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The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine

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Mr. Chair,

Four years ago today, Russia launched its war of aggression against Ukraine. Violating the UN Charter and the OSCE commitments.

Four years of tremendous human suffering. Four years of Ukraine fighting bravely, to defend their people and territory.

Denmark welcomes the ongoing diplomatic efforts for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace. But Russia shows no real interest in peace. Instead, they are escalating attacks on civilians as we speak.

Targeting essential infrastructure. And leaving millions without water, electricity and heating.

During one of the coldest winters in recent years.

Chair,

One of OSCE's important contributions is the use of the Moscow Mechanism. And the monitoring performed by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

These instruments continue to shed light on Russia's brutal war of aggression in Ukraine. Documenting serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Documenting strikes against civilians. And arbitrary detention of civilians.
Documenting abductions and re-education of Ukrainian children. As well as the
intensified repression inside Russia itself.

Russia must account for its atrocities.

Chair,

I emphasize my country's full and unwavering support for Ukraine. Their
independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. And for a comprehensive, just and
lasting peace.

Our objective remains the same. To place Ukraine in a position of strength. Not to
prolong, but to end the war. To deter Russia from future aggression.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.