Confronting Russian Aggression: Voices of Ukrainian Women

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And welcome to today's event, confronting Russian aggression, the voices of Ukrainian women, I'm LAN reer, the director of the Georgetown Institute for women, peace and security. The crisis in Ukraine is at a critical moment with the unprecedented buildup, Russian troops, some 130,000, as well as offensive equipment, a buildup on the three sides of Ukraine. They are poised to attack because Ukraine's commitment to democracy and its aspirations to be integrated into Europe is unacceptable to the Russian present, whether they will attack remains to be seen, but Ukraine has already paid a price and continues to pay a price in 2014 Russian president Putin, a next creea and went on to occupy the dun BOS region in the east. For eight years, the Ukrainian people have been struggling against this ongoing aggression and the toll it has taken on their country more than 13,000 lives have been lost.

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And almost 2 million Ukrainians are internally displaced. They've also suffered from hybrid warfare, sustaining massive disinformation campaigns and cyber attacks, constant efforts to wear down the Ukrainian people to destabilize and demoralize. Ukraine has a very strong civil society. That was much in evidence during its revolution of dignity that people striving for, genuine and democracy integration with the west government reform and freedom. Its civil society continues to play a vital role. And in our discussion today, we will focus in considerable measure on civil society Ukrainians on the front lines, women and men, women leaders in government, in the security sector in building trust across ethnic lines at the great grassroots level and so much more have been demonstrating great commitment and expertise. Ukraine has a national action plan focused on the role of women in peace and security. It acknowledges the disparate impacts of conflict on women and men, and it calls for women's participation across government at all levels, including at the grassroots level, we will hear from some of the women leaders, uh, and their call to the international community. This discussion is very much about what is happening in Ukraine, but it is not only about Ukraine. It is about freedom democracy and the people's right to determine their own destiny.

Speaker 1 ([00:03:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=189.14)):

We are pleased to be joined by over 700 viewers on zoom and more who are joining us on Facebook and we welcome each and every one of you, we have already received many pre-submitted questions from our audience members, and please know that you will also have the opportunity to submit questions to the speakers throughout the event. This event is being carried in English and Ukrainian. Please go to the bottom of your screen, where it says language interpretation and select the language you prefer and also click mute original audio. I am now so pleased, uh, to turn to ambassador bill Taylor, the former United States ambassador to Ukraine, an exceptional leader who has long been committed to a secure, peaceful and democratic Ukraine. He has held many important positions in government has frequently testified before Congress and currently serves as the vice president for Russian Europe at the United States Institute for peace. The ambassador Taylor was just in Ukraine with the delegation there. He met with president Linsky and he met with others in government and civil society. Ambassador Taylor, welcome. And thank you so much for being with us today. We look, we look forward very much bill to your assessment of the situation in Ukraine, as you see it at this critical moment, um, what is at stake and why does civil society matter?

Speaker 2 ([00:04:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=297.92)):

Milan? First of all, thank you for the honor of joining you today. It is, it is indeed an honor to join you Buster larva, the other members of this, uh, uh, of this, of this event, uh, which is, which is a true tribute to exactly the focus that is Ukrainian, civil society, Ukrainian women, Ukrainian people who want independence, they want their freedom. They want their democracy. They want the right to be a normal European country. This is not so much to ask. And yet there's this threat that you just described, there's this threat to take that away. Um, and you're right. I was just in Ukraine last week, um, and met with brave Ukrainians across civil society across the government, um, who are ready to defend their country. So I am honored to be with you as you do this today. Um, uh, and I do believe that Mr Putin, who forms this threat, who creates this threat, uh, who has created this crisis has not yet decided what he's going to do.

Speaker 2 ([00:06:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=369.25)):

He is putting this, this military force in place, as you described in order to intimidate president Zelensky or president Biden, um, and president Linsky, president Biden have not been intimidated. They have held firm to their principles. They have held firm to the principle that Ukrainians get to decide their fate Ukrainians, get to decide with whom they associate with whom they, with whom they, uh, get their secure with whom they trade with who, who, who their leaders are. This is Ukrainians decision. There's not the decision for anyone else, certainly not, not for the Russians where Mr. Putin looks at this problem. Uh, he must see that if he invades, it will be terrible for yes Ukraine, but it will be terrible for Russia. It'll be terrible for Russia. Russian soldiers will die. Russian economy will be hammered by, by very harsh sanctions. There have been indications that the Russian people, the Russian citizens are not supportive of this, of this aggression, not supportive of this invasion.

Speaker 2 ([00:07:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=441.22)):

There could be destabilization in Russia, um, uh, caused by this unpopular war against Ukraine. Most Russians have a good view, positive view, uh, of Ukraine Milan. This, this president Putin could be looking at at war crimes. Um, uh, he, he will clearly be looking at a very strong Ukrainian military, uh, and a very strong and willing to fight Ukrainian civil society. So all of these should deter him, Milan. All of these should push him toward negotiation and the west United States, NATO, Europe, we've all offered him this negotiation. If there are issues that he wants to address, we're ready to address them. We have issues to address. We have concerns about the Russian positions, um, but there are ways to address those issues the way civilized nations do around the negotiating table. Not, not invading their neighbor, not dating their neighbor. When I was in Ukraine last week, I did indeed, uh, meet with president Linsky as well as a range of Ukrainians in and out of the government.

Speaker 2 ([00:08:33](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=513.72)):

President Linsky was very happy with his relationship with the United States. Um, he also is expressing calm, determining, as I mentioned earlier, he is not blinking. President Biden is with him and not blinking. President Linsky mentioned several things that he's trying to do to prepare for, uh, this challenge. One of the things he emphasized, um, is, and, and I will close soon on this Milan. Um, one of the things president Zelensky emphasized was the need for financing. As you, you mentioned, this has already had an effect, um, a bad effect, uh, on Ukraine, you mentioned the 13, 14,000 Ukraines who have already died from, from the, from the invasion, um, that started in 2014 and is threatening to continue today and, and even greater and greater extent. But the economic effects of this have also been, been in effect have having this negative effect for all these years.

Speaker 2 ([00:09:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=579.6)):

And they there's, it's having a bad effect right now. So, um, the United States, um, and the international community, and in particular, the IMF, the international monetary fund, um, ought to be taking a look at measures that we can take collectively to help Ukraine weather, this financial storm as just like we are helping them weather, this military challenge, and to, uh, wind up here and, uh, hand it off to ambassador MEbA. There could be no better ambassador to the United States right now than ambassador Oxana. MEbA what I was, um, in Ukraine most recently was the extraordinary minister of finance. Um, and now she's the extraordinary ambassador here, and couldn't be here at a better time. So I am very pleased Milan to be able to, to listen to ambassador Merva. And again, it's an honor, uh, to be here with you today, and I wish this event, great success.

Speaker 1 ([00:10:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=638.89)):

Thank you so much ambassador Taylor. And we can only hope, uh, that president Butin will be deterred, uh, and that Ukraine can go on as it has aspired to thank you so much. And ambassador MC co it is, uh, a real pleasure to have you with us. Um, ambassador Taylor has already introduced you, so I don't need to do that. He mentioned the importance of economic issues and finance. Uh, you have, as he mentioned a, uh, big background in, uh, this area having been, uh, the minister of finance previously. Uh, so we're eager to hear from you, uh, to hear your assessment of the situation in Ukraine today, uh, as well as the position of your government, uh, and the importance of civil society. So, uh, AANA, Mova welcome ambassador Markova

Speaker 3 ([00:11:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=699.34)):

Well, good worry to everyone from Washington DC. I know the time is different from, for, for our audience, at least for big part of our audience, but here we're just starting yet another day in this really challenging, uh, times. Uh, first of all, thank you. Uh, both ambassador reer and ambassador Taylor, for kind words about me that I'm honored to represent my country in Washington, DC in the United States. And I'm honored to work with exceptional people like you here. Uh, the, because we are doing this together, and right now, the situation is really on the first pages of all the newspapers and TV stations. But I would like to start with reminding everyone that this situation did not start today in 2015, Ukraine has been attacked, has been illegally occupied or enact as Russia would say. Uh, and part of the Luan still remain occupied.

Speaker 3 ([00:12:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=762.99)):

Our people have been held in prison, uh, the prosecution of, uh, Ukrainian citizens, Cian Taris, Ukrainians, people of different nationalities is ongoing. We have have 475 people that we know that are illegally imprisoned. And those lists, we are submitting to everyone here and asking for any support in order to get our people back. So this is something. And, and in addition to this military attacks, as both of you, right, for said for the past eight years, we are living in a situation when the hybrid attacks, disinformation, cyber, all type of attacks on, uh, many reform governments and others have been ongoing. Uh, all of this have only one goal undermine the transition of Ukraine into what we have decided will want to be European democratic people where not all Ukrainians actually participate in the wealth of the country and all Ukrainians decide how we want to leave and who we want to be.

Speaker 3 ([00:13:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=828.48)):

Now, this is not something new for us. It didn't start even eight years ago for the past couple of hundreds, uh, years, Ukraine has been struggling to regain its independence, territorial integrity, and to become independent country. And we had a very short time of that independence in the, uh, in 1918, when together with many European countries, we were able to our independence proclaim independence in 2018, during only one year, we had our own currency bank, uh, land code, labor code, uh, in, in 1919, just recently, we have been celebrating hundred and three years of the unification of central and Western Ukraine into one country. So we've had it and we were attacked and we were occupied by then, uh, Soviet union or, uh, pre pre predecessors of the Soviet union. But regardless of how you call it Russian empire Soviet union, Russian Federation, we face the same threat over and over for only one reason because over and over Ukrainians are making this civilizational choice that we want to be, who we have always been.

Speaker 3 ([00:15:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=905.71)):

We want to be European. We want to be free and democratic. And this is one of the values which we share with the United States. You know, here, I think, you know, this is one of the most visible, common traits that we have with American people that not only will love freedom, not only we have the respect and love for democracy, but we are also willing to fight for it. Now, right now in this, when we have, uh, different calculations, depending on what difference do you count? What distance do you count from our border? Uh, but we have definitely over 100,000 new, additional troops and equipment. It can be 120 or a hundred to 30, depending on, uh, wood distance from the border. Do you take of the Russian army, uh, on our Eastern border, in the crimee, which is occupied by Russia, legally occupied and in Val.

Speaker 3 ([00:16:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=964.07)):

And we have this, uh, new Titan from the famous, uh, article by Mr. Putin, the new level of info, also pressure on Ukraine. Uh, what are we doing in order to not panic, stay resilient and stay strong, and, uh, make sure that we will not only, uh, panic this threat, but also will, uh, remain independent and remain on our past to democracy and our Euro Atlantic integration together with our partners. And you have heard from ambassador Taylor, but I think we do have unprecedented level of support and unprecedented level of cooperation with pretty much all of our partner who valued democracy, but with the United States, especially, I mean, this year started with, uh, uh, no, this year, last year, 2021 started with increased number of contacts and visits. And, uh, uh, and president Zelensky visited president Biden on his, uh, invitation, uh, only sec European leader who was in the white house.

Speaker 3 ([00:17:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1037.14)):

And we not only signed the joint statement during the visit, but very quick after that, we renewed our strategic partnership charter. We have, uh, uh, started our, our, um, uh, trade and investment commission. We're working on the energy dialogues of the corporation on all fronts is very active. Now for the first time we have signed, uh, in last September, the framework agreement on defense, and this is a solid basis for what you all see now, the increased corporation in strengthening our defense capabilities now, and this is what we're focusing on. I mean, let me be very clear. Ukrainians are peaceful, even though prime is Ukraine, even though Don nets can Luan illegally occupied, we do not plan any offensives. We prefer the diplomatic solution and, and we are working day and night, all diplomats, and I'm honored to be a small part of, uh, this large diplomatic, uh, uh, force that is working day and night in order to still use the diplomatic solution in order to restore peace in throughout Ukraine and regain our territories back at the same time right now in the face of this, uh, threat, we are also working on three levels of deterrence, the political deterrence, and that's why, and I think that's where we all the diplomatic team and president lanky have been very successful, uh, minister collab just today, uh, in his briefing that he gives to the press mentioned that every week we have high level visitors from all of our partners and friends of the highest level.

Speaker 3 ([00:19:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1140.65)):

Uh, tomorrow we will have president Macron in, uh, in Kiev today, we have a number of foreign ministers and it happens on a daily basis now. So we are getting the word out, not only the word out, but we also are forming this new alliances, many regional alliances in order to show that we stand together. The second part is very important is the economic deterrence. And it's not only a comprehensive package of sanctions, which we are very happy how it's evolved. It's we started at a place when Ukraine has been saying that we need more sanction. The tensions should be wider. That sanctions should be now because Putin already attacked. Ukraine, Putin already is illegally, uh, holding some of the territories. And now I think we are, uh, in, in a, in a place where we work together with our friends, not convincing our friends, but working together with our friends on what the sanctions could be, but very important part of that, again, as ambassador Taylor already mentioned is not only deterrent Russia and sanction in Russia, but also helping us to maintain stable this threat, because again, this hybrid aggression and this threat is not only to threaten us militarily, but also to pressure all our international, uh, partners and also all investors and businesses away from Ukraine, which again, should not happen.

Speaker 3 ([00:20:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1229.63)):

We will resist, we will see successfully resist. And, uh, as we used to say, during the past eight years, even though we had war and our, uh, very capable military has been defending us on the front 95% of Ukraine is open for business. And actually the more, uh, compliant Western business we will have in Ukraine, the less is the possibility for anyone to attack Ukraine. So this, this has been a very important part of it. And of course the third deterrence is defensive military capabilities. And you see now on a daily basis, new flights coming from the United States from the recent package authorized by president Biden in December, uh, uh, he has taken this, uh, uh, decision very quickly. It was very timely and very, very appreciated in Ukraine. So now we will have much strong capabilities. Now I would like to finish my, my, my remarks with saying that, um, we would like to thank all of the, all of our international partners, uh, to president Biden personally, uh, being a leader of not only, uh, the support, big support group here in the United States, but also, uh, reaching out to all the, uh, to all the de democratic countries of the world, essentially.

Speaker 3 ([00:21:55](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1315.51)):

And raising this issue that it's not only about Ukraine, it's not only to support us to preserve our independence in this century and, uh, to allow Ukrainians, to be, we want to be, it's also about whether you can actually make this choice to be a democratic country, to be independent country and not to be attacked right after that, by the autocratic. So I, I think the implications of this, uh, Russia crisis, uh, that they're creating around, uh, you ukranian border is much larger. Uh, and it's not only about peaceful and secure Ukraine, it's about peaceful and secure, uh, Europe, but also ultimately it's also about whether the international law and rule of law international rule of law, uh, is still something that we all can rely one, uh, in order to, uh, to, to know that every country actually can feel, uh, secure within its borders.

Speaker 3 ([00:22:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1378.35)):

Now, it's very important that we are meeting today and we are discussing this issue with the angle of the civil society and especially women participating in it. When I was the minister of finance, uh, I'm very, uh, proud that I was able with my team to implement the gender oriented budgeting, which actually is very important and it generates generates results. Uh, and I think women in Ukraine, but women, um, everywhere is such an important force that the more we participate, uh, in, in, uh, all, all levels of government, uh, business, but also in P uh, regulations is, is, is very important and provides additional, additional, uh, um, value, not only to women, but to every country where we participate more. So I would like to close my remarks with a quote by another well respected, uh, uh, woman ambassador, Melin, Albright, who said it took me a, a long time to develop a voice.

Speaker 3 ([00:24:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1445.94)):

And now that I have it, I will not, I'm not going to be silent. And I think that we can say not only about Ukrainian women, but also about all Ukrainians after we regained our voice, I regained our voice, how we regained our independence. We will not be silent and we will not be intimidated. So I would like to wish all of us, a good conversation today, look forward to it. And thank you for all the support, uh, in the United States, but also in Ukraine from everyone who are with us today in this very important fight. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:24:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1481.96)):

Thank you so much, uh, ambassador market of, uh, and your voice has been a critical voice at this time. And I agree with ambassador Taylor, who said that Ukraine could not possibly have a better ambassador in the United States, uh, at this, uh, critical moment. Uh, so thank you for being with us. Thank you for setting the context for this discussion as we now go forward and hear from our other, uh, participants. Uh, and we wish you well, uh, in the critical days ahead, uh, we're going to turn now to those voices of women that, uh, the ambassador just mentioned, uh, a few women who are at the front line or near the front, uh, in Ukraine, uh, you will hear briefly from them. One is an internally displaced woman driven out of luon, which is currently occupied and others are from Kama, from Marial and from hake. Can we please hear from them now,

Speaker 4 ([00:26:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1570.86)):

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Speaker 5 ([00:26:50](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1610.38)):

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Uh, uh,

Speaker 7 ([00:30:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=1848.47)):

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Well, we are so grateful, uh, to hear from the women, uh, in Eastern Ukraine. Uh, and to hear them say that no matter, uh, what is happening, they continue to work hard, uh, to, uh, bring their country to the place that they are all striving to bring it, uh, despite the current threats, uh, to them. We now turn to Karina, Chenko the government commissioner for gender equality. She was appointed by the Ukrainian cabinet of ministers and coordinates gender policy across the ministries among her responsibilities is overseeing the implementation of security council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. Her office is situated in the, of the deputy prime minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic integration earlier. She served as a member of parliament and represented Ukraine in the OS C east parliamentary assembly. She's authored legislation on many important issues like domestic violence prevention, and has also served as the president of the international women's rights center Le strata for more than two decades. Uh, we are so grateful to have you with this Katina grateful for all the work you do, uh, in your country. Uh, perhaps you can give us a, a brief sense of how the Ukraine's national act plan on women, peace and security as being implemented in the current crisis. Um, and the key role women are playing, uh, and any words of advice, uh, recommendations you may have to the international community. Welcome.

Speaker 8 ([00:33:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2038.68)):

Thank you, Milan. Uh, thank you very much for, for organizing this important event. And it's really, um, very, uh, good opportunity to hear voice of Ukrainian women and to, um, assist Ukraine in the combatant with, uh, Russian, um, aggression and, and Russian, uh, occupation. And, um, thank you so much for your solidarity with, uh, Ukrainian people and for standing with us. And, um, despite of, um, a number of diplomatic content and political statements, uh, made over the past few weeks, we see that Russia continues its military built up, uh, along the border with Ukraine, and therefore we really need to do everything possible to prevent this aggression. According to the analytical estimations invasions can cause a migration crisis there, uh, will be up to 5 million of Ukrainian refugees in Europe among which to thought will be women. And, and now I can compare the situation, uh, with Russian invasion is the Afghanistan.

Speaker 8 ([00:35:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2138.7)):

Afghanistan is a clear example of how women's rights are violated and Ukraine, government and Ukrainian women, uh, attended with a women in August, 2000, um, 2021 Ukraine evacuate around 500 of refugees, including SA and Afghani film, director producer, and first female chairperson of the film organization and therefore women peace and security agenda that is relevant is never before in, in all region of central and Eastern Europe and maybe all Europe and even global. And I also would like, uh, to ensure you that it is one of the key priorities for Ukrainian government, second national action plan, which, uh, uh, has been adopted by Ukrainian government last year, includes several areas of responsibility for state institution on women, equal participation in the peace and security agenda. This is strategic goal numbers, three, as well as monitoring and advancement of the national, your situation through the gender lens.

Speaker 8 ([00:37:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2223.29)):

It's a strategic goal. Number two, uh, vice prime minister of Ukraine and European and Europe, Atlantic integration, uh, uh, pan oil has definition coordinates. The implementation of this plan is an integrated part of whole policy on achieving gender equality in all spheres of, uh, life of society. And we use diff she use this different platform for such coordinations, including commission on ensure rights and opportunities, um, women and men, and, uh, factoral vCAN group, gender equality, vision, the donor coordination architecture, and yet would like, I would like to inform you that, uh, the latest meat of such factoral vCAN groups, um, was, uh, on last Friday and this meeting was focusing, uh, on the new women, peace and security, uh, program and projects in Ukraine in terms of strengths and, and synergy between the government development partners, international organizations and civil society, both of all women and feminist organizations, including Ukrainian women fund, including, uh, the UN women, uh, in Ukraine, uh, EU advisory remission in Ukraine and other partners for, from the international community and, uh, from governmental organizations.

Speaker 8 ([00:38:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2328.75)):

However, there is a need for further concentrate actions to support, uh, the integration of gender quality at the heart of peace and security in Ukraine in a time of a complicated security situation. And COVID 19 pandemic, uh, to ensure women's full and echo participation in all relevant projects, including decision making and the, uh, greatly appreciate the partners support this implementation of national, um, action plan on certain 25 in particular, the strategical world, two of this national action plan on designing and gender responsive system for identifying and, um, responding to challenges in conducting, uh, women peace and security training to increase the conceptual understanding of human security. It's a very wide phenomenon and how gender roles should be considerate in the multi, uh, faced response to security issues in times of peace and Russian aggressive. At the end of my, uh, speech, I want to suggest, um, as my recommendation to prepare and publish as a result, uh, of, uh, our discussion, the joint statement on how current external security threats affect women in Ukraine, I think it'll be very important steps which really gives, will give opportunity to Ukrainian women, voices to be heard throughout the thank you.

Speaker 8 ([00:40:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2438.33)):

Thank you. And I really appreciate very much to work together with, uh, all partners with LAN this your Institute. And thank you one more time for, uh, this full support, which we really uh, have from you in Ukraine.

Speaker 1 ([00:40:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2459.01)):

Thank you so much, Karina, and we value your ongoing leadership and, uh, hope that we can continue this cooperation particularly, uh, in this critical time, uh, and, uh, accentuating as you have the importance of the role of women, uh, in Ukraine, we're gonna now turn to another, the deputy minister for internal affairs of Ukraine in her position. Uh, the minister is responsible for gender policy implementation, particularly in combating and prevention of domestic violence and human rights monitoring. She earlier served as the deputy chief of the, uh, patrol police and the national police of Ukraine. And prior to joining a law enforcement, she has had a career, um, in legal affairs, uh, minister. Chenko welcome. We are so pleased to have you with us again as well. Uh, in your position in government, you've been involved in Ukraine's efforts to prepare for and respond, uh, to continuing Russian aggression, uh, uh, through oversight of the national guard, the border police and local police, uh, and you've been successful in implementing gender policy in the work of the ministry, uh, including women's participation in law enforcement. Uh, tell us why that participation, uh, is so critical in this current crisis. Uh, and what you've been hearing from your colleagues in Eastern Ukraine, uh, where the war has been going on for many years now, what role are women playing and what recommendations do you have to all of us minister Chenko

Speaker 9 ([00:42:56](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2576.87)):

National, uh, uh, it, uh, so, uh, and providing a training the is,

Speaker 1 ([00:49:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=2991.54)):

Well, thank you so much, uh, deputy minister, public Chenko and, uh, for your hard work and leadership in this, uh, important, uh, area. We now, uh, are going to hear from two leaders in civil society. Having heard from, uh, women in government, I'm going to turn first, uh, to Natalia Kaka is a fierce advocate for women's empowerment and gender equality. She currently serves as the director for strategic development of the Ukraine women's fund, and earlier served as chair of its board for many years, building and supporting, uh, strong alliances with the grassroots and national organizations across Ukraine. Uh, she serves on the gender advisory council of the ministry of social development, uh, social policy of Ukraine, and earlier, still I served as director of women's economic programs with Winrock, uh, and women's program director in Ukraine of open society Institute. Natalia, thank you so much, uh, for all that you do. I know of your hard work over many years. Um, please tell us why the women piece and security agenda is critically important, uh, to Ukraine right now. And perhaps you can talk a little bit about the impacts of war on women and women's solutions based, uh, actions. Uh, what are you hearing on, uh, women's security concerns at this time? Natalia, please.

Speaker 10 ([00:51:32](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3092.87)):

Thank you. Ambassador review, thank you for the opportunity to participate in such an important event. Uh, um, when I, when I, uh, listened to the voices of, uh, Ukrainian women from the east, I was thinking about my mother she's 86 and, and she does remember the second world war. She was five when the war started in Ukraine, her mother and her brother were killed during the bombing of ki, but she survived and spent three years in, in the orphanage. I was also thinking about listening to the stories I thinking about my daughter who asks me what she shall say to your three years old son, my grandson, if he asks, why they have to hide from shooting in Kiev. I was also thinking about millions of women in different parts of the country. Uh, these are the women that smile Ukrainian women's fund work with.

Speaker 10 ([00:52:33](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3153.11)):

Uh, they are the majority of internal displaced people who had to flee from their homes in, uh, 2015 and 2015. They are those who suffer from economic consequences of war and COVID funding. Uh, we spoke about, uh, economic, uh, today. Um, and in Ukraine, especially in the east, many are many women are breadwinners in their families. There are many women entrepreneurs, they are mostly self-employed run micro-businesses and during Christ, their businesses are suffering a lot and might suffer even more women. This is what we hear from them. They might suffer even more in case of escalation because the social infrastructure, for example, services for domestic violence survivors is not strong yet to adapt to changes. Uh, another important thing that you, again, concern of Ukrainian women is that we are still, still not at the tables where decision are made, decisions are made. Uh, and this is extremely important because as ambassadors through review said, women's equality is critical to national security.

Speaker 10 ([00:53:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3234.46)):

Despite quotas overall, we have, um, after the recent, uh, local elections, we have 12.6 less women in local councils. And this is mostly due to the 36% decrease in the number of women in amalgamated communities, councils, as a result of the last elections, Ukrainian women's fund works with women's rights organizations that represent and support all these women. These organizations are still unfunded. They are burned out all these years. They have to respond to humanitarian needs and don't have time strengths and resources to work on changing the policies. We also, while preparing to this conversation, I spoke to many our partners in the regions and ask them about recommendations for the international community. So they said that it is very important to continue pressure on Russia. It is extremely important to engage other international partners to make this pressure stronger. It is very important to support women's rights organizations and women, activists. They are the voice of women at the local and other levels in Ukraine also equally important is to provide support to civil society and women's rights organizations, not only in the parts of the country, but also in the north at the border was Villa in the south at the border was temporary occupied, Ukrainian premium in the center and in the west because many women, many families in Ukraine say now that if Russia invades further, the only way for them will be to flee to the best to the bud with nature.

Speaker 10 ([00:55:53](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3353.52)):

Uh, also when I listened to the voices of women, I recalled my own experience and my own story. I spoke at the, uh, international conference back in 2015 or 2016, uh, uh, when it was the beginning of Russian aggression. And there was also, I also heard the comment from the audience about Russian saving Russian speaking population. Um, it was six years ago and unfortunately nothing changed the same rhetoric. I said that time, uh, that I'm, I am Russian speaking population. I grew up in a Russian speaking family and speak Russian with them, but I don't want Russians to come to my country and save me. I want to leave in my Ukraine for my family. And I feel absolutely comfortable speaking, no matter about language Russian or Ukrainian. Um, I want to ask all those who care about Ukraine, about democracy and peace in Europe. I want to ask that we all need to be louder. We all need to be more persistent and we need to push harder. We in new Ukraine need the support of international community in building our independent democratic country for us, for our parents and for our children. If the world give up some Ukraine, the consequences will be terrible. Not only for us as ambassador for view. You said that the beginning, it's not only about Ukraine. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:57:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3448.83)):

Oh, thank you so much, Natalia. Thank you for those very clear recommendations for the call to action for all of us. Uh, and like so many I know of your extraordinary efforts over many, many years. Uh, so can continue to do all that you are doing. We're going to turn now to Ava. Who's a human rights activist and founder of the women's information consultative center, uh, in Ukraine aena has more than 20 years of experience there. Uh, as well as abroad, uh, working on issues like peacekeeping transformation of conflicts, Cita, implementation, and monitoring. She has served as a member of the advisory council of the parliament committee on human rights. And she's well known throughout civil society, uh, in Ukraine and has published more than 50 books, research articles, and manuals, uh, on critical issues. Uh, aena you have long advocated for a comprehensive understanding of security. What does that mean for women in Ukraine? Uh, and why is a comprehensive approach to security, especially important at this time? A

Speaker 11 ([00:58:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3526.96)):

Thank you Milan, thank you for this event. Thank you for the attention to Ukraine. All these hard years during the war, we became more mobilized and more sensitive. Mobilization ended us to gather our souls in a shorter time and start practical actions sensitivity. Doesn't not leave their attention on the slightest on the part of the aggression, therefore branding weapons near our borders requires most practical actions to strengthen, to strengthen the capability and attention to the fact that security is not just, just top five. The feeling of security has made the components. One of the important needs identified by us, uh, in the process of the study, a conversation with women and, and security conducted is the need for emotional security feeling. I'm safe. We are safe, emotional security, not included in the classification recommended by thep. However, it is so important for human security in general, especially today because hybrid war and other, which often aim to, uh, disrupt emotional security.

Speaker 11 ([01:00:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3606.41)):

And it's important for the emotional security of women and men that the state not only checks the combat readiness of the security and defense sector. However, also informs citizens how to act in crisis situation in the case of disappearance of mobile communications, uh, what to do to parents, if the crisis situation catches them at work and children are in kindergartens and schools, what to do to pregnant women and the line of division where there are unknown medical and obste for, and those issues, an entire chapter of the set action plant in 25 in Ukraine is devoted to this issue because efforts of the civil society, the hope the government will pay more attention to the monitoring of this chapter, as well as the international there be change two. It seems to me that such a strong and prestigious organization as a Georgetown Institute for women, peace insecurity can initiate broad, high level discussion, and this issue bringing more tension, including it in international, we are ready to share the UK premium experience to be more successful in promotions, the comprehensive approach to security we can, if more women will make decision on this approach, lack women interact one, two of any negotiations.

Speaker 11 ([01:01:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3702.24)):

And we lack effort on the expansion of the staff reserve 2016. I took part in the course on negotiations for women, both governmental officials and civil society, activists from Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It was been organized by the UN women and the, the Netherland of international dimensions and independent think tank and academy and international affairs based in the, it was very useful. However, there are where only six of us, I think such programs could be multiplied at the end. I wish all of us to meet all the troubles of our turbulent times in a mobilized and sensitive way. Thank you very much.

Speaker 1 ([01:02:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3757.13)):

Well, thank you, Alana. And thank you for are raising the ongoing, uh, challenges of, uh, women whose perspectives are so critical who work, uh, in track two or track three level negotiations and dialoging, uh, and that rarely gets into the official channels, how important it is to close, uh, that gap. Uh, and, uh, so many of the other critical ways of participation, uh, that you mentioned and that you continue to work on. Uh, so thank you for that and for your ongoing work, uh, before we turn to our participants who have tuned in from literally over a hundred countries, uh, for the question in answer, period, uh, we're going to, uh, turn to our final speaker, uh, to bring her perspective, uh, to this discussion, to the very respected ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, her excellency, Larissa Gaza has been Canada's ambassador to K's since 2019, she brings great strengths, uh, and experience to her position so much more at this urgent moment.

Speaker 1 ([01:03:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3831.56)):

She previously served as Canada's director general of the peace and stabilization operations program at global affairs Canada, where she directed the implementation of Canada's commitments to UN peace operations, as well as Canadian police arrangement. She has had a long career spanning policy areas from defense and social development to immigration, uh, ambassador Gaza. We are very much, uh, looking forward to your perspective on this discussion. We have had, uh, many extraordinary voices that we've heard today. Uh, and we, um, look to you, uh, for your, uh, for your comments, uh, on the situation, uh, that you are experiencing there on the ground in Ukraine as Canada's ambassador, uh, you've been working in close partnership with the Ukrainian government. Uh, recently Canada has deployed special forces in response to the escalating tensions. Uh, and I wonder if you could discuss with us, uh, their mission as well as what Canada is doing, support, uh, Ukraine at this time of crisis. How do you assess the situation? Welcome ambassador Gaza. Thank you very much. Ambassador Herve. It's

Speaker 12 ([01:05:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3916.76)):

Great to be on. Thank you for, we can't hear you. Wow. Does that help? Does that help? I, I can hear you very well, so You can. Yes. Okay. And hello. Can you hear me now? Ambassador review. Okay. Well, I can see that te in is nodding her head. So I'm just gonna keep talking and hope that someone else, an ambassador

Speaker 13 ([01:06:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3960.7)):

Gaza, there's an interpretation button at the bottom of your screen. If you don't mind, just clicking on that and selecting English and mute are original audio. We'll be able to hear you.

Speaker 12 ([01:06:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3982.04)):

Unfortunately, I don't have interpretation more here. Okay. One sec.

Speaker 12 ([01:06:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=3997.24)):

Okay. Can you me now? We're still having difficulty. Okay. Can you hear me now? There you go. Wonderful. I thought I had done everything. I'm very sorry. Listen, thank you for having me. I'm delighted to be here and I'll tell you why. Because in working, uh, on women, peace and security, the thing that we heard from women all the time was we, we get forgotten when the military stuff starts happening. The women's voices get sidelined, the women's news get sidelined. And I will admit to this August audience that it happened, it happened to me. And last week, shortly before I got your email ambassador, I, it, it struck me that I had become myopic. I, my blinders had come on, I was look reading intelligence deeply. I was, uh, watching the Twitter. I was watching the open source intelligence. I was, uh, working deeply on our own contingency planning.

Speaker 12 ([01:07:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4057.6)):

And I wasn't doing that thing that I had heard from so many women was important to do, which is to reach out and understand and make those phone calls. And soon after I got your invitation and, uh, so I, I thank you very much for that, but, you know, I just to say that someone as committed as I am, gets picked up and carried a along and, um, and, and we, we of voices like, like, uh, like yours and, and all the women on this, uh, call today to, to remind us, uh, that we have to pay attention to this women present at the highest levels of strategy and national decision making in Ukraine. And on this issue, they are not present. And that means that the messaging to Ukraines is coming from, uh, from men. And I do believe that it is directed at men.

Speaker 12 ([01:08:31](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4111.01)):

There are female, there are women ministers. Yes. There are women deaf S we've heard from some of them today, women ambassadors. Yes. But those people setting the tone and those people who are controlling the information flow and who are doing the assessment of the situation for Ukrainians are from my perspective and where I sit, see lots of them, exclusively men, international partners, we see women, we see women, uh, ministers, foreign ministers, defense ministers, ambassadors, uh, uh, we're we're here. Um, uh, but we, uh, when our focus gets turned elsewhere, that's what we're working on at the grassroots. You've heard them today, amazing women. They are there, they're on top of what's going on, and they might see it even better than many of us in the military. And police, you heard from, uh, from my friend, KA public ENCO. Uh, they, they are there as well, but not at the decision making tables for the military.

Speaker 12 ([01:09:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4169.47)):

Why am I mentioning this? Cause it's not just about numbers, but when women are in those places, they diversify what they see. They diversify the assessments, but also women feel more comfortable going to other women. I see that in my own profession. And I see it around me all the time. So what have I heard from the women that I've reached out to in the last, in the last few days, um, first that they're not getting anything from the government, they're not getting any of the information about how to pair. You heard it from other speakers, how critical, how women that's, what women want is that practical. They want to do stuff. Uh, they want to prepare for their parents for themselves, for their children. Um, I also heard that they are exhausted that, that COVID. So for those of you not aware, uh Omnichron uh, the first, uh, wave, uh, the first case were detected here mid-December and it is hitting very, very, very hard and is disrupting life, uh, in a, in a unprecedented way.

Speaker 12 ([01:10:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4226.32)):

And, and speaking to someone who works with women on the front lines, uh, she said women, the, the, the, the, the, the preoccupation right now is not impending conflict. It is getting through, dealing with, uh, with COVID. Um, I'm hearing that, uh, they would love to see diplomatic weight, all the diplomatic weight put on opening up the checkpoints they're still closed, and that is a humanitarian, uh, and humanized disaster, uh, that they are still closed. And so, so these women, uh, see all of the big, big, heavy hitters, uh, talking to each other about, uh, about renegotiating, potentially the European security architecture, but they can't manage, nobody can manage to get those crossing points open. And that's such a priority for those communities. Um, the, uh, the practical, uh, requests also for trauma counseling, what, what people spoke about earlier trauma education, so that they can help their kids through this.

Speaker 12 ([01:11:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4290.06)):

And finally, a split on weapon, uh, women, uh, on the other side of the, on the, in the, uh, according to one of my contacts from on the non-government controlled areas of, of Hans do not like that weapons are being provided because they believe that Ukraine is preparing in offensive on the controlled areas. They like that the women's weapons are being provided because it gives them some confidence that they will be protected. So, uh, I thought that's interesting now about Canada, our mission here, our military mission here is a training mission. Um, our, uh, uh, the, and it is being, uh, the governor of just announced it's pro prolongation it's extension for three years, but also it's expansion, uh, uh, to include other forms of training. Uh, we've trained over 33,000, uh, uh, soldiers so far in, in a lot of the, the, the, the, the basic individual skills, including like, uh, for survivability, but in a addition to that, we've also announced additional, um, funding and what I'm very pleased about sort of our Mo on, on this is that we are going to try to move that funding out very quickly to the partners that we already have, and having worked with them already, they have integrated the gender lens, the women piece, and security thinking into the base structure of the projects that we have with them.

Speaker 12 ([01:12:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4379.33)):

And so they're ready. They will be ready to quickly, uh, uh, plus up. Um, we have also, uh, with a number of other like-minded country like-minded, embasies here, uh, announced last week with the ministry of, uh, integrat of the temporarily occupied territories, a new fund it's called the partnership fund for resilient Ukraine. And those of us supporting that fund are making a very strong emphasis that this fund needs to be people centered. It needs to be oriented on the needs of the people to feel more stable, more secure, including, I would say emotionally secure in the places in the conflict affected places, uh, where they live. I think, uh, in December, our, our localization w PS localization project launched with, uh, the Ukrainian women's, uh, fund and, and Natalia, um, uh, and, uh, we are, I think this is a very good time for it. I think this is a time to galvanize women and the WPS agenda in Ukraine. We've got great partners, uh, to do, um, to do that with, uh, so we just have to, uh, people like me just have to remember, continue doing it, and we have to make ourselves available to the people like the women you've heard on this call, and we need to take those voices to the tables where we sit and to the decisions that we can make.

Speaker 1 ([01:14:31](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4471.58)):

Well, thank you so much ambassador Gaza. And I'm so glad that we were able to work out the technical difficulties, uh, because your words could not be more important. Uh, and it is precisely because of what you said, uh, why we wanted to do this event focused on the voices of Ukraine's and particularly at this critical juncture. Uh, so thank you for that. Thank you for so much more, and if you stay with us and we're so pleased that ambassador, uh, Mova could still stay with us, uh, so that we can feel the questions from, uh, our audience. Uh, and I ask, uh, my colleague will, um, go through the questions for us, but just raise your hand if you wanna answer. Uh, and we will, uh, now take as many as we can in the time we have ally, please.

Speaker 13 ([01:15:25](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4525.89)):

Sure. To hear on protection of civilians and the risk of violence, the first one asks, what do you see as the risk for civilians, a mid potential wide widespread conflict specifically, are there concerns for mass violence and targeted killings? And the second one, what would the woman in the DOAs and along the contact line, like the Ukrainian military to do regarding physical protection of individuals, can you comment on the risk of conflict related sexual human trafficking and increased domestic? Please just raise your hand. If you'd like to answer

Speaker 1 ([01:16:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4564.57)):

Who would like to start, uh, us off on that, uh, question of, um, really the importance of security in those specific ways.

Speaker 8 ([01:16:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4579.7)):

Let me start. And, uh, maybe my colleagues will continue. Okay. So, uh, thank you for your questions and, uh, uh, not pretending to give, uh, full, uh, reply, but, uh, what I would like to mention, first of all, you really need to formulate and develop in, uh, uh, society wide understanding of security security. It's not only about, uh, activity of arm forces and security. It's not only activity of law enforcement is security, it's, uh, responsibility of civilians, it's responsibility, both of state and, uh, civil society. And it's, it's real, very important to put, uh, in the needle of security, uh, comfort person, men, or woman, boy, or girl, and start to rethink how like architecture of security, uh, from this, uh, human being in perspective. And, uh, uh, it means that, uh, when we speak about security, we speak not only about absence of shooting, we speak about, um, gender audit of territory. We speak about lighting. We speak about, uh, transport. We speak about food security, Techlog ecology and cetera. So, and such a receiving it's very important for, for your brain and society.

Speaker 11 ([01:18:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4680.36)):

Does anyone wanna add to that?

Speaker 8 ([01:18:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4683.05)):

Thank you.

Speaker 11 ([01:18:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4685.58)):

If I like, if I could, sorry. Um, go ahead. The women's information consultants center, when, uh, such troubling information started to more and more, we did develop, uh, the checklist different questions of, I already mentioned, and we send it to all our partners. We send it to different, um, local authority. We sent it to, to, uh, key local. We sent to partners and asking them to send it to all, uh, self governance and local authority units to receive answers and to be when the situation could happen. It is one of our emergent answers, what we would like to suggest to all our women and men, uh, boys and girls, uh, before we, uh, move to the next question, you either the ambassadors went away in here. Okay. We'll move on Allie.

Speaker 13 ([01:19:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4757.46)):

Yeah. A specific question for ambassador Gaza. You mentioned women are not at the high levels of decision making, um, and at the decision making table right now in Ukraine, what do you see as the mechanisms for ensuring women get there and how can the international community support this?

Speaker 12 ([01:19:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4778.2)):

Thanks. Um, I don't know. It's actually something that has, that struck me since, since arriving here. Um, and we've discussed, uh, with, uh, with various ministers, including with minister who's now the defense minister when he was in his previous job. And, um, and there seems I don't want to generalize it and I would. And, uh, and I, I would ask my UK Korean colleagues to, to jump in, but for the sake of giving an answer that people can react to, there is a paternalism about, uh, about, uh, women feeling uncomfortable, being asked to join certain of those high level, uh, uh, um, tables. Um, and, and, uh, and as we all know, women sometimes need a little bit more coaxing to do something, um, and that coaxing meeting is met with, okay, she doesn't want to do it. And so we're are gonna, we're gonna move on.

Speaker 12 ([01:20:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4848.48)):

So I think that that's, that's one issue we need to support the women, uh, that are very capable of sitting at some of those tables and then, uh, and, and, and ensure when they are asked or, or, or, or orchestrate so that they are asked and, and, and provide them with the additional support. And I've seen that, uh, as a phenomenon, um, all over the world. Um, other than that, I mean, there's, there are very few people at those highest level decision making tables, and, and there needs to be a circle of trust. And, and the circle of trust here, uh, still is very much sort of cut. They're all cut, cut from the same cloth. It takes a lot of courage, I think, to include people in your circle of trust, who might think differently from you, who might challenge you, uh, who might tell you things that you don't want to hear, but I think any of us who've studied good leadership, uh, and, uh, and, and, and organizational dynamics know just how crucial that is to the success of our enterprise. And I'm not sure that that is, uh, that, that, that is that, that is well understood. And, and quite frankly, I don't know how to crack that.

Speaker 12 ([01:22:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4921.9)):

Does anyone else wanna weigh in on that?

Speaker 10 ([01:22:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=4926.76)):

Nalia yes. Thank you. Um, I just wanted to follow up on gala said, um, and share our experience working with women, uh, in decision making, uh, we, uh, Ukrainian women's fund, we did gender Mo of the last elections, um, uh, local elections and the number that, um, that I mentioned during my presentation, they, 36% degrees in the number of women in, uh, AMGA communities. Councils is really a, you know, a very important message for all of us, uh, to think about and to think about our strategies. We, before we had traditionally in Ukraine, more than 50% of women at the local councils in the village councils. So what happens to these women? They are still there. They, they have experience, they have knowledge. We just need to build as ambassador. Goza said this circles of trust with them. We need them in the movement. My answer is very simple. We need them in the women's movement in the feminist movement, and we need the movement to support them so that they run for an office in the next elections. And we should start doing this now, not, you know, when the elections will start, but now, because this is the process.

Speaker 1 ([01:23:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5010.88)):

Okay. Let's move on ally.

Speaker 13 ([01:23:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5014.36)):

Yes. Two here on the defense sector, the first asking, what is the perception of women in military service in Ukraine right now, both from we both from women and men currently and civilians. And then a second question asking on how do you envision the role of women in developing strategies towards, and implementing planning for the new Ukrainian total defense policy? Uh, so those two over to you.

Speaker 1 ([01:24:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5042.52)):

So women in the defense sector

Speaker 8 ([01:24:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5046.41)):

Let with some figures, and, uh, I'd like to say that today we have more than 32, around 33,000 of women in, uh, armed forces of Ukraine. And it's, uh, more than 15 times more than it we had in 2008. Uh, I have figure in my, um, um, head, it was one, uh, thousand eight hundreds women. So, and it is results of, uh, Russian aggression, first of all. And it's a result of developing of gender equality policy, uh, destroying restriction for women at the legal level, uh, and low level to solve in a Ukrainian army. And it's also, uh, really like, uh, visualizations of, uh, um, Villa of women to defend, uh, own countries.

Speaker 1 ([01:25:07](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5107.76)):

So, so you really had the, uh, the reality of so many women volunteering after the, uh, invasion, uh, eight years ago and, and rectifying their participation, uh, through changes in the ministry of defense, recognizing the critical role that women were playing, but it was not, uh, really recognized in the structures, uh, of government. Uh, so, uh, as you said, it's, it's certainly one of the side effects of, of what

Speaker 8 ([01:25:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5138.08)):

Occurred. Yes. Also, yes. Milan, you are absolutely right. And also it was necessary to change some, uh, legislations in Ukraine. And it was done in corporation with NPS and with cooperation with civil society is Ukrainian, uh, veteran women movement with non-government organizations. So it's very, uh, important process and such, uh, support and such, uh, uh, coordination of activit is really very good tool for our closes steps.

Speaker 1 ([01:26:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5174.87)):

Let's, uh, take one more round because that's all we have time for, uh, Allie

Speaker 13 ([01:26:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5181.38)):

Sure. Some questions from policy makers and advocates on the line asking, do you have specific recommendations for regional organizations, such as the EU and the OS C E at this time? And another question as advocates, talk to us policymakers and try to center your concerns and experiences uh, what would you high? What would you highlight? And then just a final question here. What are the Western and us media reports getting wrong about the current crisis?

Speaker 1 ([01:26:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5211.97)):

Well, so what can regional organizations be doing? Uh, what are, what is the west saying that does not reflect, uh, perhaps what's happening there? Uh, ambassador Gaza, let's start with you and then we'll go to Karina, uh, left JKO.

Speaker 12 ([01:27:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5229.48)):

So I I'd just like to, to share a, share a, an observation on the Western media, they have forgotten that there are people here, it has become this arm chair back and prognosticate it's become this recreational activity. I would even go so far as to say by a, a, a certain, uh, generation of, of people and, and, and, and mostly men that, that forgets the people they're so focused on, on the leaders. They're so focused on the geopolitical game, um, uh, that, and sometimes the tone even is recreational. I hate to say it. Um, and, and, and that there's real dissonance because then you, you know, walked down the street. Or yesterday I stood in church looking at the faces of these people, and those faces are getting heavier every single week. Um, uh, and, and not to say that everyone knows it's about people. Um, but that the message and how we talk about, um, the risk of what might happen here. Um, misses seems in the Western community to be missing a big piece of the picture, the, the people on the ground.

Speaker 1 ([01:28:32](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5312.49)):

Thank you so much for that and KA it in. Um,

Speaker 8 ([01:28:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5316.01)):

Thank you, Milan. Uh, I would like to write issue about, uh, um, original organizations and international organizations, you know, uh, Milan that, uh, I really supported very much and IM still support the idea to have a OCE regional action plan on certain 25. It's very important to put, uh, into agenda of regional organizations, this, uh, important, uh, UN security council, resolutions, uh, instrument, tool documents, approaches, and, and cetera, and, uh, uh, try to develop at least some Aboriginal, uh, plans on certain 25, because we really, uh, can show that such as rats, uh, are not only rats for Ukraine, they as rats for who Europe, for who vault at all. So, and, uh, for me, it, uh, should be very important activity which can be done in corporation with civil society organizations in Ukraine, where civil society is very active in corporation with other S other countries. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([01:29:56](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5396.12)):

You know, that's a, a really important point and there have been efforts, uh, in the OS C E to move that agenda forward, but it has not, uh, uh, reached full success because consensus is required. Uh, but given the fact that it is the largest regional security organization that has a comprehensive view of security, uh, I think you make very important points about its necessity, uh, ambassador Markova, uh, we are at the end. And I wonder if you wanna give us some words, uh, to sign off on, uh, before we have to bring this event to conclusion.

Speaker 3 ([01:30:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5438.71)):

Well, thank you. I, I, I couldn't leave as you noticed, because being with all of you

Speaker 1 ([01:30:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5444.39)):

Today, we, we can't hear you.

Speaker 3 ([01:30:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5451.39)):

Can you hear me now? Yes. Um, uh, I said as you know, just, I, I, I couldn't leave because being with all of you today has been such an in inspiration, uh, all of you who spoke, but especially women from Eastern Ukraine, um, they, uh, you know, you all give us a strength to not only, uh, continue the fight, but actually do even more in the 24 7 regime that we are working already. Uh, but I just wanted to say, uh, just to note on this, what, what we all can do more and especially, uh, what, uh, ambassador glad said about the media, like, uh, when we are talking about the threat and we know the threat is real, and we know the threat is there, and we know the intent not to allow Ukraine to be de free and independent has always been there, unfortunately, but we cannot afford to panic because this is exactly what, uh, our aggressor would like us to be.

Speaker 3 ([01:31:55](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5515.82)):

He wants to demoralize us. He wants us to focus and be afraid. So we need to understand the threat and be prepared. And in this situation, I think all of our partners can really help allot all this wide, uh, projects that we do have in Ukraine. And I was really glad to hear today about the fund and other initiatives that even within the existing project, there is responsibility to redirect and refocus some of the resources and activities to actually be more demand oriented in this moment. So whatever resources and this, uh, we are asking constantly all of our colleagues and here in the us as well, that whatever resources you have on the ground, please redirect them more to this, to, to have us been more prepared, more resilient, to have to work with communities, especially the communities in the east north, uh, to help women more, but also to inform more.

Speaker 3 ([01:32:55](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5575.9)):

I mean, if we are talking about the O C and other organizations, we need as many eyes on the ground as possible. Because again, like we heard today about this divide on the weapon, so everything else we know the truth, the truth is Ukraine never attacked. Anyone. Ukraine is peaceful and Ukraine does not plan any offensive. So whatever provocations there might be, we need as many third eyes ears, and, uh, people on the ground, uh, the easier is going to be for all of us to first know the truth, disseminate the truth, but also stay calm. This is something we need to continue to stay reserved and stay very calm and very prepared in this situation. So if anything, I think this situation and we Ukrainians are very good at making lemonade from any lemons that we are getting. And you can quite a number of lemons, uh, during the previous 30 years.

Speaker 3 ([01:33:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5632.41)):

But we have to use also in a good way, this situation to, to, to build this unity. And this is what, you know, president Ky spoke at at OV Narada recently that we have to come together, regardless of how do we do our, or what S do we wear or not wear? You know, we have to come together and we have to unite in getting ready, getting prepared, being, uh, being strong in our communities, but also signal it signal enthusi. Aggresso what we heard. Very powerful message from this women from the east, that this is our country. We do not need, we stop killing us, and we do not any of this fake, uh, protections or help or whatever, just let us be who we are and let us live peacefully in our own country. So thank you, you again, Milan and everyone for finding time for this, getting us all together, please do it on a regular basis. Well,

Speaker 1 ([01:34:50](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/xjPNggHa-DeOYDLuJKBjRwtDHJXAQ3gCHUlogjSfAYrrvUYt8lih8pRS0ewEVi0gnuiZNyub4Z-wSSZgccDNVtL-A00?loadFrom=SharedLink&ts=5690.59)):

Thank you, ambassador. Uh, thank you. Ambassador Gaza and earlier ambassador Taylor, uh, Chenko minister published ENCO, Natalia and Alava and those extraordinary women from the east, uh, who we heard, uh, from the frontline at the frontline. Um, we are indebted to all of you. We thank you for your words of wisdom, for your call to action. Um, and please, for all those who are staying with us and listening to us to this final moment, Ukraine is on the front line of the fight for freedom and democracy for Ukraine, for sure, but also for the world. Uh, the is a global, uh, a global moment, uh, that we are all called to focus on and all called to do what we can because the stakes could not be higher. And to our friends in Ukraine, uh, we say that we will stand with you and particularly to the Ukrainian women who have done so much, uh, despite hurdles and obstacles, uh, may you continue to be the leaders that you are, uh, because your roles and your words are more important now than ever so to each and every one of you. Thank you. And to our audience. Thank you. Got speed.