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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands
As delivered by Ms. Suzanne de Groot, Chargée d’Affaires a.i.
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**Agenda item 1
The Russian Federation’s ongoing aggression against Ukraine**

The Netherlands fully aligns with the EU statement. In addition, I would like to add the following remarks in my national capacity.

As the Dutch minister of Foreign Affairs pointed out at the Reinforced Special Permanent Council last Monday, the need for a real and durable peace for Ukraine is patently clear, as is the need for a stable Europe. The Netherlands sincerely wants to believe that Russia intends to end the war, and that it will engage in negotiations in good faith. But true and lasting peace cannot be imposed by the aggressor. This means Ukraine needs to be an equal participant in the negotiations and Europe needs a seat at the table. And Europe needs to support Ukraine so that it can negotiate from a position of strength – and so that Ukraine will be able to deter any renewed Russian aggression.