



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International  
Organizations in Vienna

**Statement in response to the Report by Ms. Catherine Fearon,  
Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre**

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**Mr. Chairperson, Madam Director, Dear Colleagues,**

The Delegation of Ukraine welcomes Madame Catherine Fearon, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, to the Permanent Council.

**Madam Director,**

Ukraine would like to express its appreciation for the continued support of the CPC and your personal commitment in helping the Special Representative of the Chairpersonship-in-Office - OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Ambassador Mareš to implement OSCE projects in Ukraine.

We are especially grateful for the CPC's valuable assistance in organizing the visit of the OSCE Ambassadors to Ukraine on 1–2 July 2025. This timely and relevant visit significantly contributed to a deeper understanding of the OSCE's role on the ground in the context of Russia's ongoing war.

We believe that what was witnessed first-hand – the scale of devastation caused by Russia – should serve as the strongest antidote to the constant lies and disinformation we hear from the Russian delegation at every PC meeting.

The visit of Ambassadors to a residential building recently struck by a Russian air attack in Kyiv was not only a symbolic act of solidarity, but also an important step in strengthening the OSCE's response to Russia's escalating attacks.

This is particularly important considering Russia's intensified disinformation campaign concerning alleged "war fatigue."

We need more such visits, and the CPC's leadership in facilitating them is deeply appreciated.

As we prepare for further project implementation after 31 July, allow me to reiterate that OSCE projects in Ukraine must, first and foremost, address the needs arising directly from Russia's war of aggression.

I would also like to take this opportunity and to express Ukraine's sincere gratitude to all donors for the generous contributions.

We appreciate the efforts of the CPC in helping the Special Representative of the Chairpersonship-in-Office - OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine to enhance the capabilities of Ukraine's law enforcement agencies in preventing and countering the illicit trafficking of weapons, ammunition, and explosives (WAE). Let me reiterate that the problem, which the relevant OSCE project is aimed at solving, is related, in particular, to the illicit trafficking in WAE through the temporarily uncontrolled part of

the State border of Ukraine, including as a result of the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

In this regard, we welcome continued close cooperation between the OSCE Secretariat – especially the CPC – and the Office of the Special Representative of the Chairpersonship-in-Office - OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.

**Excellencies,**

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act – a foundational document grounded on the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of participating States as well as the non-use of force – we need forward-looking proposals on how the OSCE should respond to the Russian threat to European security and cooperation.

And the OSCE itself has suffered because of Russia's aggression.

Three representatives of the OSCE Secretariat remain in Russian captivity for the fourth consecutive year.

Against this backdrop, Ukraine reiterates its high expectations for the Conflict Prevention Centre.

Our Organization needs a strategic vision and policy recommendations how to address the Russian crisis.

The identification and naming of the main threat, namely the Russian war, must be a starting point.

We believe that the CPC can and must play a leading role according to the Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/11 "On the Elements of Conflict Cycle", adopted in Vilnius.

Dear Kate, you can count on our full support in this regard.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**