



Dear Members and Friends,

Congratulations on the 35th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence

BUCC Congratulates Ukraine and Ukrainians on the 35th Anniversary of their Independence

On behalf of the British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC), we extend our warmest congratulations to the people of Ukraine on the 35th anniversary of their regaining their Independence, celebrated today, 24 August 2026.

Thirty-five years ago, on 24 August 1991, the Verkhovna Rada adopted the Act of Declaration of Independence, affirming Ukraine's right to exist as a sovereign, democratic state—a decision subsequently endorsed by an over 92 per cent. majority of Ukrainians in a nationwide referendum. Since then, 24 August has been enshrined in law as Ukraine's main national holiday and a symbol of the country's enduring aspiration for freedom, self-determination, and European integration.

This milestone comes at a pivotal moment in Ukraine's history. Over three and a half decades, Ukraine has built state institutions, developed its economy, and forged deep ties with partners across the world—including the United Kingdom. Through the UK-Ukraine 100-Year Partnership and growing bilateral trade and investment, British and Ukrainian businesses are working side by side on recovery, reconstruction, energy, defence, and IT innovation.

The BUCC remains committed to strengthening the UK-Ukraine business bridge: supporting Ukrainian companies in accessing UK markets, helping British investors and enterprises to invest and operate responsibly in Ukraine, and advocating for policies that enable sustainable growth, resilience, and long-term prosperity.

Today, we honour the courage, creativity, and determination of the Ukrainian people and, most importantly, the brave Ukrainian military that has so bravely defended the country. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and look forward to a future of partnership, trade, and shared success.

Slava Ukraini!

**British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC)
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With best regards,

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