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The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine
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Thank you Chair,

Ireland fully aligns with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of EU Member States and I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Chair,

Ireland stands in full solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they mourn yet more tragic loss of life resulting from Russia's unprovoked aggression.

Rather than de-escalating its brutal war against Ukraine, we have seen attacks by Russia increase in scale and intensity, with civilians - including children - continuing to suffer the consequences.

The attacks against Ukraine over the weekend were among the largest drone and missile strikes by Russia. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of all of those affected by these horrific attacks.

Homes and civilian infrastructure were also destroyed, and we saw the first strikes on Government buildings in Kyiv. We also mourn the tragic deaths on 4 September of two people from the Danish Refugee Council, who were killed while carrying out vital de-mining work. The EU Delegation and the British Council premises in Kyiv have also been damaged in attacks.

Chair,

This war, and the threat posed by Russia, is an existential issue for Ukraine, but it is also a major challenge to the security of Europe.

Ireland remains steadfast in our calls for Russia to halt its criminal attacks and to agree to a full and unconditional ceasefire.

Russia started this war. It is for them to stop their aggression and to show through actions their willingness to achieve peace.

The targeting of civilians, violations of international law, and the systematic violation of the principles in the Helsinki Final Act, cannot continue to be carried out with impunity. Russia must be held accountable for all of its crimes in Ukraine.

Ukraine must have strong, credible guarantees that ensure it can defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ireland has always insisted that an end to the war must be obtained through diplomatic means, with the full participation of Ukraine in any peace talks. Together with our partners, Ireland will continue to work towards a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace and security for Ukraine.

Thank you Chair.