

# Borrell concludes his last visit to Kyiv as High Representative of the EU

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On the last day of his visit to Kyiv, EU High Representative Josep Borrell met Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine Ruslan Stefanchuk, and Defence Minister Rustam Umerov.

At the meeting with PM Denys Shmyhal, Borrell discussed the implementation of the EU-Ukraine security commitments which encompass military support, Ukraine's EU accession path and long-term recovery and reconstruction.

Borrell also congratulated Ukraine for the positive assessment in the enlargement report that was approved by the European Commission on 30 October.

*"You are progressing across the board, in spite of these exceptional*

*circumstances, [in spite of] this large-scale war, you are making progress at a speed I have never seen in any other [candidate] country on the accession process,” Borrell said to Shmyhal. “It is merit-based, it is a long-term process, but you are going very quickly, very well, and I know that you know – [and the] Ukrainian people know – that it is the game changer for the history of Ukraine.”*

Together with Ruslan Stefanchuk, Borrell discussed continued EU support to Ukraine, along all tracks. *“The Parliament has a key role when it comes to delivering on EU reforms,”* said Borrell in a post on X.



*With Minister Rustem Umerov, Borrell discussed EU military support, including €45.5 billion military support, €400 million support to the Ukrainian defence industry through windfall revenues from frozen Russian assets, and the training of 63,000 Ukrainian troops by the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine).*

*Umerov also presented Borrell with a “cross of honour” medal. “Supporting Ukraine has been one of the most important tasks during my mandate. Slava Ukrainii!” Borrell commented on X.*







