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Madam Chair,

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

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine continues to generate serious security consequences well beyond our borders, increasingly endangering fellow OSCE participating States and testing the resilience of our collective security mechanisms.

Like was already mentioned, on September 19, three Russian MiG-31 fighter jets violated the sovereign airspace of Estonia, an OSCE and NATO member State. They remained there for an unprecedented 12 minutes, before being intercepted and escorted out by NATO forces. Estonia has rightly described this violation as "unprecedentedly brazen". It prompted the invocation of NATO Article 4 consultations, and stands as a deliberate and dangerous provocation against a neighbouring State.

Ukraine strongly condemns this reckless incursion by the Russian Federation. Such actions not only jeopardize Estonian citizens, but also undermine the core OSCE principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and non-interference.

Moreover, we consider such deliberate transgressions as a part of a broader pattern of Russian hybrid aggression – including previous violations of Polish and Romanian airspace, aimed at sowing instability and challenging the unity of the Euro-Atlantic community. By probing NATO's eastern flank, Moscow KGB regime, with KGB

officer at the helm, clearly seeks to divert attention and resources from supporting Ukraine, while heightening regional tensions.

Ukraine unequivocally denounces this act and urges to implement measures to deter future violations that threaten our common security.

In particular, we call upon our partners to respond decisively by shooting down Russian drones and fighter jets that breach sovereign airspace of the OSCE Member States – just as Türkiye did back in 2015, even before the full-scale war in Europe – and to provide Ukraine with necessary additional assistance to do the same.

Russia's audacity must have its limits, and only through such resolute actions (enough so-called "deep concerns") can we prevent further escalation, and save our region.

I thank you, Madam Chair.