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In my national capacity, allow me to share the following remarks.

As Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine soon reaches its fifth year, we see little change. Rather than seeking peace, we see Russia dismissing any calls for a ceasefire and insisting on unacceptable demands while the daily attacks against Ukrainian civilians and civilian infrastructure continue. Not acts of someone genuinely interested in peace.

Let us be clear: Just as enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act, we can do nothing but support Ukraine's efforts to defend itself and its sovereignty.

No one wants peace more than Ukraine. And we stand humbled by the strength of the Ukrainian people.

We need a just and lasting peace for Ukraine, Europe and allies. We support any solutions towards that end, and we are grateful for the very important US efforts to reach peace.

We need to insist on the principle that borders must not be changed by force.

And that credible security guarantees are extended to Ukraine.

Beyond Ukraine, we are clear-eyed about the threat Russia poses across our region: increasing hybrid actions and military provocations. Even endangering our democracies, as we have seen in Moldova.

Russia's goal is to undermine our resolve, our unity and secure its own influence.

Chair,

The human dimension and the autonomous institutions remain at the core of OSCE's work.

It is a valuable resource available to us all for the betterment of our democracies and benefit of our citizens.

For the last year, the Georgian authorities have undermined democracy and systematically infringed on fundamental human rights.

The work to implement the commitments of the human dimension is now replaced by efforts to dismantle the past results.

We urge the Georgian authorities to change their course.

Chair,

As a founding member of the UN, OECD, the Council of Europe and the OSCE, Denmark is a strong proponent of multilateralism.

We have spent the last 50 years in the OSCE embracing dialogue to build a common set of rules and norms. We have built a system of arms control and security and confidence building measures.

Russia has chosen to turn its back on that endeavour.

Some may lament the lack of real dialogue.

To that I say: Russia can end the war in Ukraine any day and engage in good-faith at the OSCE. Sadly, Russia has chosen otherwise.

Minister Valtonen, I want to thank you, your team, and the people of Finland.

Your strong leadership, dedication and integrity as Chairperson-in-Office deserves our greatest recognition.

We look forward to Switzerland's stewardship for the coming year.

I thank you.