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## **Welkomstwoord Voorzitter Tweede Kamer**

### **bij ontvangst president Zelensky**

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I hereby open this meeting of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. A warm welcome to all members of parliament and anyone who is watching the live stream, in the Netherlands and in Ukraine. A special welcome to president Zelensky and his delegation.

It is a great honor to host you on the day of the launch of the International Claims Commission for Ukraine. The Claims Commission will review, assess and decide upon claims submitted here in The Hague to the Register of Damage for Ukraine. The commission will work towards compensating Ukrainians who have been affected by the horrors of this terrible war. Today we send a clear message:



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Russia will have to pay for the damage done in its war of aggression.

This will be the fourth time that you address our Parliament. You have asked to meet with us before the official launch of the Claims Commission. We consider this to be a recognition of the broad support that exists in the House of Representatives for Ukraine's fight for independence, for peace and for accountability. While you are working on the peace negotiations, let me be clear: the Dutch House of Representatives remains committed to Ukraine's defense against Russian aggression. We stand with you in times of war and we will stand with you when it is time for peace.

President Zelensky - we are thankful for the courage and determination with which your country has defended and



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continues to defend our shared values. And we admire your personal courage and dedication to this cause.

We welcome you here as our friend and as our ally.

I will now give the floor to the President of the Senate for a few words of welcome.