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EU Opening Statement

1. The European Union and its Member States congratulate the United Kingdom on taking over the Chairpersonship of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation. Allow us to first thank Lord Wood of Anfield, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for his opening remarks and for outlining your plans for the coming period.
2. As Russia continues with its illegal, unprovoked and unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine and further intensifies its attacks, this matter rightly remains on the top of the agenda of this Forum during our weekly mandated meetings. The EU and its Member States support a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law and underpinned by robust and credible security guarantees for Ukraine.
3. Mr Chair, you also envisage a number of Security Dialogues and we see the continued importance of dedicated in-depth discussions on pol-mil topics.
4. Ambassador, we look forward to working with you and your team as you take over the Chairpersonship of the FSC. We also count on Georgia in its continued Troika role and welcome Greece as it now starts its Troika duties. Finally, we say goodbye to France while it is leaving it.

Thank you.

Albania, Andorra, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.