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The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine
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Mr Chair,

Ireland fully aligns with the statement made by the EU and I would like to add some comments in our national capacity.

The marking of the 1000th day since Russia launched its illegal and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine is a tragic milestone.

Russia's abhorrent actions in Ukraine have resulted in the loss of countless lives, appalling suffering and untold destruction. Deliberate targeting by Russia of civilians and civilian infrastructure, which is prohibited by international law, continues week after week, in blatant disregard of Russia's international obligations.

The horror visited on civilians in Ukraine due to relentless Russian attacks as well as the appalling treatment of the civilian population in temporarily occupied areas will leave a deep and lasting legacy in our region.

It is precisely this horror that the Helsinki Final Act, and all the decisions that have flowed from it, were designed to prevent.

The principles set out in the Helsinki Final Act are the foundation for a region free from conflict, as long as all participating States respect them.

Ireland reiterates its call on the Russian Federation to uphold its obligations under international law and its international commitments, to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to immediately and unconditionally withdraw its forces from within Ukraine's internationally recognised borders.

We also call on Russia to immediately release all those who have been arbitrarily or illegally detained as part of its war of aggression, including the three OSCE SMM officials, Vadym Golda, Maksym Petrov and Dmytro Shabanov.

Thank you, Mr Chair.