



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the International
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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

[Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

In addition, I would like to make a few remarks in my national capacity.]

At the outset, allow me to express Ukraine's sincere appreciation to Georgia for its dedicated leadership of the Forum during the second trimester of 2026. We thank Ambassador MAISURADZE and his team for their efforts in guiding the FSC at a time of profound challenges to security in the OSCE area.

We warmly welcome the United Kingdom as the new FSC Chairpersonship and thank Lord Wood for his opening remarks of this trimester's work. Ambassador Holland, we wish you and your team every success in steering the work of the Forum in the coming months. Please count on Ukraine's full support.

This opening takes place one day after Battle of Britain Day, when the United Kingdom honours the courage of those who defended its skies against aggression in 1940. Ukrainians understand the enduring meaning of that memory. Today, as our own cities face under daily air attacks, Britain stands with us as a steadfast partner whose commitment is anchored in our historic One-Hundred-Year Partnership.

Russia's war remains the gravest threat to security in the OSCE area. Its continuing attacks against Ukrainian cities, civilians, energy and supply infrastructure demonstrate blatant

contempt for international law and for the politico-military commitments undertaken within the OSCE. Therefore, it must remain firmly placed at the FSC and OSCE at large agenda.

Mr Chairperson,

Ukraine supports the programme prepared by the United Kingdom for this trimester.

We look forward to contributing practical Ukrainian experience. Ukraine's wartime experience shows that OSCE commitments and instruments retain value only when they are implemented faithfully, violations are clearly identified, and accountability is treated as an indispensable part of security.

We also welcome the Chair's intention to make Security Dialogues substantive and interactive, allowing delegations to engage directly with expert speakers.

At the same time, meaningful dialogue cannot be separated from the reality in which the FSC operates. Russia continues to exploit international platforms to spread disinformation, obscure its responsibility, and normalise aggression. This Forum must therefore remain firmly grounded in the Helsinki principles, and respond clearly whenever those principles are violated.

We are confident that the United Kingdom's leadership will help ensure that the FSC as a relevant platform for principled discussion and practical co-operation, while keeping Russia's war of aggression and its implications for the OSCE area at the centre of our work.

We also count on Georgia in its continued Tryika duties and welcome Greece with its start in Tryika. We thank France for its contribution as, it concludes its term in the FSC Tryika.

In conclusion, let me once again convey our best wishes to the United Kingdom for a successful and productive Chairpersonship.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.