



De officiële gemeenschappelijke verklaring van de ministers van defensie van Denemarken en Nederland van 20 april 2023:

## **Danish – Dutch joint statement on donation of Leopard 2 main battle tanks to Ukraine**

Ministers of Defense of the Netherlands and Denmark

The ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine must be met with resolve and further commitment of military support by allies and partners to bolster Ukraine in their heroic resistance against the illegal and unprovoked Russian invasion. We fully support Ukraine's efforts to defend itself and reclaim its territorial integrity.

The Netherlands and Denmark today announce our intention to jointly acquire, refurbish and donate 14 Leopard 2A4 tanks for Ukraine following our successful collaboration with Germany on the supply of at least 100 Leopard 1A5 tanks. The Leopard 2 tanks will be supplied to Ukraine from early 2024, as part of our long-term commitment to Ukraine. The estimated cost of 165 million euros will be equally divided between our nations. In this way, we will jointly take part in the 'Leopard 2 coalition', supported by many partners and allies.

Our two nations will continue to explore other possible areas for joint procurement of additional capabilities with the aim of supporting Ukraine. We are determined to support Ukraine for as long as it takes. Ukraine must be able to defend itself against Russia's invasion.