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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE AT THE 1142nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE
OSCE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

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Mr. Chairperson,

France aligns itself with the statements by the European Union and the United Kingdom and would like to add a few words in a national capacity.

France condemns in the strongest possible terms Russia's recent massive strikes on infrastructure and the civilian population in Kyiv.

These attacks, including the use of ballistic missiles, constitute a flagrant violation of international law, in particular the Charter of the United Nations and the founding principles of the OSCE.

France reaffirms its support for Ukraine's right to defend its territory.

We call upon Russia to withdraw its troops from the sovereign territory of Ukraine and to engage in good faith in negotiations aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.