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Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna

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Mr Chairperson,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement by the European Union. In addition, I would like to make some points in my national capacity.

First of all, let me express our gratitude to the FSC Chairpersonship of Croatia for the leadership and reiterate Ukraine's full support for its approaches to the organisation of the FSC meetings.

Ukraine strongly condemns yet another decision of the Russian delegation to block the plenary meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC). The Russian Federation may think that by blocking the FSC meeting and misusing the Rules of Procedure it demonstrates its power. In reality, it demonstrates a total disregard for the principles and common values this Organisation is built on and a fear of being again alone in its pathetic attempts to justify its aggression.

We would like to stress that the Russian delegation, as in all previous cases, is completely alone in its objection. Not a single other participating State in this room supports its destructive approach. We believe this is an illustrative example of Russian isolation.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.