

**JOINT LETTER OF INTENT**  
**of the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Finland**  
**and the Minister of Strategic Industries of Ukraine**  
**following the joint visit of the Presidents of Finland and Ukraine**  
**to the Merihaka civil defense shelter**

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- I. Finland and Ukraine continue to work hand in hand together with other European countries on elaborating the modalities of bringing just and lasting peace to Ukraine.
- II. A critical precondition for a sustainable peace in Ukraine is providing Ukraine with reliable security guarantees as well as ensuring protection of Ukrainian civilian population and critical infrastructure.
- III. Finland has already provided comprehensive support for Ukraine in the amount of 3.6 bln euros since the start of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine and pledges to search new avenues to expand assistance for Ukraine to meet its urgent needs. Ukraine commends 28 packages of defense assistance, and 57 packages of civilian material assistance provided by Finland and values the commitment of the Finnish Government to continue assistance for Ukraine in the defense and security sphere.
- IV. Following the agreement between the two Presidents in Kyiv on 3 April 2024, Finland and Ukraine are, in close cooperation, preparing a project to develop the civil protection shelter system of Ukraine. The objective is to support Ukraine in modernising its civil protection shelter system and to develop the coordination of international efforts to support Ukraine in this area by launching a Civil Protection Shelter Coalition.
- V. The main purpose of the Coalition will be to coordinate international efforts in this area to promote that the building of civil protection shelters is in line with the national strategic objectives of Ukraine. By forming standards, sharing best practices and pooling resources we

aim to kick-start today the building of a "state of the art" civil protection shelter system for solid protection of the civilian population of Ukraine from all threats.

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