



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

## **Statement on the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2008 Russian-Georgian war**

As delivered by Ambassador Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk,  
Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna, to the 1239<sup>th</sup>  
meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

My delegation has joined the statement of the Group of Friends of Georgia on 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Russian military invasion of Georgia and aligned to the EU statement in this regard.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has also made the statement on the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the beginning of the direct armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Georgia.

Ukraine strongly condemns Russia's war against Georgia, the continued illegal occupation of Georgia's sovereign territories in Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, as well as Russia's occupation regime actions aimed at their actual annexation.

We reiterate our solidarity and reaffirm steadfast support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity in its internationally recognized borders, share the necessity of peaceful conflict resolution based on fundamental principles and norms of international law, as well as support the implementation of "A Step to a Better Future" peaceful initiative by the Government of Georgia.

Practice shows that the policy of appeasement of the aggressor, making Russian-Georgian conflict frozen, has resulted in the direct armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine in February 2014.

Ukraine calls on the international community to continue consolidated measures to restore the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the states suffering from Russia's aggressive policies.

We appeal to the mediators of the Geneva International Discussions and the entire international community to continue to make efforts to resolve the Russian-Georgian conflict.

In the conclusion, I would like to reiterate that Ukraine condemns so-called "boderisation" in Gugutiankari, as well as the fake "elections", held under the control of the Russian Federation on August 25, 2019 in the occupied territory of Abkhazia, Georgia.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**