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EU Statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

1. Madame Chair, we reiterate our strong support for Ukraine and our resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which continues, and we see this on a daily basis, to bring unspeakable suffering on civilians and damage to civilian infrastructure throughout the country.
2. Russia continues to violate the Helsinki Final Act and its ten principles that were designed to guide relations among the OSCE participating States. Russia's calamitous war of aggression is, regrettably, a constant reminder of their continuous relevance and of the terrible consequences when a State decides to trample on these principles adopted almost 50 years ago. It is our duty to ensure that the final Act remains the guiding norm, for all of us sitting in this room. We reiterate our commitment to the OSCE Final Act and urge Russia to respect it.
3. For this reason, we strongly support Ukraine in exercising its inalienable right of self-defence. Last week, EU Foreign Ministers discussed commitments to ensure Ukraine's security in the medium and long term. As European Union High Representative for the Foreign and Security Policy Josep Borrell said after the meeting, a holistic approach was proposed that combines traditional military assistance with other elements based on cybersecurity and increasing Ukraine's resilience on all fronts, from economic to industrial. The European Peace Facility and the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine are key components of these actions, in addition to the Member States' comprehensive efforts.
4. Our Leaders also addressed Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine during their Summit last week and concluded that 'the European Union will continue to provide strong financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support to Ukraine and its people for as long as it takes.' In the immediate term, it is important to accelerate the delivery of military support to Ukraine to help meet its pressing military and defence needs, including missiles and ammunition, notably under the one million rounds of artillery ammunition initiative, as well as air

defence systems to protect its people and its critical and energy infrastructure. In the longer term, the European Union and its Member States will contribute, together with partners, to future security commitments to Ukraine, which will help Ukraine defend itself, resist destabilisation efforts and deter acts of aggression in the future.

5. A comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on full recognition for the country's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity will restore respect for the Helsinki Final Act and allow this Forum and this very Organisation to fully exercise its mandate. We reiterate our support to the comprehensive 10-point Ukraine Peace Formula by President Zelenskyy.
6. Madame Chair, the EU and its Member States reiterate that Russia must immediately stop its war of aggression, and completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders. We also reiterate our strong call on the Belarusian authorities to stop providing support to Russia's war of aggression, and to abide by their international obligations.

Thank you.

The Candidate Countries NORTH MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ALBANIA*, UKRAINE, and BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA*, the Potential Candidate Country GEORGIA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

* North Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilization and Association Process