



Statement of Ireland

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Chair,

Ireland aligns with the statement delivered by Poland.

Ireland condemns the latest Russian missile attacks on Kyiv, Sumy, Odesa and other Ukrainian cities, as well as on Ukraine's critical civilian infrastructure. The deliberate targeting of civilians is reprehensible.

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

We are deeply concerned by the attacks on healthcare facilities and health workers, which directly impact people's ability to access essential services. In particular, we note how the vulnerabilities of women and girls are being exasperated as humanitarian needs continue to rise.

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.

We reaffirm our respect and admiration for the people of Ukraine after three years of terrible war.

They are a brave and resilient people who have won the admiration of millions of people in Ireland, Europe, and far beyond.

Ireland joins calls for a full, unconditional ceasefire of at least 30 days. As the aggressor, it is now for Russia to demonstrate a genuine commitment towards peace by halting its brutal attacks and implementing the proposed ceasefire, without conditions