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Mister President
Dear Colleagues,

The Sovereign Order of Malta commends the High Commissioner for his update on the situation in Ukraine and shares his conclusions.

For more than one and a half year now we deplore the ongoing war provoking immense human suffering, affecting in particular civilian populations and infrastructures.

Once again, we reiterate our appeal for the respect of international humanitarian and human rights law by all parties, and for a secure and free access to all the regions concerned.

Malteser International, our international relief agency, has continued in recent months to ensure an important humanitarian assistance in food and non-food items to more than 65 cities and villages around the country, providing shelter and housing in particular for IDP's, and offering the necessary psychological and psycho-social support in safe spaces through centers, mobile teams and institutions. This effort will continue tirelessly.

As we continue to face the disastrous situation of millions of people deprived from the essential elements that constitute a normal life the international community as a whole should react accordingly and choose the way to invest into peace.

Let me in conclusion quote our Grand Chancellor, the Foreign Minister, in his recent address to the Security Council of the UN in New York: " there is no easy solution to this conflict, but peace remains the only way out of this tragic plight. We are aware that the process could be long, difficult and painful but there is no alternative if we want to halt as soon as possible the massive human sufferings and the war's negative worldwide economic and social repercussions".

Thank you.