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Statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates, I have the honour to speak on behalf of the following EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Denmark.

and also on behalf of the following participating States that joined this statement: **TBD**

Mr Chair, over the past few months Russia has intensified its attacks across Ukraine, targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure. More recently, on the night of 6-7 September, Russia executed a massive aerial strike, using 810 Shahed-type drones, 9 Iskander-K cruise missiles, and 4 Iskander-M ballistic missiles, the largest number of assets since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine over three and a half years ago. A few days later Russia launched over 400 drones and 40 missiles to hit Ukraine. On 17 September, as Ukraine marked its Rescuer's Day, one rescuer was killed and two were injured.

These and other Russian actions clearly show what EU High Representative Kallas underlined earlier this month, "Putin has zero interest in peace, and he will not stop the war until he is forced to." We resolutely condemn Russia's unprovoked, unjustifiable and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine which constitutes a manifest violation of international law, including the UN Charter, as well as core OSCE principles and commitments and condemn the continued support for it provided by third countries, such as Belarus, the DPRK and Iran.

Furthermore, we strongly condemn the repeated violation of the airspace of our Member States by Russia, most recently of Estonia, Romania and Poland. We urge Russia to refrain from further violations of the sovereignty of EU Member States and to abide by international law. A drill such as ZAPAD-2025 does not demonstrate a commitment to de-escalation and peace.

We also condemn Russia's persistent hybrid campaigns. Over the past years, we have observed a deliberate and systematic pattern of malicious behaviour attributed to Russia. We remain determined to expose and counter Russia's hybrid activities which also target our international partners, and to support our immediate neighbourhood, particularly Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. In that vein, we remain alert to Russia's persistent malign efforts to undermine Moldova's upcoming democratic elections.

Mr Chair, three days ago we observed the International Day of Peace. To further quote High Representative Kallas: "Our message to Russia is simple: this war is not winnable. Leave the battlefield and come to the table with Ukraine." Russia must immediately stop its war of aggression and put an end to the unbearable suffering and devastation it causes and completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders.

The people of Ukraine must have the freedom to decide their future. The path to peace in Ukraine cannot be decided without Ukraine. Meaningful negotiations can only take place in the context of a ceasefire or reduction of hostilities. A just and lasting peace that brings stability and security must respect international law, including the principles of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and that international borders must not be changed by force.

We reaffirm our strong commitment to ensuring full accountability for war crimes and the other most serious crimes committed in connection with Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

The EU and its Member States urge all countries to immediately cease any direct or indirect assistance to Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine. In this vein, and as stated by G7 Foreign Ministers and the HRVP, China is also a decisive enabler of Russia's war.

We will continue providing multi-faceted support, including financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support, to Ukraine and its people to help the country exercise its inherent right to self-defence.

Thank you.