



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International  
Organizations in Vienna

**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
in response to the address by Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
H.E. Alain Berset**

**as delivered by Viktoriia Kuvshynnykova, Deputy Permanent Representative of  
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**Mr Chair,  
Mr Secretary General,  
Excellencies,**

(Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. In our national capacity, we wish to add the following remarks.)

On behalf of the delegation of Ukraine, I would like to thank you, Secretary General, for your address.

We highly appreciate your role in keeping support of Ukraine among the key priorities of the Council of Europe, and count on your continued leadership in advancing practical steps in this regard.

For Ukraine, the work of the Council of Europe is vital. In the context of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine, the Council of Europe has become one of the key institutions developing practical mechanisms for accountability, compensation for damage, legal protection, and democratic resilience.

It is important that the dialogue between the OSCE and the Council of Europe is going on. Our organizations have different mandates, but share a common responsibility for Europe.

**Mr Secretary General,**

There can be no lasting peace without justice. The inevitability of accountability must send a clear signal that force cannot replace law, and that aggression cannot remain unpunished. In this regard, advancing the establishment of the **Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine** is of particular importance.

In May 2026, the Council of Europe made a historic step in this direction. We are grateful to the 36 states and the European Union that expressed their intention to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Management Committee of the Special Tribunal, a key part of the architecture of accountability for Russia's war against Ukraine.

The **compensation track** is no less important. We welcome the decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to establish the **Preparatory Committee** for the International Claims Commission. This is a significant move forward towards a fully-fledged international compensation mechanism.

We also highly appreciate the further **expansion of the work of the Register of Damage** Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Behind every compensation claim stands a particular person, family, or community; a destroyed home, a lost business, a damaged school, hospital, or critical infrastructure facility.

**Mr Secretary General,**

During your recent **visit to Kyiv**, you had the opportunity to see with your own eyes the devastating consequences of Russia's war against Ukraine, including the constant threats to critical energy infrastructure.

You also witnessed the resilience of Ukrainians – people who, even under the threat of missile attacks, continue to do their work, provide vital services, and support the functioning of the state.

We welcome the launch of preparations for the **new Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine** “Democratic Security for Ukraine” for 2027–2030. It is important that the new Action Plan be focused on the needs of wartime, recovery, and further alignment with European standards.

**Mr Secretary General,**

Russia's war against Ukraine is an attack not only on one state. It is an attack on the system of international law, the European security architecture, and the principles that are important for both the Council of Europe and the OSCE.

Coordinated work by the two organizations has particular **added value** in **supporting democratic institutions and documenting** the consequences of Russia's war against Ukraine.

We are convinced that the efforts of the Council of Europe and the OSCE in **project work in Ukraine** also mutually reinforce support at a time when our country is defending itself a, continuing reforms, and working on the recovery of the state.

Thank you, Mr Chair.