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**Item 10 – Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner’s oral update on Ukraine**

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**Statement by Jean-François Kammer, Deputy Permanent Observer**

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Mr President,

High Commissioner,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks the High Commissioner for his update and shares his conclusions.

Since more than one year now we deplore the ongoing war in Ukraine and have appealed to all parties to respect international humanitarian and human rights law.

The Order of Malta has been engaged from the outset in an important humanitarian action to alleviate the enormous human suffering of the people in Ukraine, and of the refugees in neighboring countries.

Malteser International, our international relief agency, together with our national entities and partners, have delivered more than 6,100 tons of basic humanitarian aid in about 65 Ukrainian cities, built shelters for housing IDP's, restored 130 houses in the most affected regions, handed nearly 500 generators to communities in Eastern Ukraine and 15 large ones to the National Emergency Service.

In order to improve the psychological stability and mental health of the affected population, specialised psychological assistance is provided in safe spaces and benefited until now 8.800 people. We also equipped the emergency hospital in Lviv with a prosthesis laboratory where already numerous patients have been fitted with prostheses. Furthermore 2,122 people were trained in first aid. Our humanitarian assistance focuses on the respect of human rights. In this spirit the Order of Malta is determined to pursue its action as long as necessary.

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