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## Joint statement of 45 OSCE participating states at the 1394 PC meeting held on 13 October 2022

## Delivered by Ambassador Gesa Bräutigam, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE

under the current issue "Appeal for Peace in Ukraine" (raised by the delegation of the Holy See)

## Joint Statement of Members of the OSCE Permanent Council Vienna, 13 October 2022

We, members of the OSCE Permanent Council representing Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States of America reaffirm our strong commitment to the international rules-based order, including OSCE principles, the UN Charter and International Humanitarian Law.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the Russian military attacks on civilian infrastructure in multiple cities across Ukraine, including residential buildings, recreational, cultural and educational objects which resulted in numerous casualties and injured. These horrific acts against the civilian population of Ukraine violate the core principles of this Organisation. They have no justification. Those responsible for violations of International Humanitarian Law must be held accountable and brought to justice.

We condemn Russia's actions at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant and the pressure exerted on the personnel of the facility. We also reject Russia's irresponsible nuclear rhetoric.

We declare our unwavering support for Ukraine and its brave people suffering from the ongoing Russian aggression, enabled by the Belarusian authorities.

We urge the Russian Federation to immediately end its aggression, withdraw its forces from Ukraine, and comply with OSCE principles, in particular respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders and refraining from the further use or threat of force.