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**EU Statement on Humanitarian Assistance to the Donbas
Region of Ukraine**

Mr Chair,

We have taken note of the information just shared with us by our distinguished Ukrainian colleague, and we thank him for raising this important issue. I would like to recall our statement in the Permanent Council last Thursday in which we said that humanitarian assistance should be delivered through the appropriate channels in agreement with the Ukrainian authorities. The delivery of humanitarian aid can only be carried out with due respect for the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

We will come back to this issue soon.