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## VON DER LEYEN: 'WE NOW HAVE A STARTING POINT' ON UKRAINE PEACE DEAL

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Ursula von der Leyen welcomed talks on a Ukraine peace deal led by U.S. President Donald Trump and said Europe considers there is now a starting point on a plan after days of negotiations.

A 28-point plan circulated by the Trump administration last week alarmed Ukraine and its European allies as it heavily favored Moscow. After days of pressure on Ukraine to agree to that contentious proposal, Washington and Kyiv said talks in Geneva generated an updated and refined peace framework for additional negotiations.

Thanks to the work of Ukraine, the United States and us Europeans over the last few days in Geneva, we now have a starting point, the European Commission president told MEPs in Strasbourg. But she added, We know that much more effort is needed.

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