



Statement of Ireland

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Honourable Chair,

Distinguished Director-General,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Poland on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

Ireland commends WHO for its unwavering commitment and exceptional leadership in responding to and coordinating health responses in complex humanitarian situations.

Since the launch of Russia's unprovoked and illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Ireland has been clear in our unwavering support for

the Ukrainian people, and, remain deeply concerned about the continuing impact of Russia's aggression on Ukraine's health system and its people overall

The destruction of critical health and civilian infrastructure, disruption of medical supply chains, and displacement of health workers continue to pose significant challenges to healthcare delivery resulting in declining health of Ukrainians. We are deeply concerned at attacks on health and health workers which directly impact people's ability to access essential services. We especially note the particular vulnerability of women and girl of reproductive age who are often amongst the most vulnerable during crisis and conflict.

We applaud the efforts of the WHO in maintaining and strengthening the health system in Ukraine under extremely challenging circumstances. Their work in ensuring the delivery of essential medical supplies and equipment and facilitating medical evacuations has been instrumental in preserving health and care services for those affected by the unjustified war.

Ireland remains committed to supporting the work of the WHO to meet the health need of those living in Ukraine.

Thank you