



**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF PORTUGAL  
TO THE OSCE**

**1390<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Permanent Council**

**22 September 2022**

**Statement by Portugal on the aggression of the Russian  
Federation against Ukraine**

Mr. Chair,

Portugal fully aligns itself with the statement by the European Union.

Allow me to add the following in my national capacity:

The ongoing war of aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine is **indefensible**. It is taking a heavy toll on the population in Ukraine and it raises deep concerns about human rights and international humanitarian law violations which may amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes.

**Portugal reiterates its full support to all efforts to hold any perpetrators of such crimes to account.**

Plans to hold so-called “**referenda**” for annexation into Russia of temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine are **totally unacceptable** and, if materialised, **their outcome will not be recognised**.

Portugal renews its strong solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people and its **unwavering support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine** within its internationally recognised borders.

Thank you.