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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

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Madam Chairperson,

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

First of all, let me express our gratitude to you, Ambassador Kinnear, and your able team for your dedicated efforts in guiding the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) during this trimester. The Canadian Chairpersonship has demonstrated remarkable skill and professionalism in managing the work of the FSC, faithfully fulfilling its mandate.

We would like to commend Canada for a diverse and well-balanced Security Dialogue agenda. Discussions on mine action, International Humanitarian Law and the WPS agenda allowed us to address various issues of the current security situation in the OSCE area, primarily through the prism of the devastating consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine for the international security architecture.

We welcome the introduction of innovative Security Dialogue topics, such as the impact of war on mental health and information integrity in the military space. These topics broadened the scope of security issues that we considered. This approach responds to contemporary challenges and is well in line with the Chairpersonship's intention to bring FSC discussions closer to human dimension issues.

Ukraine had the honour of joining the panel of speakers for a number of Security Dialogues. They provided an excellent opportunity to share national experience in the field of mine action, inform about the current challenges in the field of protecting the mental health of military personnel during war, as well as talk about the unprecedented risks for citizens from the spread of disinformation.

We regret that not all of the topics, proposed by the Chairpersonship, were addressed during the FSC plenary sessions due to Russia's efforts to obstruct discussions on International Humanitarian Law and information integrity in the military domain.

The attempts of the Russian delegation to disrupt the work of the Forum, which were supported by none, only emphasized the isolation of this country in the OSCE.

We applaud the restraint and professionalism with which the Canadian Chairpersonship successfully handled these clear cases of blackmail and allowed important topics to be discussed.

Dear colleagues,

It is important that Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine remained at the centre of the FSC discussions as a top priority for the politico-military dimension of the OSCE. The heinous acts of aggression committed by the Russian Federation, in clear violation of the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, have seriously undermined the foundation of the international security architecture.

The Forum's no-business-as-usual operation is an appropriate response to Russia's increasingly aggressive behavior that is creating an extremely dangerous security situation and having significant geopolitical impact.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our gratitude for the unwavering support of the participating States for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders as well as for the practical assistance provided to my country in order to strengthen its ability to better counter the ongoing armed aggression.

To conclude, I would like to welcome the upcoming FSC Chairpersonship of Cyprus and wish the Cypriot Side success in fulfilling this important task. We also express our gratitude to the delegation of Bulgaria, an outgoing FSC Troika member, for its dedicated work and welcome Croatia as a new Troika member.

Next year is going to be no less challenging for the FSC, but rest assured of our Delegation's full support and openness to constructive cooperation.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.