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# Ukraine barely mentioned in NATO summit communique

The bloc's declaration pledged to keep supporting Kiev but mainly focused on commitments by member states to spend 5% of GDP on defense



FILE PHOTO. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte holds closing press conference on final day of bloc summit. © Getty Images / Omar Havana

The NATO states only mentioned Ukraine two times in their joint communique, which was released on Wednesday following the bloc's summit in the Hague. The document mainly focused on raising defense spending goals and increasing military cooperation between members.

The Hague Summit Declaration only features five brief paragraphs, outlining what the member states

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had agreed upon during the two-day event. This includes a commitment by NATO states to spend 5% of their GDP annually on defense by 2035 in order to address the alleged *“long-term threat posed by Russia to Euro-Atlantic security.”*

Moscow has repeatedly stressed that it poses no threat and has no intention of attacking any foreign states, dismissing such claims as *“nonsense”* fearmongering among Western officials which is being used to justify increased military spending.

The joint communique made only two mentions of Ukraine, stating that NATO members had reaffirmed their commitment to provide support to Kiev and continue direct contributions towards its military industry.

The document made no other references to Ukraine, and did not provide any statements on the prospects of the country’s membership in the bloc, which Kiev has been seeking for years.

Ukraine’s Vladimir Zelensky was also sidelined from the summit; he was only invited to attend an informal dinner ahead of the event. He was not allowed to actually participate in the summit in any official form, according to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who claimed that some NATO members, including the US, were also deliberately avoiding meeting with the Ukrainian leader.



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Orban noted that this behavior marked a significant change compared to last year’s summit, where Ukraine’s NATO membership and direct confrontation with Russia were part of the event’s agenda. In 2024, the joint NATO summit communique explicitly reaffirmed that Ukraine’s accession was inevitable.

Since then, however, a number of NATO countries’ leaders have objected to the idea, including US President Donald Trump, who has stated that Kiev *“can forget about”* joining the bloc, noting that its attempts to do so were *“probably the reason the whole thing started,”* referring to the Ukraine conflict.

Russia has repeatedly explained that Ukraine’s attempts to join NATO were a red line and one of

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the root causes of the conflict. Moscow has demanded that Kiev legally commit to never joining any military alliances.

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**Imhotep** 6/25/2025 at 7:31 PM 0

Russia missed every potential initiative to win the war in Ukraine and is stalling to a halt. Embarrassment.

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**Blood Witch** 6/25/2025 at 6:48 PM -1

The joint declaration signed by Donald J Trump has been selectively reported by the propagandists at RT to omit key details that undermine their narrative that Ukraine has been abandoned by NATO and that Donald Trump is not committed to defending his NATO allies.

Paragraph 1. We, the Heads of State and Government of the North Atlantic Alliance, have gathered in The Hague to reaffirm our commitment to NATO, the strongest Alliance in history, and to the transatlantic bond. We reaffirm our ironclad commitment to collective defence as enshrined in Article 5 of the Washington Treaty – that an attack on one is an attack on all.

Paragraph 2. United in the face of profound security threats and challenges, in particular the long- term threat posed by Russia to Euro-Atlantic security and the persistent threat of terrorism, Allies commit to invest 5% of GDP annually on core defence requirements as well as defence-and security-related spending by 2035 to ensure our individual and collective obligations, in accordance with Article 3 of the Washington Treaty.

Paragraph 3. Allies reaffirm their enduring sovereign commitments to provide support to Ukraine, whose security contributes to ours, and, to this end, will include direct contributions towards Ukraine's defence and its defence industry when calculating Allies' defence spending.


Paragraph 4. We reaffirm our shared commitment to rapidly expand transatlantic defence





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Paragraph 4. we reaffirm our shared commitment to rapidly expand transatlantic defence industrial cooperation and to harness emerging technology and the spirit of innovation to advance our collective security. We will work to eliminate defence trade barriers among Allies and will leverage our partnerships to promote defence industrial cooperation.

At the conference, Trump stated in response to a reporters question 'I'm very surprised actually [that Vladimir Putin doesn't want peace], I think he's misguided'. He also sympathised with a Ukrainian reporter who's husband was fighting against Russian aggression. In short the NATO event was a disaster for Russia and a win for Ukraine.


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**G GeorgeBMac** 6/25/2025 at 7:01 PM 

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So how did that walk back from last year's resolution refute anything RT said? You claimed it but did not support it.


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**Green Crow** 6/25/2025 at 7:09 PM 

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In other words...NATO is dead.

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**B Boris Badinoff** 6/25/2025 at 7:28 PM 

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All this says is that HATO will buy its military hardware from the US if you read between the lines. This is just more of a dick measuring contest among mentally castrated western leaders. Hardly a disaster for Russia. Actually, this declaration is a solid joke and you bought it hook, line, and sinker.

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**L Lodewijk Langeweg** 6/25/2025 at 7:18 PM

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As a reminder for the record, saved on my laptop with URLs but here giving just the easily findable titles by copy-pasting them with the quotation marks in the YouTube search bar:

Even the BBC and CNN thought things were so bad in Ukraine they felt they had to report it. Now they've become dishonest, but during 2014-2016 they reported the facts.

Besides Svoboda there are also the neo-Nazi groups Azov and Right Sector.

On YouTube:

(BBC 2014):

(BBC 2014):

«TORCH-LIT MARCH IN KIEV BY UKRAINE'S RIGHT-WING SVOBODA PARTY – BBC NEWS»

(2014):

«Poroshenko: «Their children will hole up in the basements – this is how we win the war!» [ENG SUBS]»

Two years after Poroshenko announced what he was going to do to the ethnic-Russian Ukrainian children:

(CNN 2016):

«UKRAINE: DONETSK CITIZENS CRIPPLED BY WAR»

(CNN 2014)

«UKRAINE:CRIMEA REFERENDUM POLLING STATIONS»

(Channel 4 News 2014):


«Donetsk referendum: inside a polling station»

How it all began.

On Rumble:

«Ukraine On Fire 2016 by Oliver Stone – Orange Revolution + 2014 Uprisings Explained»


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 **Martin Shaw** 6/25/2025 at 7:11 PM

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Ukraine is barely mentioned at NAZO because they can't discuss their crazy ass expansion plans in any open forum.


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 **John R** 6/25/2025 at 6:29 PM

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5% of GDP , has nothing to do with defense and everything to do with forcing NATO members to buy weaponry from the US . It's about \$ , what else ?

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 **Green Crow** 6/25/2025 at 7:10 PM ↑

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Canada would be stupid to buy a single piece of compromised weaponry from the very state that has threatened our existence over and over. This is not to say that we won't do it...we likely WILL do it just out of cowardice/stupidity.

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**Green Crow** 6/25/2025 at 7:08 PM

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Canada should not contribute one single penny to NATO until Trump and the US formally apologizes for the threats and insults Trump delivered to Canada over the past half year. NOT ONE SINGLE PENNY!

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**Denis Cabana** 6/25/2025 at 6:38 PM

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What a racket! The USA has a real gimmick going here! The USA will never accept article 5, so do without the NATO protection racket!

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**GeorgeBMac** 6/25/2025 at 7:04 PM ↕

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No, Trump wouldn't. But US War Hawks would jump at the first opportunity to use Article 5 to sponsor yet another of their wars.

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**J.S.** 6/25/2025 at 6:38 PM

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If Europe will elevate its defense budget 5%, better invest it in its own defense industries.

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**GeorgeBMac** 6/25/2025 at 7:02 PM ↕

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They've already used that excuse — how it will create jobs. But, in truth: every penny they spend on «defense» will be taken from the people of Europe either as higher taxes or fewer services.

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**GeorgeBMac** 6/25/2025 at 6:59 PM

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So, who should pay reparations to who? Should Russia pay reparations to Ukraine? Or should Ukraine pay reparations to Russia? Or should the US/UK/EU pay reparations to either or both?

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**Leo Hylan** 6/25/2025 at 6:35 PM

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