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Statement on so-called “parliamentary elections” in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia

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Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Delegation of the European Union on the so-called “parliamentary elections” in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia. I would also like to add some remarks in national capacity.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has expressed in its statement of 17 March the support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia and strongly condemned the holding of illegal so called “parliamentary elections” in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia, signing the so called “agreement between the Russian Federation and “the Republic of Southern Ossetia” on the modalities for the incorporation of a number of military units of “the Republic of Southern Ossetia” into the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation” and so-called “referendum on changing the name of Tskhinvali region of Georgia”.

Ukraine considers such actions as yet another demonstration of Russia’s expansionist policy and attempts to legitimize the occupation regime, which are null and void.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has reaffirmed its support of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia.

The Delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.