



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the International
Organizations in Vienna

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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International Organizations in Vienna

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Agenda Item 1, "Address by the Federal Minister for European and International
Affairs of the Republic of Austria, H.E. Beate Meinl-Reisinger"

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Mr Chairperson,

Madam Federal Minister Meinl-Reisinger,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Delegation of the European Union. In addition, I would like to make a few remarks in my national capacity.

First of all, allow me to join the Chairpersonship and other Delegations in warmly welcoming you, Federal Minister Meinl-Reisinger, to the Permanent Council meeting. We listened to your address with great interest and commend Austria for its continued contribution to the effective functioning of the OSCE, in particular through its readiness to host this year's Ministerial Council.

We fully share your vision of the need to uphold the rules-based multilateral order and the shared principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act. At this challenging time, when the Russian Federation spares no effort to destroy the existing security architecture, change borders by force, and impose a new order based on force and coercion, our collective responsibility to resist these actions cannot be overstated.

The principle of the indivisibility of security, one of the key tenets of the Helsinki Final Act, clearly states that the security of each state is inseparable from the security of all others. Therefore, we must use every available instrument to restore international order and ensure that the aggressor state complies with its obligations.

Madam Federal Minister Meinl-Reisinger,

The OSCE has a vital role to play in bringing long-awaited peace closer - particularly in holding the aggressor to account, documenting war crimes, and implementing projects aimed at overcoming the devastating consequences of Russia's aggression.

We highly value Austria's support and assistance, both at the national level and within international platforms, including in the OSCE, in helping us address the grave consequences of Russia's genocidal war (on a personal note, I would like to commend Austria's dedicated team in the OSCE, led by Ambassador Raunig).

Allow me also to express our sincere gratitude for your personal engagement and messages of solidarity with Ukraine. During your visits to Ukraine, you witnessed first-hand the unimaginable suffering and destruction caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Austria's steadfast support and its responsible role in Europe are of great importance in these critical times.

Thank you.