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Ukraine: To avoid warlike escalation, weapons for Ukraine!

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Since the abrupt reversal of US policy towards Ukraine, the Russian concessions obtained by President Trump have been non-existent. The ceasefire on energy infrastructure has not been implemented; worse, bombing on Ukrainian territory has never been so intense, while the opening of a corridor to resume maritime trade in the Black Sea only benefits Russia.

These negotiations deprive the Ukrainian people of the essential means for their defence, while helping the Russian regime to hide the military and human disaster of its offensive. Trump's latest threats of sanctions against Russia are part of this asymmetrical logic. His annoyance at the immobility of Putin, in whom he continues to place "his trust", has not been followed by any action. At the same time, the US President has urged Ukraine to sign an agreement on minerals without delay, which would establish a new kind of economic colonialism. Aware of his advantage, Putin continues to play the maximalist card, calling for elections in occupied Ukraine.

Weapons, not speeches

Yet the Ukrainian people continue to stand united in defence of their right to self-determination. For "if Ukraine is partitioned, the millions who are either in the occupied territories or have had to flee will have nowhere to return. They know that an outcome that hugely rewards the aggressor will only strengthen Putin's authoritarian regime and mean even more repression, especially in the occupied territories. So, Ukrainians have two things in mind when thinking about any deal: the fate of the people in the occupied territories and how to prevent Russia from restarting the war." [[1](#)]

For that Ukraine needs weapons, and it needs them now. But on the European side, the dangerous excessiveness of the military investments announced by certain countries (led by France, Germany and the UK), contrasts radically with the weakness of the concrete and immediate military aid they are providing to Ukraine. The meeting between Zelensky and Macron finally resulted in two billion in aid... in old military equipment invoiced at new prices.

Standing by Ukraine

Let's make no mistake: the return to militarism of the imperialist powers of Western Europe is not the right response to Putin's imperialist war. All the more so when the neo-fascist danger is growing all over the continent. It is the Ukrainian resistance that can stop this madness and avert a warlike escalation.

Between a bloc of conservatives and liberals, seeking to defend their national interests and continue to attack our social rights, and a Left locked in a chauvinistic pacifism that offers no solution to the peoples of Eastern Europe faced with the neo-fascist peril, it is up to an internationalist, anti-fascist Left to be the best ally of the resisting Ukraine. We will proudly continue this fight!

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[1] 'The left should support a just peace for Ukraine, not a Trump-Putin deal to appease the aggressor': An interview with Ukrainian socialist Denys Pilash - Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières, March 2025.