

# Joint Statement by the United States Department of Defense, the Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands, and the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic

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In response to Russia's continued aggression against Ukraine, and in support of the valiant efforts of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' to defend their sovereign territory, the United States and the Netherlands are partnering with the Czech Republic to provide 90 overhauled T-72B main battle tanks to Ukraine. These tanks will come from the inventory of the Czech defence industry. The United States, Netherlands, and Czech Republic remain deeply committed to ensuring Ukraine has the equipment it needs to counter Russian aggression over the long haul.

The United States and Netherlands will jointly finance a Czech industrial initiative, closely coordinated and supported by the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic, for a total value of approximately \$90 million. This project is a direct outcome of cooperation forged through six meetings of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG), the August 11 Copenhagen Ukraine Donors Conference, and the September 28 National Armaments Directors meeting, convened under the auspices of the UDCG.

The introduction of these 90 technically-advanced, newly refurbished T-72B tanks will further enhance Ukraine's proficient armored warfare capabilities, including the many T-72s generously donated by other Allies earlier in the war.

Deliveries of these T-72B tanks will commence as soon as contracting actions are completed. Some of the tanks will be available to Ukraine before the end of December 2022, with additional deliveries to be completed in 2023.