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**Item 4 – Interactive Dialogue with Independent International Commission of Inquiry on  
Ukraine**

**Statement by Jean-François Kammer, Deputy Permanent Observer**  
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Mr President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

The Order of Malta welcomes the report by the President of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine and shares its conclusions.

Since more than a year now the Order of Malta deplors the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and is engaged in alleviating this unacceptable human suffering.

We reiterate here our appeal for the respect of international humanitarian and human rights law by all parties involved. We remain concerned by the attacks on civilian populations and vital infrastructures, as well as by the impediments to humanitarian access.

In addition, the International Community must also ensure that any food insecurity be avoided and by no means be used as a tool of war.

The Order of Malta carries out numerous initiatives regarding health and social care services all over the country. It will continue to provide humanitarian aid in Ukraine and assistance to refugees, also in neighboring countries, as long as necessary.

Thank You