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Joint Statement of the US and Germany on Support for UKR, European Energy Security, and our Climate Goals

[[AA:]] Possibly for inclusion in joint statement on the occasion of the Chancellor's visit)

The US and Germany are steadfast in their support for UKR's sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and chosen European path. We recommit ourselves today to push back against Russian aggression and malign activities in UKR and beyond.

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We support the energy security of UKR and Central and Eastern Europe, including the key principles enshrined in the EU's Third Energy Package of diversity and security of supply. Germany underscores [AA:] its commitment to the Third Energy Package, [AL4:] also with respect to NoS2 [AL4:] [AL2:] as far as applicable to this pipeline [BMW: for those parts of the pipeline which are under German jurisdiction], [AA, AL4:] as demonstrated by the full implementation of the EU gas directive in national legislation.

The US and GER are united in their belief that it is in Ukraine's and Europe's interest for gas transit via Ukraine to continue beyond 2024. In line with this belief, GER commits to utilize all available leverage to facilitate an extension of up to 10 years to Ukraine's gas transit agreement with Russia, including appointing a special envoy to support those negotiations, to begin as soon as possible [AL2:]. [Not for public statement: GER commits to negotiate with the goal of [AA:] an up to 10-year extension.]

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In addition, Germany [BMWi:] is ready to support Ukraine's energy security. This will include efforts to safeguard [AA, BMF:] the capacity for reverse flows of gas to Ukraine [BMF:] with the aim to completely shield UKR from potential future attempts by Russia to cut direct gas supply to the country].

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