



EUROPEAN UNION

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EU Statement

1. Mr Chair, over the past weeks we faced and still continue to face today unprecedented inadmissible procedural obstructions by the Russian delegation aimed at undermining the regular standing agenda of this Forum mandated by the Ministerial Council. We deplore this unacceptable behaviour which is contrary to the spirit and the mandate of this Forum and to the Rules of Procedure. The EU and its Member States firmly reject the outrageous accusations against the Chair made by Russia, including in this Forum and in its Notes verbales. The Danish Chair has explained its position to the Russian delegation on numerous occasions in recent weeks, and it is its duty to maintain dialogue. We urge Russia to respect the Chair's authority and not to attempt to dictate proceedings.
2. The general statements made at previous FSC meetings clearly focused on political aspects of security, including on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and exemplified why we need these discussions, which are essential for the FSC in order to deliver on its mandate.
3. Mr Chair, we thank you for your efforts to hold weekly meetings and provide a platform for substantive discussions. We fully respect the way you are exercising your prerogatives. To this end, the EU and its Member States will continue to support you, in your mandate to maintain a weekly dialogue within this Forum and in overcoming the current difficulties with the Russian delegation, which seems to be aiming at making this Forum devoid of its purpose. We are looking forward to hearing today the general statements of the delegations.