



## **Reinforced meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council**

**Statement by Ambassador Martin Frick, Director of the Office for Foreign Affairs,  
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Mr Chairman,

Liechtenstein has aligned itself with the statement of the European Union and would like to add the following remarks:

I wish to commend the Polish OSCE Chairpersonship for organising this Reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council. It is important to discuss Russia's recent violations of our organization's fundamental principles. Last week, Russia further escalated its aggression against Ukraine by supporting the organisation of "sham referenda" and with irresponsible nuclear rhetoric threatening the use of weapons of mass destruction.

Let me be clear: Liechtenstein condemns the Russian aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a blatant violation of international law and of the post-World-War-II order. Ending the aggression against Ukraine and ensuring full accountability for all crimes committed must be our highest priority in the interest of peace and security.

The "sham referenda" in Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine are in violation of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and in breach of international law and the constitution of Ukraine. Liechtenstein will never recognize these "sham referenda" and its pretended results. They are simply illegal and make indeed a mockery of the right to self-determination.



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We also condemn in the strongest possible terms the threat of the use of nuclear weapons. Nuclear threats are unacceptable at any time, by anyone. They increase the risk of escalation to a nuclear conflict.

Mr. Chairman,

Liechtenstein condemns the systematic and large-scale war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Russia. Comprehensive monitoring by the international community is of utmost importance. In this regard, the work under the Moscow Mechanism has played a central role.

We believe that those who have individual criminal responsibility for the aggression against Ukraine must be held accountable in a court of law, on the basis of existing international law and under the umbrella of the United Nations system. We are committed to working with those who share this objective. We are also committed to assist in the effort to ensure state responsibility for the enormous damages inflicted on Ukraine.

Mr Chairman,

We see today's meeting as a strong message of unity. Liechtenstein will continue to stand with Ukraine and continue its support.

I thank you.