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Madam Chairperson, Secretary General, President of the Parliamentary Assembly,

It's an honour for me to address you today. Last year, I started by saying that Ukraine was bleeding. Today, unfortunately, this is still true. Ukraine is still bleeding.

I could devote my speech to the only reason for this. The only reason why this war continues. And the only reason why security and cooperation in Europe are broken. We all know the name of this reason. But I will not repeat again that Russia has violated all ten principles of the Helsinki Decalogue. We all know this.

Instead, I will focus on only one thing: what should we do now so that next year, I can start my speech NOT with the words "Ukraine is bleeding". And NOT with the words "Europe is bleeding". Because we don't want that.

My main warning today is that problems must be solved, not ignored. This war is not so distant. Vienna is closer to its frontline than to some other European capitals.

Nobody should have any illusions. As long as Ukraine is bleeding, nobody in this room is safe. Today, Russia refuses to stop its war against Ukraine. Tomorrow, it will not stop at expanding the war deeper into Europe.

We need to stop the bleeding wound in the middle of Europe. We need to stop this bloodshed. As we mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, it is time to be honest about the real state of security and cooperation in Europe. Time to take action to restore both.

Excellencies,

We are in a momentum to speed up peace efforts. Ukraine wants peace more than anyone else. And we are grateful to the United States for advancing peace efforts. We also thank all European partners who support this path. We will use every opportunity to try to end this war.

But we also know that peace needs to be sustainable. And security must be guaranteed — by real strength.

Europe had too many unfair peace deals in the past. All of them only led to new catastrophes. Probably no other continent in the world has more of such bitter experiences. That is why it is so critical to reaffirm our commitment to the Helsinki Final Act as we seek a fair end to Russia's war against Ukraine.

Another important conclusion is that the source of the problem cannot be part of the solution.

Just in the past months, Russia lost four important elections – to the ICAO Council, UNESCO Executive Board, OPCW Executive Council and the IMO Council.

Countries across the world do not see Russia as a partner in addressing global problems. Because Moscow itself is a global problem. There is also no reason to consider that Russia could be a partner here – in the OSCE.

One hundred ninety five thousand war crimes. Six hundred seventy one children killed and over two thousand injured. Torture, rape, and systemic human rights violations. All of this needs to stop.

And nobody has the right to ignore this scale of Russian atrocities. There will be no peace without justice.

We must ensure accountability. And here the OSCE can play a role. We call for continued use of all OSCE mechanisms to document, expose, and condemn Russian crimes. It is also time to reflect on the role that the Organization can play in the post-war period.

Madam Chairperson,

In conclusion, I express my gratitude to you, dear Elina, for your leadership this year. It has been a challenging period, but you and your team defended principles.

I also thank my Austrian colleague. Beate, for hosting this year's ministerial.

Finally, my best wishes to the incoming Chairperson, Federal Councillor Cassis. Dear Ignazio, I hope Switzerland will keep the OSCE functional and effective.

And I hope that next year I can start my address by saying that Ukraine is not bleeding anymore. And sincerely thanking all of those who helped stop this bleeding wound. Let's act before it is too late.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.