



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the International
Organizations in Vienna

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement by the European Union. In addition, I would like to make some points in my national capacity.

The Delegation of Ukraine strongly condemns yet another decision of the Russian Federation to block the plenary meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC). This is nothing but a pathetic attempt to weaponise the OSCE Rules of Procedure in order to undermine the work of our decision making body and prevent our regular discussions on consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Russia's obstructive behaviour clearly indicates its approach towards the FSC, which includes regular unreasonable demands for special treatment, followed by attempts to use the Forum as a "stage" for threats, accusations, blackmail and walkouts.

Over and over the Russian Federation tries to put itself above all other 56 participating States. Today we all had an opportunity to witness it. The situation where just one participating State blocks the meeting of the OSCE decision-making body is totally unacceptable under false pretences. It is an abuse of the commitments upon which our Forum is built.

I also would like to register our strong protest against the language used by the Russian delegate who said: "We will talk when we are at the border with Poland and Romania". This is an aggressive threat which is totally inappropriate in this room and unacceptable in the international arena.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate Ukraine's full support to the Croatian FSC Chairpersonship who demonstrates its strong position and readiness to fulfil its mandate fully in line with OSCE principles.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.