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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine
on “Escalation of Situation along the Line of Contact
in the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Zone”**

As for delivery by Ambassador Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk
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Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine deeply regrets that the large-scale military actions along the Line of Contact in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone have already resulted in numerous casualties, including among civilians, on both sides of the conflict. We send our sincere condolences to the families of those who perished or were wounded in the battle actions.

Ukraine supports consistent actions by the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group and the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk aimed at achieving de-escalation of the recent flare-up and stabilization of the situation on the ground. These are essential preconditions for continuation of negotiations based on the fundamental principles and norms of the international law thus paving the way to peaceful resolution of this decades old conflict.

The current escalation is just another proof that both the protracted and hot conflicts remain a major factor of instability threatening security in the OSCE area, which may lead at any moment to resumption of armed hostilities and heavy human losses.

In this regard, Ukraine reiterates its support to a sustainable settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict based on full respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its internationally recognized borders.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.