U.S PRES BIDEN ADRESSED UNVEILED \$6.9 Bn SPENDING FOR UKRAINE & NATO

NATO G7 MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS

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USPA NEWS - The U.S President Joe Biden delivered remarks, in press conference, at NATO headquarters after the double Summit NATO-G7 dedicated go Ukraine's conflict, on 24 march, before joining the 27 EU leaders at European Council Summit, held in Brussels the same day, The U.S President has unveiled a budget proposal with a 4 per cent increase in defence spending and a \$6.9 billion infusion of funding for Ukraine and NATO, commit to provide over \$2 billion in military equipment to Ukraine. The U.SA will also commit another \$1 billion allocated in humanitarian assistance to help get relief to millions of Ukrainians affected by the war in Ukraine and counter Moscow's influence. The United States has committed to provide over \$2 billion in military equipment to Ukraine since I became President — anti-air systems, anti-armor systems, ammunition. We publish the full text of the Remarks delivered by U.S President Biden, during his press Conference at NATO's headquarters, on March 24 and after that he answered a couple of questions asked from the journalists, in a short Q&A Session.

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And today, I'm announcing the United States have prepared to commit more than \$1 billion in humanitarian assistance to help get relief to millions of Ukrainians affected by the war in Ukraine.Many Ukrainian refugees will wish to stay in Europe, closer to their homes. But we've also — will welcome 100,000 Ukrainians to the United States with a focus on reuniting families. And we will invest \$320 million to bolster democratic resilience and defend human rights in Ukraine and neighboring countries. We're also coordinating with the G7 and the European Union on food security, as well as energy security, and I'll have more to say about that tomorrow." U.S President Biden said. We publish the full text of the Remarks delivered by U.S President Biden, during his press Conference at NATO's headquarters, on March 24 and after that he answered a couple of questions asked from the journalists, in a short Q&A Session.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BIDEN IN PRESS CONFERENCE, 24 MARCH AT NATO/G7 SUMMIT

THE U.S PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: Good evening, everyone. With all the press that's here, you must be getting very tired. Am I the 16th or 17th? At any rate, all kidding aside, thank you for taking the time.

I today marks one month since Russia began its carnage in Ukraine, the brutal invasion of Ukraine. And we held a NATO summit the very next day. At that time, my overwhelming objective, wanting that summit, was to have absolute unity on three key important issues among our NATO and European allies.

First was to support Ukraine with military and humanitarian assistance.

Second was to impose the most significant — the most significant sanctions — economic sanction regime ever, in order to cripple Putin's economy and punish him for his actions.

Third was to fortify the eastern flank of our NATO Allies, who were obviously very, very concerned and somewhat at — worried what would happen.

We accomplished all three of these. And today, we're determined to sustain those efforts and to build on them.

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NATO has never, never been more united than it is today. Putin is getting exactly the opposite of what he intended to have as a consequence of going into Ukraine. We built that same unity with our European — the European Union and with the leading democracies of the G7 — in the G7. So I want to thank you, and I'll be now happy to take your questions. Since there's so many people out there, I'm going to — I've been given a list. ../

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