



### **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE**

As delivered by Military Adviser Colonel Bjørn Gaute Herlyng at the Forum for Security Cooperation,

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Mr. Chair,

As evidenced by several previous speakers, the war of aggression imposed by the Russian federation on the sovereign neighbour state Ukraine is continuing, even as there are also discussions of ceasefire or a peace agreement, which Norway supports.

Norway reiterates that a peaceful solution must be sought as early as possible, but a just and lasting peace can only be achieved through strength, not submission, with Ukraine and Europe at the negotiation table.

Norway will continue to support Ukraine. As a part of this effort, the EU sanctions package number 15 was fully implemented in Norwegian law 19 February 2025. As with several previous packages, this package, among other issues, seeks to limit Russia's ability to continue the war in Ukraine, this time in particular with restrictions on the shadow fleet transporting goods to and from Russia.

Russia has illegally and unjustified attacked a neighbouring state. Russia can end this war instantly by stopping all attacks and move its forces outside of Ukraine's internationally recognised borders. Norway calls upon Russia to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.