



STATEMENT

Trudeau reverses course and provides lethal weapons to Ukraine

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Ottawa, ON – Today, the Hon. Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Conservative Shadow Minister for National Defence, and the Hon. Michael Chong, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, issued the following statement on Canada providing lethal defensive weapons to support Ukraine:

“Yesterday, the Trudeau government finally committed to providing lethal defensive weapons to assist Ukraine security forces to defend against Russian aggression. This comes more than a month after the original request from Ukraine.

“Despite months of Conservatives calling on the government to take this threat seriously, it is only now, after an obvious military buildup and years of continued aggressions from Russia, that Prime Minister Trudeau is finally starting to take the Russian threat seriously.

“This reversal in policy by the Trudeau government, who up until now denied the Ukrainian government’s request for lethal weapons, is part of a broader pattern of foreign policy incoherence.

“Canada’s Conservatives will continue to be a voice for Canadians who want to see Canada stand up for our values on the international stage by supporting Ukraine and our NATO allies who face escalating Russian aggression.”

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