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## Biden Departs Germany, Says “No Consensus” on Long-range Weapons for Ukraine

President Joe Biden spoke with reporters before leaving Germany following [meetings](#) with French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer earlier today.

Shortly before Biden boarded Air Force One, [a reporter asked if the U.S. and European allies](#) had made a decision to approve Ukraine’s request for long-range weapons to attack targets inside Russia:

Mr. President, is there any chance that you would — on Ukraine — that you would change your mind on long-range weapons, allowing them to strike deeper into Russia, which is one of the main proposals that Zelenskyy put out?



President Biden/X  
(Left to right) Keir Starmer, Joe Biden, Olaf Scholz, Emmanuel Macron

Biden responded that no consensus had been reached:

In — in foreign policy, there’s never a, “Well, I never change my mind.” Right now, there is no consensus for long-range weapons (inaudible).

[In a post on X](#), Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he spoke with Biden. He stated that the country is still engaged in discussions with the U.S. He also noted that he is preparing for meetings with political and military contacts regarding weapons for Ukraine:

I had a conversation with President Biden, and we are preparing for meetings in Ukraine with the American team, including political and military representatives. We are developing our Victory Plan in discussions with our partners.



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