



**Address**  
**by**  
**the President of Iceland,**  
**Guðni Th. Jóhannesson,**  
**at**  
**the Third Crimea Platform Summit**

**23 August 2023**

Dear President Zelensky,  
Your excellencies,  
dear colleagues.

Ever since Russia began its illegal war of aggression, the people of Iceland have stood united in full solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We will continue to do so for as long as it takes. We also continue to admire the moral courage and strength of the Ukrainian nation. You set an example to us all in your brave fight for our shared democratic values.

We are a small nation, we have no military and know little about military affairs. Still, we are doing our best to provide both humanitarian and economic support, the most recent example being a fully functional field hospital, soon to be delivered.

Ukrainians seeking refugee status in Iceland are granted immediate asylum and are welcomed in our community. Iceland has also worked closely with Ukraine to establish a register of damages, to ensure accountability for Russia's crime of aggression.

Iceland plans to increase its presence in Kyiv and thus continue to strengthen our relationship with Ukraine. We are able to do this thanks to solid co-operation with our good friends in Lithuania, who have generously offered Iceland access to diplomatic facilities in Kyiv. This is just one small example of the value of friendly alliances between likeminded countries.

Dear colleagues, now, more than ever, we need to stand together to demonstrate the strength of our democratic values.

To that end, we must remain united in our condemnation of Russia's blatant violations of international law and human rights. Iceland continues to stand with Ukraine. Thank you.