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## Doorstep by Roberta METSOLA, EP President, Special European Council, 6 March 2025

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### Summary:

[Roberta METSOLA, EP President makes a statement before entering the special summit to discuss continued support for Ukraine and European defence. This transcription is a result of an automatic process. Please check against delivery.](#)

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, -	00:00:17
00:00:17	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, I think I'll be a little bit more blunt than usual today. And our message on this day of a Special European Council on Defence is that it is about damn time.	00:00:11
00:00:28	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, This is something that we have been asking for a long time, that the European Union, that Europe is capable of standing up on its own two feet.	00:00:11
00:00:39	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, That's why we've been saying we need to scale up. We need to be prepared. We need to produce. And we need to protect. That is essentially what our citizens are asking from us. That is essentially what it will take for Europe to say that we are ready to put finally, our money where our mouth is on Ukraine.	00:00:20
00:00:00	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, The situation today is exactly the same as it was three years ago. Ukraine is fighting for Europe, and Europe needs to be	00:00:18

59	hand in hand lockstep with whoever is fighting for our security, for our values. Ukraine's security is Europe's security.	
00: 01: 17	SOUNDBITE (Original), Roberta METSOLA, EP President, And today, more than ever, also with the President of the country, we will stand with him and will say, we are with you. But to do that, we need to do more. We need to make sure that even here, we put our money where our mouth is, that we help financially, that we help militarily. And we're able to say that, yes, what you are fighting is what we will be fighting for together. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you.	00:00:24
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