparency for HIPCs, with a focus on monitoring and risk assessment. Initiatives were taken to improve transparency amongst private creditors and debtors by trying to propose a directive for insolvent debt reconstruction.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Preksha Khemka

⁴⁴⁷¹ G20 Chair’s Summary and Outcome Document: First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 India Presidency (Bengaluru) 25 February 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023.
https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/1st%20FMCBG%20Chair%20Summary.pdf