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Mr Chairperson,

Ukraine aligns itself with the Statement, delivered by the EU under this agenda item. In my national capacity, I wish to add the following remarks.

Ukraine thanks the Chairpersonship of Finland for organizing today’s Security Dialogue on “Resilience through Comprehensive Security”.

This topic could not be more timely. For nearly four years, Ukraine has been defending itself against Russia’s full-scale war of aggression – a war that has tested not only our military capabilities, but also the resilience of our society, our state institutions, and our very understanding of comprehensive security.

Resilience is not an abstract concept for Ukraine. It is our daily reality – the key to our survival and our strength.

Before turning to the substance of today’s discussion, I must draw attention to yet another grave crime committed by the aggressor-state against Ukraine.

On 10 October, Russia carried out another massive, coordinated strike against Ukraine’s civilian and critical infrastructure – cynically timed to coincide with the anniversary of its first large-scale attack on Ukraine’s energy system in 2022.

The strikes hit power stations, substations, water and heating facilities, causing widespread damage. Emergency blackouts were introduced in several regions; gas and water suppliers were disrupted. As a result of this large-scale strike, numerous civilian casualties were recorded across Ukraine. Tragically, among the victims was a seven-year-old boy killed in Zaporizhzhia, while dozens of other civilians were injured in various regions.

The destruction of critical energy infrastructure has left many people without power in the Kyiv, Kharkiv, Poltava, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro and other regions following these Russian attacks on civilian energy facilities. This situation is particularly dire given the onset of the cold season and falling temperatures.

There should be no doubt that it was a cynical and calculated attack targeting everything that sustains normal life, everything the Russians want to deprive people of Ukraine. Such actions are nothing more but yet another prove that Russia is waging genocidal war aimed at erasing Ukraine from the world map.

Distinguished Colleagues,

In Ukraine, civil society has become a strategic pillar of national defence.

From the first days of Russia's invasion, volunteers, NGOs, journalists, educators, and private businesses have all played crucial roles – not merely in humanitarian support, but in sustaining the state's ability to function under attack.

Beyond logistics and aid, civil society contributes to defence through innovation, accountability, and social mobilization.

Ukrainian volunteer networks have helped develop drone technologies, digital battlefield tools, and medical evacuation systems. Civil society monitors procurement transparency and keeps public trust in the Armed Forces high.

This partnership between citizens and the military is not improvised – it has become institutional. Ukraine's "whole-of-society defence model" shows that when people are trusted and empowered, they become an integral part of deterrence and defence.

Esteemed Colleagues,

Psychological resilience is as essential to national defence as physical armour. Russia's strategy includes not only missiles and tanks but also exhaustion, intimidation, and despair. The Kremlin seeks to break Ukraine's will before breaking its lines.

That is why psychological resilience – both individual and collective – is a strategic resource. In Ukraine, this resilience is sustained through unity, trust in our Armed Forces, and the understanding that our struggle is just.

Civil-military cooperation plays a decisive role in this. Soldiers and civilians share one information space, one social fabric, and one goal. The Armed Forces engage with local communities, volunteer groups, and psychologists to provide mental health support for service members and their families. Conversely, civil society helps ensure that the voices of soldiers are heard, their needs met, and their sacrifices respected.

This mutual respect between military and civilians is what transforms resistance into resilience – and resilience into victory.

Mr Chairperson,

Russia's aggression against Ukraine has shown that conventional warfare today is inseparable from hybrid warfare – particularly disinformation, cyberattacks, and psychological operations.

The OSCE, as a security community built on comprehensive principles, is well positioned to strengthen collective resilience against such threats.

First, the OSCE should enhance mechanisms for countering disinformation – both through capacity-building and support for independent media.

Second, it should support participating States in developing psychological defence frameworks, including training for information literacy and critical thinking.

Finally, the OSCE must continue to call things by their names.

The erosion of security principles begins when aggression is tolerated or disguised. By maintaining clarity and truth, this Organization strengthens the moral and political resilience of its participating States.

Mr Chairperson,

Ukraine's experience demonstrates that resilience is not simply about recovery – it is about purpose, unity, and legitimacy.

We defend our country not only with weapons, but with conviction.

Civil society, the Armed Forces, and every citizen are part of one defence ecosystem. Together, they represent the most powerful manifestation of comprehensive security in action.

Ukraine stands ready to share its experience and to continue building a resilient, united, and secure OSCE community in the face of Russia's ongoing war of aggression.

I thank you, Mr Chairperson.