

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

As delivered by ambassador Ellen Svendsen at the
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

On the eve of our meeting in Helsinki, where we will reaffirm our commitments to the principles and very foundations of this organization, Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine continues unabated. Relentless and ever Russian intensified attacks continue to claim lives, destroy civilian infrastructure violate these very principles that we all have committed to. The latest missile and drone attacks underscore a grim reality: these are calculated strategy of terror designed to instill fear among the Ukrainian people. The way the Ukrainian people every day demonstrate resilience and courage to defend themselves from this aggression, remains a stark reminder to all of us what is at stake and what it takes to preserve our security and values.

That is why Norway stands ready to contribute financially to upcoming deliveries of Patriot systems to Ukraine, in close coordination with our allies in Europe and the United States.

In his conversation with president Zelensky last week, prime minister Støre welcomed Ukraine's ongoing efforts to build deeper security cooperation. Norway also stands ready to continue our assistance on energy resilience, including concrete preparations for the winter ahead. In parallel, we remain committed to strengthening joint sanctions efforts with EU and G7 partners. Sanctions must keep pace with Russia's war.

Norway's stance is principled and enduring. It is rooted in international law, in the OSCE's core commitments, and in the belief that peace without justice is not sustainable. Ukraine is not alone—and will not stand alone—in defending these principles.

Thank you.