**Joint Statement**

**between the Prime Minister of Ukraine and the Prime Minister of Finland**

**on the Launch of the Civil Protection Shelter Coalition for Ukraine**

Kyiv, 28 May 2025

Russia’s war of aggression has heavily targeted civilian infrastructure facilities in Ukraine, resulting in the death or injury of civilians including children. Recognizing the significant importance of protecting civilian populations, we, the Prime Ministers announce the launch of Civil Protection Shelter Coalition, bringing together international partners to build the state-of-art civil protection shelter system in Ukraine and strengthen Ukraine’s resilience against attacks on civilians.

The main purpose of the Coalition is to promote substantial international action for building civil protection shelters in line with the national strategic objectives of Ukraine, provide channel for international partners to contribute to financing the construction of civil protection shelters in Ukraine, and to share best practices in shelter construction.

In accordance with mutually agreed commitment through the Agreement on security cooperation and long-term support between Finland and Ukraine, signed 3rd April 2024, and the Joint Letter of Intent, signed 19th March 2025, Ukraine and Finland continue and intensify cooperation on civil protection shelters.

The Ministry of the Interior of Finland provides Strategic and Technical Support to the Coalition and to the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in developing Ukraine’s civil protection shelter system.

We, the Prime Ministers, call on our international partners to join the Coalition and to contribute financially to support the implementation of Ukraine’s National Development Strategy and building shelters in Ukraine. The Ukraine Facility, established by the EU, could in our view be an appropriate vehicle to channel such support.

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