



Statement of Ambassador Kristín A. Árnadóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland, at the 1360th Special Permanent Council Meeting, Vienna, 3 March 2022.

Mr. Chair,

While Iceland aligns with the statement of the European Union, I ask for the floor to make few remarks in my national capacity.

Let me stress at the outset Iceland's unwaivering support for the the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, within its internationally recognised borders.

Iceland stands with countries across all continents in condemning the brutal and unprovoked attack of Russia on Ukraine - a flagrant violation of international law.

Yesterday's historic vote in the UN General Assembly shows that the world wants a world built on the vision of peace and prosperity enshrined in the UN Charter.

Meanwhile, Russia, a member of our organisations and a permanent member of the UN Security Council - has chosen the path of war and destruction, invaded the sovereign country of Ukraine, with all the destruction and human suffering a war entails.

Mr Chair

Iceland is firmly committed to play its part in responding to the urgent needs expressed by Ukraine.

Innocent civilians are already suffering, lives are already being lost and we are looking at consequences that will not only be horrific for Ukraine, but also tragic for the whole of Europe and the world.

Russia bears full responsibility for this military aggression and all the destruction and loss of life it will cause.

We stand in full unity with Ukraine and call on Russia to stop this senseless war and to immediately withdraw all its forces from Ukraine without precondition.

I ask that my statement to be attached to the journal of the day.

Slava Ukraini.