



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

### **Statement on 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17**

As for delivery by Ambassador Yurii Vitrenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna, to the 1528th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council  
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**Madam Chairperson,**

We thank the delegation of the Netherlands for raising this issue. Having aligned with the EU statement, I would also like to add several remarks in my national capacity.

The downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 is shocking as eleven years ago.

We mourn with their families and loved ones.

On that day, 298 people, including 80 children, became victims of unprovoked and unjustified Russian aggression.

In view of this, the delegation of Ukraine welcomes the recent judgement of the European Court of Human Rights in the case “Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia”.

This unprecedented decision has historic significance for all of Europe and especially for the Netherlands and Ukraine.

The European Court confirmed: The Russian Federation bears responsibility for numerous and systematic violations of the European Convention on Human Rights in the temporarily occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine since 2014.

This is the first decision by an international judicial institution in which Russia has been officially recognized as responsible for shooting down Flight MH17 in 2014.

The Court unequivocally stated: the death of 298 civilians is a violation of the right to life and cannot be justified by any circumstances. Russia has also been found guilty of attempting to obstruct the investigation of the tragedy through disinformation and falsifications.

In view of this decision, the Russian Federation must finally acknowledge its responsibility for this crime, to apologize to the families of the victims and the affected countries, and to pay compensation.

Ukraine will continue to persistently seek justice for all victims, including through the establishment of a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

We must deprive Moscow of its sense of impunity, put an end to its terror and aggression, restore just peace and security for Ukraine and all the countries and people that the Kremlin has chosen as its targets.

**I thank you, Madam Chair.**