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Forum for Security Cooperation:
General Statements –
Russia’s War of Aggression Against Ukraine

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On May 15, Secretary Blinken was in Kyiv and announced a new U.S. assistance package of approximately \$2 billion in Foreign Military Financing.

This is the Administration’s fourth announcement of military assistance since Congress approved the national security supplement last month and is part of our continued efforts to support Ukraine.

This funding will be used to establish the Ukraine Defense Enterprise Program (UDEP) and to further enhance Ukraine’s capability to defend against Russia’s continued assault.

Working with Congress, this program will use the foreign military financing to support Ukraine directly and indirectly, including by harnessing the capabilities of private enterprise in the defense sector.

Direct support may include financing to procure defense articles via the U.S. Foreign Military Sales program. We also plan to use Foreign Military Financing to strengthen Ukraine’s industrial base, including by helping it to build capacity for indigenous production and facilitating co-production between Ukrainian and U.S. industry. The Ukraine Defense Enterprise program is a key step toward ensuring that Ukraine can sustain its own defense needs over the long-term.

Providing financing to other partners and allies also may provide indirect support to Ukraine by incentivize donations of defense articles for Ukraine’s Defense. It may build upon recent efforts to incentivize the production of new defense articles Ukraine urgently needs.

Funding may also help partners to transition away from their use of Russian systems.

The people of the United States are proud to provide this support to Ukraine and we encourage all participating States to find ways big and small to assist Ukraine sustain its heroic resistance to Russian aggression and to preserve its independence.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.