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## **STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires a.i. Knut Are Okstad at the  
Special Permanent Council, Vienna,  
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### **Thank you, Mr. Chair**

Norway strongly condemns Russia's brutal missile attack on Kryvyi Rih. The images emerging from this city are horrific and heartbreaking. Innocent children have once again become victims of Russia's strikes on residential areas.

Our thoughts are with the victims, their families, and all Ukrainians suffering through these tragic days. Ukraine has our unwavering support. We will continue to stand with Ukraine—politically, economically, and most importantly, militarily—because it is through decisive military support that we can help Ukraine defend itself, deter further aggression, and ultimately bring about a just and lasting peace.

Russia must immediately cease its attacks on civilians and withdraw from Ukrainian territory. Accountability must and will follow.

I thank you.

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