

TITLE II
POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND REFORM, POLITICAL ASSOCIATION,
COOPERATION AND CONVERGENCE IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AND
SECURITY POLICY

Article 4

Aims of political dialogue

1. Political dialogue in all areas of mutual interest shall be further developed and strengthened between the Parties. This will promote gradual convergence on foreign and security matters with the aim of Ukraine's ever-deeper involvement in the European security area.
2. The aims of political dialogue shall be:
 - (a) to deepen political association and increase political and security policy convergence and effectiveness;
 - (b) to promote international stability and security based on effective multilateralism;
 - (c) to strengthen cooperation and dialogue between the Parties on international security and crisis management, particularly in order to address global and regional challenges and key threats;
 - (d) to foster result-oriented and practical cooperation between the Parties for achieving peace, security and stability on the European continent;
 - (e) to strengthen respect for democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance, human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, non-discrimination of persons belonging to minorities and respect for diversity, and to contribute to consolidating domestic political reforms;
 - (f) to develop dialogue and to deepen cooperation between the Parties in the field of security and defence;
 - (g) to promote the principles of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the inviolability of borders.

Article 5

Fora for the conduct of political dialogue

1. The Parties shall hold regular political dialogue meetings at Summit level.
2. At ministerial level, political dialogue shall take place, by mutual agreement, within the Association Council referred to in Article 460 of this Agreement and within the framework of regular meetings between representatives of the Parties at Foreign Minister level.
3. Political dialogue shall also take place in the following formats:

- (a) regular meetings at Political Directors, Political and Security Committee and expert level, including on specific regions and issues, between representatives of the European Union on the one hand, and representatives of Ukraine on the other;
 - (b) taking full and timely advantage of all diplomatic and military channels between the Parties, including appropriate contacts in third countries and within the United Nations, the OSCE and other international fora;
 - (c) regular meetings both at the level of high officials and of experts of the military institutions of the Parties;
 - (d) any other means, including expert-level meetings, which would contribute to improving and consolidating this dialogue.
4. Other procedures and mechanisms for political dialogue, including extraordinary consultations, shall be set up by the Parties by mutual agreement.
5. Political dialogue at parliamentary level shall take place within the framework of the Parliamentary Association Committee referred to in Article 467 of this Agreement.

Article 6

Dialogue and cooperation on domestic reform

The Parties shall cooperate in order to ensure that their internal policies are based on principles common to the Parties, in particular stability and effectiveness of democratic institutions and the rule of law, and on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular as referred to in Article 14 of this Agreement.

Article 7

Foreign and security policy

1. The Parties shall intensify their dialogue and cooperation and promote gradual convergence in the area of foreign and security policy, including the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), and shall address in particular issues of conflict prevention and crisis management, regional stability, disarmament, non-proliferation, arms control and arms export control as well as enhanced mutually-beneficial dialogue in the field of space. Cooperation will be based on common values and mutual interests, and shall aim at increasing policy convergence and effectiveness, and promoting joint policy planning. To this end, the Parties shall make use of bilateral, international and regional fora.
2. Ukraine, the EU and the Member States reaffirm their commitment to the principles of respect for independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders, as established in the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and to promoting these principles in bilateral and multilateral relations.

3. The Parties shall address in a timely and coherent manner the challenges to these principles at all appropriate levels of the political dialogue provided for in this Agreement, including at ministerial level.

Article 8

International Criminal Court

The Parties shall cooperate in promoting peace and international justice by ratifying and implementing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) of 1998 and its related instruments.

Article 9

Regional stability

1. The Parties shall intensify their joint efforts to promote stability, security and democratic development in their common neighbourhood, and in particular to work together for the peaceful settlement of regional conflicts.

2. These efforts shall follow commonly shared principles for maintaining international peace and security as established by the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and other relevant multilateral documents.

Article 10

Conflict prevention, crisis management and military-technological cooperation

1. The Parties shall enhance practical cooperation in conflict prevention and crisis management, in particular with a view to increasing the participation of Ukraine in EU-led civilian and military crisis management operations as well as relevant exercises and training activities, including those carried out in the framework of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

2. Cooperation in this field shall be based on modalities and arrangements between the EU and Ukraine on consultation and cooperation on crisis management.

3. The Parties shall explore the potential of military-technological cooperation. Ukraine and the European Defence Agency (EDA) shall establish close contacts to discuss military capability improvement, including technological issues.

Article 11

Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

1. The Parties consider that the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, related materials and their means of delivery, to both state and non-state actors, represents one of the most serious threats to international stability and security. The Parties therefore agree to cooperate and to contribute to countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, related materials and their means of delivery through full compliance with, and national implementation of, their existing obligations under international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements and other

relevant international obligations. The Parties agree that this provision constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.

2. The Parties furthermore agree to cooperate and to contribute to countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, related materials and their means of delivery by:

- (a) taking steps to sign, ratify or accede to, as appropriate, and fully implement all other relevant international instruments;
- (b) further improving the system of national export controls, in order to control effectively the export as well as transit of goods related to weapons of mass destruction, including an end-use control on dual use technologies and goods, as well as effective sanctions for violations of export controls.

3. The Parties agree to establish a regular political dialogue that will accompany and consolidate these elements.

Article 12

Disarmament, arms controls, arms export control and the fight against illicit trafficking of arms

The Parties shall develop further cooperation on disarmament, including in the reduction of their stockpiles of redundant small arms and light weapons, as well as dealing with the impact on the population and on the environment of abandoned and unexploded ordnance as referred to in Chapter 6 (Environment) of Title V of this Agreement. Cooperation on disarmament shall also include arms controls, arms export controls and the fight against illicit trafficking of arms, including small arms and light weapons. The Parties shall promote universal adherence to, and compliance with, relevant international instruments and shall aim to ensure their effectiveness, including through implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Article 13

Combating terrorism

The Parties agree to work together at bilateral, regional and international levels to prevent and combat terrorism in accordance with international law, international human rights standards, and refugee and humanitarian law.