



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the International Organizations in Vienna

Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine in response to Pere Joan Pons Sampietro, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

As delivered by Yurii Vitrenko, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organisations in Vienna
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Madam Chairperson,

The Delegation of Ukraine warmly welcomes OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Pere Joan Pons to the Permanent Council. We congratulate you on your recent election and wish every success in fulfilling your important responsibilities.

My delegation also thanks you for sharing your priorities, which we fully back, and assures you of our full cooperation in their implementation.

Dear Mr President,

We are grateful for your clear stance in defence of the Helsinki Final Act fundamental principles, in support of Ukraine and in condemnation of Russia's war of aggression. Your consistent public reaction to the Russian terror makes the voice of the OSCE PA clearly heard, thus serving to increasing OSCE relevance.

We note that under your leadership the Porto Declaration reaffirmed the Assembly's demand for a ceasefire, the immediate cessation of all acts of aggression, and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from the entire territory of Ukraine.

We also welcome the sustained, practical engagement of the OSCE PA, particularly through the Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine. Its activities demonstrate a results-oriented approach that complement inter-governmental efforts in Vienna. We stand ready to deepen our cooperation with the PSTU's leadership and rapporteurs.

The Assembly's attention to the plight of forcibly deported Ukrainian children is of special significance. We appreciate the PSTU Special Rapporteur's report documenting deportation and russification practices,

and its call for urgent international action. We encourage continued parliamentary mobilisation to facilitate the tracing, protection and return of all abducted children, and to hold perpetrators to account.

Dear colleagues,

Russia's aggression has shattered the letter and spirit of the Helsinki Final Act, and continues to result in grave violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. Accountability remains central. We count on the OSCE PA's sustained advocacy for justice, including support to the establishment of a Special tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine, alongside the use of all available legal and restrictive measures to curtail the aggressor's capacity to wage war.

Dear Mr President,

We appreciate your first official activities as OSCE PA President, in particular those emphasising youth engagement and dialogue – an important investment in the resilience of our societies.

We express Ukraine's full support for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's endeavours to uphold our shared principles and to help bring a just and lasting peace closer. Ukraine will continue to engage closely with the Assembly and its mechanisms to ensure that the silence in the face of aggression never becomes an option in this Organization.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.