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**DECLARATION ON THE
TRAGIC CRASH OF THE MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT MH17
IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Appalled by the 17 July crash of the civilian commercial aircraft Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine,

Deeply saddened by the death of citizens of at least 10 countries, including several OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, and expressing condolences to the bereaved,

In order to contribute to an international response to this tragedy and desiring a full and credible account of this event,

Recalling the 18 July statements by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the readiness of the OSCE to offer support, and by the Trilateral Contact Group,

Being guided by the OSCE commitments,

The Permanent Council:

1. Strongly supports the efforts of the Trilateral Contact Group to create conditions for a sustainable ceasefire, to be agreed swiftly, and to be observed by all concerned, thus putting an end to violence in eastern Ukraine;
2. Calls for immediate, safe and secure access to the site and surrounding area for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission and other representatives of relevant international organizations according to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other established procedures;
3. Calls upon all those in the area to preserve the crash site intact, including by refraining from destroying, moving, or disturbing wreckage, equipment, debris, personal belongings, or remains;
4. Supports the calls for an open, transparent and independent international investigation, in co-ordination with the ICAO, including with participation of technical and

forensic experts from the Ukrainian, Malaysian, and Dutch governments as well as other technical and forensic experts and relevant regional bodies;

5. Calls on all participating States and other actors to support the steps above and to refrain from any interference with an international investigation.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1 (A) 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Supporting the consensus on the Declaration on the Tragic Crash of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in Ukraine the Delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement:

We are all shocked over the 17 July crash of the civilian commercial aircraft, which was shot down by the pro-Russian terrorist organizations operating in the eastern Ukraine.

Shooting down a civilian aircraft is an act of international terrorism, targeted against the entire world. We strongly condemn this act of terror, which led to many casualties of innocent people, including children.

In accordance with the OSCE commitments, we, as the OSCE participating States, should all condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Addressing threat of terrorism requires unified global response.

We urge the Russian Federation to immediately stop aggression against Ukraine, abide fully by its international obligations and commitments on combating terrorism, use its influence on pro-Russian terrorist organizations to lay down weapons, halt flows of weapons and mercenaries from the Russian Federation into Ukraine.

The Government of Ukraine has launched an immediate investigation and stands fully committed to conduct objective and transparent investigation in co-operation with the International Civil Aviation Organization, other relevant international organizations and foreign States.

We expect for an adequate response from the international community, including the OSCE, to this act of terrorism.

In search of peaceful resolution of the current situation in the east of Ukraine we support efforts at creating the necessary conditions. They have been envisaged in the Peace Plan of the President of Ukraine.

We invite other participating States to join this interpretative statement.

The Delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”