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**Statement of the European Union and its Member States on the Russian aggression against Ukraine**

(Prepared by the European Union and its Member States)

The European Union and its Member States express their full solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The European Union and its Member States condemn in the strongest possible terms Russia's unprovoked and unjustified act of aggression against Ukraine, which grossly violates international law and the United Nations Charter, and undermines international security and stability. The European Union and its Member States demand that Russia immediately cease its military actions, withdraw all its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine and fully respect Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence within its internationally recognised borders and abide by United Nations General Assembly resolution titled "Aggression against Ukraine" supported by 141 states at the 11th emergency special session. The European Union and its Member States resolutely support Ukraine's inherent right of self-defence and the Ukrainian armed forces' efforts to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity and population in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. At all times Russia must respect its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, including with respect to the protection of civilians, women and children. Russia also needs to stop its disinformation campaign and cyber-attacks.