



PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA  
to the International Organizations in Vienna

**Statement by Romania  
at the 1393th Special Meeting of the Permanent Council on 11 October 2022**

Mr. Chair,

Romania fully subscribes to the statement by the European Union. In addition, we would like to make the following remarks in national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

Convening of yet another special meeting of the Permanent Council in light of the intensified and indiscriminate attacks by the Russia Federation against civilians in Ukraine was much needed and we thank the Polish Chairpersonship in this regard.

Romania strongly condemns Russia's recent missile strikes against and shelling of civilians and civilian infrastructure in Kyiv, Zaporizhzhia and many other Ukrainian cities, resulting in tragic loss of human lives. We mourn with the families of the victims in these dark moments.

Deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure and killing of innocent civilians, by the Russian Federation, are horrendous. They constitute blatant violations of international humanitarian law, amount to war crimes and must stop immediately. Romania is joining all efforts of the international community in holding those responsible accountable. Abiding by International Humanitarian Law is not optional.

We are also extremely concerned that three cruise missiles were launched from Russian ships in the Black Sea and violated the airspace of another sovereign state, Republic of Moldova. This represents a serious incident that contributes to further escalation of tensions in the region.

Mr. Chair,

As stated on many occasions, Romania strongly condemns and will not recognize any attempts by the occupying power to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, be it: the illegal so-called referenda; the attempted annexation of four regions of Ukraine temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation; the attempts to replace democratically elected and legitimate Ukrainian administration; the simplified process for issuing Russian passports to Ukrainian citizens; the attempts to introduce the Russian rouble or to impose the Russian curricula. We will never recognise any illegal entities nor annexation of Ukraine's territory.

Romania will continue to support Ukraine and the Ukrainian people affected by Russia's illegal, unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression. We reiterate our firm call to the Russian Federation to immediately and unconditionally stop this aggression and withdraw all its military forces and equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine, within its internationally recognized borders. We also reiterate our call on Belarus to stop enabling the Russian aggression and to abide by its international obligations.

Thank you.