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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Council.

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL ON

RUSSIA'S WAR ON UKRAINE AND ITS IMPACT ON R&I

The Council, stresses that the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine grossly violates international law and is causing massive loss of life and injury to civilians and that the war in Ukraine has jeopardized the scientific and technological capabilities of Ukraine.

The Council recalls that the respect for human rights and peaceful relations between nations forms the foundation of international cooperation in the field of R&I and that the violation of these principles is a threat to individual researchers.

The Council stresses therefore the need to implement coordinated mechanisms, taking into account the existing national measures, in order to welcome researchers who are no longer able to work in their own countries because they are threatened or persecuted such as the Ukrainian scientists who were forced to flee due to the armed conflict. Moreover, the Council highlights the necessity to put in place appropriate support to allow Ukraine to regain its scientific capacities.

The Council welcomes the decision to suspend existing and new cooperation with public entities in Russia initiated by the European Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

The Council highlights in that context the relevance of science diplomacy as an important tool for the pursuit of values and principles of international cooperation as well as for linking up R&I policies and overarching policy goals.
