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### **Statement on The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine**

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Thank you, Chair,

We fully align with the statements of the 26 EU Member States and the NB8 countries, but please allow me to add the following in my national capacity.

While talks to bring peace to Ukraine continue, Russia has again chosen to intensify its brutal war of aggression. Russia's attacks on Ukraine on the night of 8-9 January constituted yet another outrage and yet another escalation.

Russia launched hundreds of drones and missiles at Ukraine's cities, resulting in a least four civilian dead and 25 wounded in Kyiv alone. In a so-called double-tap strike, a rescue worker was killed.

We recall that intentionally directing attacks against civilians is a serious violation of International Humanitarian Law and constitutes a war crime.

Russia also struck key sites in Ukraine's energy grid, leaving half of Kyiv's homes without heating. This is part of the Kremlin's ongoing efforts to use winter as a weapon of war.

We recall that attacking objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population is prohibited under International Humanitarian Law.

The airstrikes included the deployment of a hypersonic ballistic missile, which hit the outskirts of Lviv. Hitting a city only a short distance from NATO and EU territory with such a missile is a reminder of Russia's recklessness and has again demonstrated its willingness to escalate.

Denmark condemns these shocking and reckless actions. This was only the latest appalling episode in the Kremlin's ongoing and systematic acts of aggression.

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Chairperson,

Despite intense engagement between Kyiv and Washington, we have only seen bad-faith participation by Moscow in peace talks. Russia's response to diplomacy has been to inflict more death and destruction on the people of Ukraine.

As we have repeatedly said, Russia must end its war of aggression against Ukraine. The first step must be an immediate, full and unconditional ceasefire. This is exactly what Ukraine has been offering for almost a year now.

In the absence of President Putin showing a sudden and dramatic change of heart, the international community must apply more pressure and do all it can to compel Russia to seriously walk the Path to Peace.

I thank you, Chair.