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EU Statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

1. Mr Chair, the EU and its Member States resolutely condemn Russia's illegal, unprovoked and unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the UN Charter, as well as the OSCE's core principles and commitments.
2. We underline our strong support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law and underpinned by robust and credible security guarantees for Ukraine. Still, as was evidenced at the joint FSC-PC rightly convened last week following Russia's attacks on Kyiv and beyond, Russia again showed it had no genuine interest in peace and continues on its path of escalation.
3. More people were killed and injured in Ukraine in the first four months of 2026 than in the same period in any of the last three years according to the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission. The high civilian casualty rate also continued in May as Russia continued indiscriminate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure across the country. On the night of 2 June, another large-scale Russian attack hit Kyiv and other major cities. In Ukraine's capital, it damaged residential buildings and left at least four people dead and around 60 wounded. In Dnipro, eight people were killed on the same night and more than 30 injured. More people were wounded across the country as Russia also attacked Kharkiv and Chernihiv regions. Just over a week earlier, on the night of 23-24 May Russia also reportedly used the "Oreshnik" intermediate-range ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads. Yet, as European Commission President von der Leyen underlined after the attack: "Terror against civilians is not strength. It's despair."
4. On 29 May, further escalation happened as a result of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. A Russian drone crashed on a residential building in Romania's Galati, injuring two civilians. Russia's reckless actions like this one threaten the safety of citizens across Europe. We again urge Russia to refrain from further

violations of the airspace of the European Union's Member States, which represent a serious threat to regional security. We stand in full solidarity with Romania and its people. We also welcome that a joint FSC-PC was convened yesterday to fully address this matter.

5. We reiterate that Russia is the one that remains responsible for its deliberate war of aggression and its repercussions in Ukraine and beyond. Russia can stop this killing and destruction. We urge Russia to agree to a full, unconditional and immediate ceasefire which is a prerequisite for any meaningful peace negotiations. We reiterate that for peace to be just and lasting, it must respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Borders must not be changed by force, the aggressor cannot be rewarded and Ukraine's long-term security and ability to defend itself must be guaranteed.
6. We also 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. Russia must cooperate with the international investigations and should pay for the destruction it has caused.
7. We call on Russia to stop its aggression and immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders.
8. The EU and its Member States also urge all countries to immediately cease any assistance to Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine, whether direct or indirect, and notably through the provision of dual-use goods and components. In particular, we strongly condemn the deployment of the DPRK's military forces in the war against Ukraine as well as the continued military support provided by Belarus, Iran and the DPRK, among others.
9. Mr Chair, Russia's continued disregard for international norms and obligations was further evidenced by Russia's repeated unacceptable threats against foreign citizens and diplomatic missions in Kyiv which were also voiced within this Organisation. These threats are a concern to all of us.
10. The European Union is not leaving Kyiv, it is not leaving Ukraine and we will continue to stand by it and its people and to provide them with multi-faceted support, including political, financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support.

Thank you.

Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.