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Mr. Chair,

I am taking the floor not only on behalf of the Czech Republic which I am representing here, but also on behalf of all Member States of the European Union represented in this Council. We want to reiterate that we remain true to the rules and principles of the international law and the UN Charter and we promote the peaceful resolution of disputes among States. In this regard, let me express our full solidarity with Ukraine and our condemnation, in the strongest possible terms, of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified act of military aggression against this sovereign independent country. This aggression grossly violates international law, including the UN Charter, and undermines international security and stability. We stand firmly with Ukraine and its people in standing up against this cruel aggression.

We call on Russia to put an end to the war it started and to end the tragic suffering and loss of life it continues to cause. We call on Russia to immediately comply with the legally binding order of the International Court of Justice and to abide by the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and stop its military aggression – to cease fire, and immediately and unconditionally withdraw its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.