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**STATEMENT ON THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION  
AGAINST UKRAINE**

As delivered by Ambassador Ellen Svendsen at the Permanent Council, Vienna,  
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Mr. Chair

This forum has long raised and condemned Russia's repeated attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure during the cold and harsh winter. Now that Ukraine has emerged impressively resilient from a devastating winter, Russia includes other types of civilian infrastructure, such as water and transport, in their attacks. We strongly condemn the Russian attacks, marked by the largest 24-hour drone strike against Ukraine since the beginning of the war this Tuesday. At present, there is little evidence that Russia wants peace.

Energy infrastructure worth an estimated 21,3 billion euros has been destroyed by Russian attacks since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. This destruction requires our continued attention.

Contributing to the reconstruction and strengthening of energy infrastructure is an important part of our support to the resilient communities of Ukraine – and to supporting Ukraine in its legitimate self-defence against continued Russian aggression. Last week, Norway therefore provided an estimated 9 million Euro in support to companies engaged in renewable energy, as well as medical supply chains in Ukraine.

Mr. Chair

The OSCE and the Permanent Council must continue to keep Ukraine at the top of the agenda. With crises outside our region directly impacting our security and stability, we must ensure that our focus and attention remain on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Ukraine is still courageously fighting for this region's security and the principles of international law, the UN Charter and the Helsinki principles. Principles that should be respected indiscriminately, worldwide.

Mr, Chair,

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Norway will stand with Ukraine in this fight for as long and as strong as it takes.

Thank you.