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1. We express our sincere gratitude to the United States for its support of Ukraine's independence, state sovereignty, and territorial integrity, its contribution to countering Russia's aggressive policy, and its attempts to undermine the norms-based international order.
2. Because the security and defense of Ukraine is first and foremost the responsibility of the Ukrainian state and society. If we do not help ourselves, no one will help us. And that is why the priority of Ukrainian-American cooperation for us should be to strengthen Ukraine's security and defense potential.
3. The Ukrainian-American security dialogue should focus on several priorities, the promotion of which can be measured. At the strategic level, among such priorities it is worth mentioning, first of all, the signing of the Defense Cooperation Agreement, it is expedient to unite all areas of relevant cooperation under a common roof.

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Given the current security situation, it would be appropriate to at least consider granting Ukraine the status of "major non-NATO ally". It would allow us to concretize and deepen our cooperation. A separate key issue is the security of the Black Sea region, which, given Russia's aspirations for military dominance, cannot be ensured without the presence of the US Armed Forces, primarily the navy and air force.

4. In matters of increasing interoperability between Ukrainian and US defense and security forces, which is the leading direction of Ukraine's strategic course to NATO, it is necessary to focus on improving the doctrinal level of use of these forces and means, taking into account NATO standards and lessons of fighting Russian 2014.

5. The main task remains to expand the access of security and defense personnel to US military education and training in both Ukraine and the United States (IMET).

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6. It is important to intensify military exercises with the participation of US forces and means on the territory of Ukraine, which should not only ensure the growth of Ukrainian potential, but will also have a certain deterrent effect.

7. In the field of military-technical cooperation, the existing capabilities and needs for a more targeted and effective use of US military assistance should be assessed, especially in the areas of command and control, telecommunications, computers, intelligence and surveillance. A separate issue is the strike capabilities in the naval warfare and air defense. There is a need to strengthen the protection of transferred technologies and the integrity and integrity of staff. Ukrainian participation in the US Foreign Military Sales program. Joint financing of defense procurement in Ukraine Ukrainian Funds + US Government Programs like FMF, Section 333 Authority to Build Capacity etc.)

8. Export control, control of investments in strategic industries, American investments in the defense-industrial complex of Ukraine.

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9. Sharing the information important for defense and security, including maritime and air surveillance with near-real-time data. Exchange of sensitive information in the field of defense and security, as well as experience in combating hybrid threats.