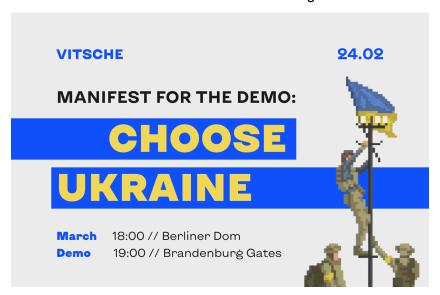
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#### **CHOOSE UKRAINE**

Call to Demo and Demands

# February 24

- **18:00** March from Lustgarten (Berliner Dom)
  - 19:00 Demo at Brandenburg Gates



For nearly 11 years, Russia has been waging war against Ukraine. Three years ago, this war escalated into a brutal full-scale invasion. Every day, Ukraine loses territory—places where people live. Russian missiles and glide bombs destroy villages and cities, drone attacks terrorize the population, and civilian infrastructure is deliberately targeted. In the midst of winter, Russia aims to destroy power and heating supplies.

It is naive to believe and foolish to demand that Ukraine and its supporters should now make concessions in negotiations with Russia—after three years of brutal full-scale invasion, thousands of war crimes, destroyed cities, and millions of people living in fear, torture, and oppression. Russia is not only targeting Ukraine; it threatens our freedom, democracy, and the right to a secure life as well. It will not stop on its own—it must be decisively stopped.

With the upcoming Bundestag elections and the rise of populist and far-right forces, we must ask ourselves: Do we stand for democracy, peace, and freedom—or do we allow tyranny and oppression to prevail?

Show that you choose Ukraine:

For democracy.

For peace.

For freedom.

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**On February 24th, make your choice.** Join us at 18:00 in front of the Berliner Dom for a march towards Brandenburg Gate, where we will gather at 19:00 for a program on stage to stand for Ukraine and for a future in peace and security.

#### **Our Demands**

To ensure Ukraine's victory and hold Russia accountable, we urge governments, institutions, and individuals to take the following actions:

# 1. Choose Security: Ukraine in NATO Now!

A sustainable European security order demands Ukraine's accession into NATO. Ukraine's defense efforts already meet NATO standards, and its membership will deter further aggression.

## 2. Choose Justice: Make Russia Pay

We call for the confiscation of Russian state-owned assets and the implementation of a <u>war tax on Russian</u> liquefied natural gas. These measures will undermine Russia's war economy and provide critical funding for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction. Holding Russia financially accountable is both just and essential to a sustainable peace.

### 3. Choose Peace: Support Ukrainian Victory

Appeasement encouraged aggression: History has shown us that appeasing dictatorships only emboldens them. The world must stand united against tyranny to prevent the spread of authoritarianism. Governments, NGOs, and civil society must collaborate to ensure that Ukraine has the resources and support it needs to prevail. This includes military, economic, and humanitarian aid. More Details

#### 4. Choose Life: Launch an Airshield to Protect Civilian Life

Protecting Ukraine's energy infrastructure is vital for the survival of millions. Advanced air defense systems and the NATO fighter jets from the neighbouring countries must be deployed to shield critical energy facilities and civilian life from Russian air strikes.

#### 5. Choose Freedom: Release Ukrainian POWs and Civilians

Demand the immediate release of all Ukrainian prisoners of war and civilian hostages held by Russia, whose illegal detentions constitute a g\ross violation of international law.

### 6. Choose Future: Bring Back Ukraine's Stolen Children

More than <u>19,000 Ukrainian children</u> have been forcibly deported to Russia according to the government portal <u>Children of War</u>. We demand their safe return and accountability for this act of genocide.