

# Statement by Hungary on the Joint Declaration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Three Seas Initiative

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Hungary remains a committed and constructive participating state of the Three Seas Initiative and fully supports its core objectives of strengthening regional cooperation, connectivity, and economic development across Central and Eastern Europe.

However, Hungary cannot align itself with paragraphs 4 to 9 of the Joint Declaration of the 10th Summit of the Three Seas Initiative established on 29 April 2025. We believe that certain elements of these paragraphs go beyond the new geopolitical circumstances.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Hungary has consequently stood up for peace and we will continue to do so in the future as well.

After more than three years, it has become obvious that the European Union's approach to the war did not bring us closer to peace. Hungary believes that with the start of the ceasefire negotiations between the United States and Russia, and the United States and Ukraine, we have entered a new phase of the conflict. We believe that we should do everything to help this process in order to achieve lasting peace as soon as possible and we should refrain from taking any steps that could potentially hinder the ongoing peace talks.

Regarding the enlargement of the European Union Hungary calls for a merit-based, credible, and accelerated enlargement process that offers tangible progress and clear political commitment from the European Union. We remain fully engaged in supporting the Western Balkans on their path to EU membership, including through enhanced cooperation within both the EU and the framework of the Three Seas Initiative. We consider the accession of the Western Balkan countries a strategic priority for the stability, security, and prosperity of Europe.