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## **ZELENSKY OUTLINES A VISION FOR ENDING THE 'HOT STAGE' OF THE WAR**

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Ukraine and Russia need to agree to stop hitting crucial civilian energy and food infrastructure as a first step to winding down the most aggressive phase of the war, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told reporters this week.

Movement on that — plus possible U.S. efforts after next month's presidential election — could signal "that Russia is ready to end the war," he said.

It's part of a broader push to look for an end to the fighting, as the Ukrainian president sells his victory plan in Washington and across Europe. The plan is based on a strong security guarantee in the form of an invitation to join NATO, speedy weapons supplies, no restrictions on hitting targets inside Russia, a powerful non-nuclear deterrence package, as well as international pressure on Russia to stop the war and stick to international law.

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