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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE  
ON RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

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**Mme. Chairperson,**

[Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by Cyprus on behalf of the EU-26 under this agenda item. In my national capacity, I would like to add the following remarks].

I would like to deliver a statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Russia continues its campaign of terror against civilians and its systematic attacks on critical infrastructure, in blatant violation of international law and the principles and commitments that underpin the OSCE.

Between 12 and 14 February alone, Russia launched at least 27 ballistic and cruise missiles as well as 485 Shahed-type attack UAVs against Ukraine, striking cities and targeting critical energy and municipal infrastructure.

Each of these attacks was marked by brutality and contempt for human life. In particular:

- On 12 February, Russia carried out a massive combined attack, launching 24 ballistic missiles, one Kh-59/Kh-69 guided missile, and 219 Shahed-type UAVs. The attack injured civilians (including a one-year-old boy) in Dnipro and Kyiv, killed two people in Kharkiv region and injured six. Russia also struck energy and municipal infrastructure, a thermal power plant was targeted and equipment damaged, with power cuts affecting about 100,000 families. In Kyiv, municipal authorities reported that about 3,500 apartment buildings were left without heating;

in Odesa, around 300,000 residents faced water supply disruptions and about 200 buildings remained without heating.

- On February 13, Russian forces launched a large-scale attack on Ukraine, deploying 154 Shahed-type attack drones and one Iskander-M ballistic missile. One person was killed and six others injured, all civilians. The strikes also caused extremely serious damage to energy infrastructure in Odesa region and marked the 31st major substation to be hit in such attacks, severely disrupting power, heating, and water supplies in parts of the Odesa city and surrounding areas.

- On 14 February, Russia launched 112 Shahed-type attack UAVs and one Iskander-M ballistic missile. In Odesa, an elderly woman was killed when a drone hit a residential building.

### **Colleagues,**

These attacks are not isolated incidents. They are part of Russia's deliberate strategy to weaponize winter, undermine Ukraine's resilience, and intimidate our population through blackouts, loss of heating and water, and the destruction of essential services.

Protecting the energy grid is, therefore, inseparable from protecting civilian lives. Ukraine urgently needs additional air and missile defence, including capabilities to counter ballistic threats, and the swift delivery of energy equipment and spare parts for emergency repairs and resilience — from transformers and switchgear to mobile generation.

We strongly and urgently call on all OSCE participating States to move far beyond mere words of concern and take decisive, concrete action: intensify sanctions to choke Russia's war machine, fully isolate this aggressor on the global stage, urgently bolster Ukraine's air defenses to shield innocent civilians from relentless terror, and vigorously advance robust accountability mechanisms to ensure justice for war crimes.

Anything short of this resolute stand will be seen in Moscow as a green light — permission to escalate its barbaric attacks, murder more innocents, and destroy lives without consequence. We have no time for hesitation.

### **Mme. Chairperson,**

While diplomatic contacts continue, including another round of U.S.-brokered discussions in Geneva, Russia has not reduced — and in fact has intensified — its attacks on Ukraine's civilians

and critical infrastructure. This pattern is a clear reminder: Moscow seeks to negotiate from a position of terror, not to end the war.

Ukraine's position remains firm: any sustainable peace must be based on the UN Charter, include reliable security guarantees, and ensure Russia's accountability. Russia's continued mass strikes during winter are a direct message that Moscow is not interested in diplomacy — it is trying to dictate outcomes through terror.

The OSCE, as a cornerstone of cooperative security in Europe, cannot afford to stand idly by in the face of this unrelenting aggression. Ukraine urgently calls on all participating States to uphold and intensify sanctions that cripple Russia's ability to wage war, deliver substantially enhanced humanitarian and military support —including critical air-defense systems to protect our cities and people — and actively back robust accountability mechanisms and international tribunals so that Russia faces full justice for its illegal invasion and war crimes.

Appeasement will not bring peace; it will only embolden further aggression.

As my President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, powerfully stated at the Munich Security Conference: "It would be an illusion to believe that this war can now be reliably ended by dividing Ukraine — just as it was an illusion to believe that sacrificing Czechoslovakia would save Europe from a greater war."

History has taught us this lesson in blood — let us not repeat it.

**Thank you, Mme. Chairperson.**