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**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International  
Organizations in Vienna

**Statement by the delegation of Ukraine  
(also on behalf of Canada, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom)**

As delivered by Ambassador Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk,  
Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna,  
to the 1254<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

On behalf of Canada, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Ukraine, the delegations of the OSCE participating States present here today, let me thank you for your kind words of support and condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of this tragic catastrophe of a passenger aircraft of Ukraine International Airlines near Tehran International Airport.

176 innocent lives have been lost: citizens of Iran, Canada, Ukraine, Sweden, Afghanistan, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The circumstances of this catastrophe are still unclear. It is now up to the experts to investigate it and to find answers to the question of what caused the crash. To do so, our experts must receive unconditional support for their investigation into the incident.

We are grateful to all participating States, the Albanian Chairmanship and all others who expressed their condolences today and yesterday in phone calls, letters, messages and statements. We will convey them to those concerned.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**