



**Address by
President of Iceland
Guðni Th. Jóhannesson**

**Extraordinary Meeting
at the Althingi
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President Zelensky,

On behalf of the people of Iceland, I wish to express to you, and to the people of Ukraine, our support and solidarity during these dark days. We deeply respect the Ukrainian spirit and strength, in the face of Russia's violent aggression.

I have met with some of your compatriots, innocent people who have had to flee their homes and found their way to Iceland. They are welcome and they will have a safe haven here for as long as they need. This war touches us all, it affects us all, and we will continue to do what we can to support Ukraine. While distance may separate our two countries, our shared values unite us. We share the same hopes, and we have the same right to enjoy freedom, to live in peace, to see our societies flourish.

Your Excellency, a few words in Ukrainian: *We stand with all those who seek peace. We stand with all those who need to resist an aggressor. We stand with all those who want to live in a free and democratic society.**

Dear President! We are honoured to listen to your address in the chamber of our ancient Parliament. Iceland stands with those who resist oppression. Iceland stands with Ukraine.

* Ми стоїмо пліч-о-пліч із усіма, хто шукає миру. Ми виступаємо на стороні всіх, хто мусить чинити опір агресору. Ми солідарні з усіма, хто хоче жити у вільному та демократичному суспільстві.