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## **Permanent Mission of Ukraine**

to the International Organizations in Vienna

## **Statement on Europe's Day**

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## Madam Chairperson,

The Ukrainian Delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to make short remarks in our national capacity.

Ten years ago, during the Revolution of Dignity, the Ukrainian people under the EU flags got united to defend their future and aspirations to live in a free, democratic and united Europe.

Then, common European values, human dignity and the rule of law inspired the Ukrainians to stand against attempts to deprive them of their choice and rights.

Ten years later, one can see the Ukrainian flags across Europe as a manifestation of Europe's solidarity, unity and resolve in helping Ukraine to resist the aggression and defend our common future.

This is how we stand together against russia's attempts to plunge Europe into a chaos of division, revanchism and the rule of force.

Likewise, ten years after the Revolution of Dignity, Ukraine's aspirations to become a full-fledged member of the European family are as strong as ever.

This ambitious European project remains a driving and transformative force for Ukraine to live up to the shared values of freedom, human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Colleagues, thanks to our unwavering solidarity, the aggressor has gained nothing.

Neither in his plans to conquer Ukraine, nor in his tries to divide Europe. Neither ten years ago, nor nowadays.

We must maintain this unity, solidarity and faith in order to protect the peace and security in Europe, to stop the ongoing war of aggression and empower the European project.

This is how we can also uphold the OSCE's shared values and principles.

This is how we can pay tribute to the sacrifice of millions of people in the defeat of Nazism during World War II.

And this is how we can learn lessons from World War II and overcome the legacies of that tragic past.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.