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### **EU Statement on the Special Discussion on the Escalatory Use of Strategic Weaponry in Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine**

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1. Chairs, thank you for providing us with the opportunity to discuss pressing issues that have far-reaching repercussions for our collective security, both within the OSCE region and beyond. The European Union is gravely concerned by the latest developments in Russia's ongoing illegal, unprovoked and unjustifiable war of aggression against Ukraine, in blatant violation of international law and core OSCE principles and commitments. On 21 November, Russia launched an attack on Dnipro, reportedly using a new type of intermediate-range, nuclear-capable ballistic missile. This escalatory act came just days after Moscow presented an updated nuclear doctrine, clearly aimed at intimidating Ukraine, its international supporters, and the broader international community. Let us be clear: these attempts at coercion will not succeed. On the contrary, they only strengthen our resolve.
2. Russia's reckless and escalatory actions, combined with its irresponsible nuclear rhetoric, demonstrate the Kremlin's insincerity about peace and peace negotiations, its contempt for international law, and its utter disregard for human life. The EU and its Member States remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Ukraine in its rightful self-defence against Russia's war of aggression.
3. For over 1,000 days, Russia has conducted and intensified its war of aggression against Ukraine, with devastating consequences for civilian populations and regional stability. The EU echoes the urgent 25 November appeal of UN experts for an immediate end to Russia's deliberate, systematic attacks on Ukraine's electricity system and power grid that pose a grave risk of a catastrophic nuclear incident.

Chairs,

4. Earlier this month, Russia's introduction of over 11,000 North Korean soldiers into the Kursk region marked another dangerous escalation. The EU strongly condemns the DPRK's deployment of troops and provision of arms to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine, in violation of the UN Charter and fundamental principles of international law. These destabilising and illegal actions endanger regional and international peace and security, from Europe to the Indo-Pacific region. We strongly call on Russia and the DPRK to immediately cease their unlawful military cooperation and to withdraw DPRK troops from Russia.
5. We call on the OSCE executive structures to make full use of the OSCE Conflict Cycle toolbox at their disposal to provide proper early warning and prevention of further escalation.
6. The EU reiterates its strong condemnation of third countries' continued support for Russia's illegal war and continues to urge them to cease all assistance. This includes not only direct military support but also the provision of dual-use goods and sensitive items that sustain Russia's military industrial base and fuel its ongoing aggression.
7. We urge the aggressor, Russia, to immediately stop its senseless war, and to completely and unconditionally withdraw all its forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders.
8. The EU, together with its international partners, will continue to provide comprehensive support to Ukraine in its rightful self-defence against Russia's war of aggression. This includes stepping up the delivery of essential military assistance, particularly air defence systems, to protect Ukraine's people.

Thank you, Chairs.

The Candidate Countries NORTH MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ALBANIA\*, UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA\*, and GEORGIA, the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

\*North Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.