

Statement by Tallinn Mechanism Members

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As malicious cyber activity continues to be an integral part of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, cyber capacity building remains a crucial part of our collective resolve to help Ukraine uphold its sovereignty and fundamental right to self-defence.

To this end, the Tallinn Mechanism has been endorsed by Ukraine, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States and officially formalized on 20 December 2023.

The Mechanism aims to coordinate and facilitate civilian cyber capacity building to help Ukraine defend itself against Russian aggression in cyber space and address longer-term cyber resilience needs. The Mechanism complements cyber capacity-building efforts such as the IT-coalition which supports the Ukrainian MoD and Armed Forces, and efforts on digital development. Members intend to coordinate closely with the EU and NATO. Private sector and non-governmental actors are also encouraged to contribute to the Mechanism.

Collectively, the Mechanism's members have contributed substantially to deliver cyber capacity building assistance to Ukraine. These efforts have been carried out with respect for international law and in full coordination with relevant Ukrainian counterparts.

The Mechanism contributes actively to enhance the Ukraine's cyber resilience. The support focuses on fortifying the Ukrainian government's cyber defence and resilience, by assisting with incident response, providing software licences and training IT personnel. Additionally, the Mechanism places a priority on cyber capacity building to ensure the safety of human rights defenders and civil society organisations operating online. The support also aims to facilitate Ukraine's access to information and media that are not under Russian control. The efforts have been carried out in close partnership with implementing partners and private cybersecurity actors.

As disruptive Russian cyber operations and cyber activity are expected to continue in the foreseeable future, partners in the Tallinn Mechanism stand ready to continue their support for as long as it takes.