



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International  
Organizations in Vienna

## **Statement on 9th anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17**

As for delivery by Ambassador Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna,  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

We thank the delegation of the Netherlands for raising this issue to the attention of the Permanent Council.

The delegation of Ukraine has aligned itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of the European Union. I would also add several remarks in my national capacity.

As we commemorate the victims of the horrific russian crime, we express our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of all the passengers and crew members on board of the MH17.

The downing of Flight MH17 is one of the most howling pages of russia's aggression against Ukraine and international community.

We call on all states and parties involved to fully cooperate in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2166 (2014) to bring russia and all those responsible to account.

We welcome the decision by the District Court of The Hague, which found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment three people responsible for shooting down Flight MH17.

We also welcome the decisions of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization and the European Court of Human Rights, which found its jurisdiction to consider disputes regarding russia's violation of its international legal obligations.

Furthermore, during oral hearings at the International Court of Justice in June 2023, Ukraine emphasized russia's violations of the provisions of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, in particular, through the transportation of lethal weapons to the territory of Ukraine, which led to the downing of Flight MH17.

As Minister Kuleba stated to the UN Security Council three days ago, "The case of MH17 is also a prime example of russian lies [...] However, the bottom line is that no amount of lies can change the truth and avert justice. In any situation, russian strategy is kill, lie and deny. Our strategy should be the opposite: strength, truth and accountability".

Therefore, Ukraine will continue to make every effort to establish justice for the victims of the tragedy, hold russia and all perpetrators accountable and ensure the non-repetition of such a heinous crime.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**