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#### **Statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**

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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**

1. Mr Chair, last week on Thursday, we were presented with the outcome of the work of the mission of experts addressing the treatment of Ukrainian prisoners of war (POWs) by the Russian Federation. This followed the invocation of the Moscow Mechanism earlier this year. In its report, the mission documented a high number of arbitrary killings and executions attributable to the Russian Federation. Evidence includes eyewitness accounts, forensic examinations, intercepted communications and audiovisual material. As the report stated, these executions, often following surrender, constitute violations of international humanitarian law and war crimes. Additionally, documented arbitrary killings in detention may also amount to war crimes.

2. Published last week as well, was a UN Human Rights report which identified human rights violations inflicted on civilian detainees. The report found that “Russian authorities have subjected Ukrainian civilian detainees in occupied territory to torture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence, in a widespread and systematic manner”, a troubling pattern since Russia’s full-scale attack on Ukraine.

3. These reports show that cases of Russia’s mistreatment of POWs and civilian detainees are not isolated incidents. These human rights violations are flagrant violations of the Code of Conduct on politico-military Aspects of Security established by the FSC, especially regarding the protection of prisoners (Code of Conduct article 34), the obligation to alleviate the suffering among the civilian population (Code of Conduct article 19) and the individual responsibility of members of armed forces to act according to International Humanitarian Law, rules, conventions and in consequence to be held individually accountable under those laws (Code of Conduct article 30 and 31).

4. Over the weekend, Russian forces launched a new massive combined air attack against Ukraine with a total of 643 different types of drones and missiles. Kyiv and the surrounding region, as well as Zaporizhzhia, suffered most damage. Extensive destruction was caused to civilian buildings, including a cardiology institute in Kyiv. At least four people were killed in Kyiv, with close to 70 people injured across the country. As is the case with recent violations of EU Member States airspace, these actions are part of a pattern. A pattern that brings suffering to Ukraine and beyond on a daily basis.

5. Through these actions, the Russian Federation continues with its manifest violation of international law, including the UN Charter, as well as core OSCE principles and commitments, including the Code of Conduct. The EU and its Member States resolutely condemn Russia’s illegal, unprovoked and unjustifiable war of aggression. 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.

6. 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.

7. The EU and its Member States reaffirm their continued support for Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders. 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.

8. We strongly condemn support by third countries, and actors and entities therein, which enable Russia to sustain its war of aggression against Ukraine. We condemn the continued military support provided by Iran, Belarus and the DPRK.

9. 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.

10. European Council President António Costa made it very clear at the United Nations Security Council on Ukraine a week ago: "We cannot rewrite history. This war started with an unjustified and illegal attack by Russia. There is only one root cause to this war – Russia's refusal to accept Ukraine's right to choose its own future. [...] The time for peace is now. And now is the time for Russia to stop this aggression."

Thank you.