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Madam Chair,

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

This invasion, which lasts already for 3,5 years, flagrantly violates the core principles of the Helsinki Final Act – above all, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and inviolability of borders. It poses a direct and profound threat to stability and the cooperative security framework, that binds our participating States.

Over the past week, Russia has sharply intensified its campaign of terror against Ukraine's civilian population and critical infrastructure, once again showing blatant disregard for international humanitarian law, and the OSCE's commitments to protect non-combatants. Between 17 and 23 September alone, Russia launched at Ukraine 1,222 attack UAVs, 12 ballistic missiles and 33 cruise missiles. The scale of these attacks speaks for itself. To highlight just a few of them:

On September 18, Russian drones struck Kharkiv, setting fire to the administrative building of the National University of Pharmacy, injuring four people and disrupting educational facilities.

On September 20, Russian forces conducted one of the largest combined assaults in months – 579 drones, 8 ballistic missiles, 32 Kh-101 cruise missiles, targeted nine regions. A strike on a residential building in Dnipro killed at least three civilians, and caused severe damage to homes.

On the night of September 23, Russia attacked with 3 Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles, and 115 Shahed-type drones.

These are nothing but a deliberate acts of terror. They warrant condemnation and accountability from this Forum.

Distinguished Colleagues,

This dark reality demonstrates the urgent need for enhanced collective air defence. Partner air defence assets in neighbouring countries should be enabled to intercept Russian drones and missiles approaching or crossing into Ukrainian airspace, including those threatening NATO borders.

As it was explicitly highlighted by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, “Ukraine is ready to share its experience and expand production. Ukraine is offering all European neighbours – our own neighbours and Russia’s neighbours – a joint program for financing, producing, and developing interceptor drones”.

Madam Chair,

On average, around 200 guided aerial bombs are dropped on Ukrainian communities every single day. No state could withstand such terror alone, and that is why international support for Ukraine remains vital. It is not about a charity, it is about investment in the security of the entire region.

Russia’s aggression continues to challenge the very essence of the OSCE’s mission. Moreover, Moscow criminal regime remains fully committed to war – as proven by its daily strikes and belligerent rhetoric.

The international community must respond with the strongest possible sanctions, with increased support for Ukraine’s defence, and with firm collective pressure. Russia will not stop unless it is decisively contained.

Thank you.