

*Mr. Secretary General,*

*Excellencies,*

*Dear Colleagues,*

First of all, let me thank *(not named for security reasons)* and *(not named for security reasons)* for their statements. When I see such brave Ukrainian people, when I see this spirit of fight, I can only quote the Ukrainian anthem: *Szcze ne wmerła Ukrajiny i sława, i wola* which means: *Ukraine's glory has never perished, nor freedom, nor will*, because the freedom can never be defeated.

*Mr. Secretary General,*

I would like to pay tribute to all Ukrainian people for their brave fight against the Russian aggression. The aggression which is fully unjustified, unprovoked and illegal. The Ukrainians defend their homeland and sovereignty but they also defend the very basic values and principles we all stand for, particularly we, the members of the Communities of Democracies. This is why, the Russian attack on Ukraine is the attack on all of us.

*Mr. Secretary General,*

We express full solidarity and support for the democratic authorities and the Ukrainian people. We see this feeling of solidarity everyday. We consistently support the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its international recognized borders.

Poland deplores in the strongest terms the ongoing military aggression by Russia against Ukraine. The Russian aggression on the independent country is a brutal act of rape against the norms of international law, including the UN Charter. It is a clear rejection by Russia of its international obligations under the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris, the Budapest Memorandum, the NATO-Russia Founding Act, and the Minsk Agreements. Russia is a permanent member of the UN Security Council – a permanent member which is in charge of sustaining international peace and security. Russia rose against the very core obligations as a member of international community, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

*Mr. Secretary General,*

The Russia invasion constitutes a direct attack on the Euro-Atlantic security architecture and the entire international order, with enormous geostrategic consequences. Russia excludes itself from the international community.

We are also alarmed and devastated by the human impact of the ongoing military aggression by Russia, including in particular civilian deaths, hundreds of thousands of displaced persons, and fatal incidents caused by the use of missile strikes and bombs. The indiscriminate attack against the civilian population, against hospitals, is a crime. And those responsible for these crimes will be identified and sooner or later, held accountable. We deplore the loss of life of the civilians in Ukraine, including children. Protection of civilians, by now so openly violated by the aggressor, must remain the priority. I think this is not a matter of choice, it is the matter of international law.

*Mr. Secretary General, thank you*