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Truss bills UK G7 meeting as show of western unity against China and Russia

*Л. Трасс вважає зустріч Великої сімки у Великобританії демонстрацією єдності Заходу проти Китаю та Росії*

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A new display of Western unity against Russia and China is being prepared by the UK Foreign Secretary [liz truss](#) Because she hosts the G7 foreign ministers' weekend meeting starting Saturday.

G7 meeting held in the backdrop of possible attack of [Ukraine](#), tensions in the South China Sea and a possible collapse of the Iran nuclear deal, are being billed by the truce as "an opportunity to show a united front against malicious behavior – including Russian currency towards Ukraine". The truss will also pledge security and economic support to protect "frontiers of freedom" around the world, a reference to the array of Western infrastructure investment vehicles offered by the US, EU and UK to rival the Chinese. Is. Belt and Road Initiative. It would also give Truss another chance to present himself as a businessman modern-day Thatcher determined to get West on the front foot – a portrait that would keep him in good standing with his backbenchers if Boris Johnson. He had to lose his confidence. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken can also assure that Joe Biden did not make enough concessions to him. [Russia](#) In talks with Vladimir Putin this week on the future role of NATO on the Eastern Front or a possible seeding of Ukrainian territory. The French Foreign Minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian, may urge Blinken not to deny Ukraine membership of NATO.

Russia on Friday demanded that NATO formally rescind commitments made to Ukraine and Georgia at the 2008 Bucharest summit that they could one day become a member of the alliance. At the same time, there is bound to be discussion on how many crises can be mitigated, and whether the West is at risk of fighting on multiple fronts at once. France, for example, has not joined some of the G7 partners – the US, UK and Canada – in supporting a diplomatic boycott over human rights abuses in China's Xinjiang province.

The two-day meeting will be the first outing on a multilateral platform for new German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, Green Party co-leader, who is being closely watched to see how she wants to implement foreign policy for Russia and China. “It aims to expand the reach of freedom and democracy, and we fight malicious actors around the world who seek to challenge it,” Truss said. She said that if Russia attacked Ukraine: “It would be extremely serious, a strategic mistake and have dire consequences for Russia and what we are doing with like-minded allies this weekend.” Truss said it wants to work with Baerbock on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline from Russia to Germany to reduce the West’s reliance on the authoritarian regime’s energy and technology. On human rights abuses in China’s Xinjiang province, she said: “It is a matter of courts on the issue of genocide, but I am very concerned about human rights abuses against Uyghur people, and I have told this to the Chinese ambassador.” Germany occupied [G7](#) From the UK in a fortnight and, in terms of the handover, is not expected to be a lengthy communique, but a relatively brief Chairman’s statement. Foreign ministers of South Korea and Australia, not G7 member states, will also participate, but plans to bring all foreign ministers from 10 states to the Southeast Association of Nations (ASEAN) bloc have been heavily withdrawn mainly due to COVID travel. Has been. Sanctions. Instead, he will be linked to the G7 meeting via video on Sunday. Britain was planning to shift the agenda towards the Indo-Pacific and focus heavily on the threat posed by China, but the rush of Russian troops on the Ukrainian border requires adjustments to the already packed agenda.

There have been tensions in Southeast Asia about the extent to which countries in the region will suck at choosing between the US and China, as well as over how to approach the Ocus, US, Australia and UK security agreements. largely focused. Providing nuclear powered submarines to Australia. The surprise treaty announced in September and the cancellation of a previous Australian contract to purchase French submarines caused an uproar in France, and it is unlikely that French Foreign Minister JL Drian will greet his Australian counterpart, Maurice Payne, with great enthusiasm. . France for the first time since what was considered a great betrayal by Australia. But Aukus is likely to be heavily backed by Japan’s new foreign minister, Yoshimasa Hayashi, on his first overseas visit