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Reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council
Statement by H.E. Dominique Hasler,
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Mr. Chairman,

Liechtenstein thanks the North Macedonian Chairpersonship for the timely initiative to convene this reinforced meeting of the Permanent Council. One year after Russia started its full-scale war of aggression in Ukraine, it is indeed the right moment to re-affirm our messages:

- to condemn this war of aggression in the strongest terms as a blatant violation of international law and a breach of the fundamental rules of the international order, including core OSCE principles;
- to call for the immediate cessation of the use of force by Russia and the withdrawal of its troops;
- to express our unwavering solidarity with Ukraine and our strong support for its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Russia's ongoing violation of the principle of refraining from the use of force is particularly grave, because it entails tragic humanitarian consequences and has a serious impact on the foundation of the European security order as a whole. Liechtenstein therefore reiterates its call for compliance with international humanitarian law and for the protection of civilians. We must continue to devote our utmost attention to the serious humanitarian impact of the war.

Mr. Chairman,

In late November, as part of a trip to Kyiv by eight European women politicians, I was able to get a personal impression of the scale of the suffering and the brutal consequences of the war. Women and children continue to be particularly hard hit. Trafficking in human beings is one of the very painful consequences.

In response to the dire impact of the war on the civilian population, Liechtenstein has proven its solidarity with the people of Ukraine and will continue to do so. This includes our financial support to projects in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries, including OSCE projects, for example to combat trafficking in human beings.

As a final point, Mr. Chairman, I would like to stress that there must be accountability for the massive violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by the Russian armed forces. This is why Liechtenstein, in the OSCE, has been supporting the invocations of the Moscow Mechanism and the highly relevant work of ODIHR. We also continue to be a strong advocate for the establishment of a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

Mr. Chairman,

I kindly request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

I thank you.