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

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

We deplore the ongoing war in Ukraine and in particular the immense suffering the whole population must endure, together with the destruction of essential civilian structures.

As a few weeks ago we celebrated here in Geneva the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, we must now, especially in this Forum, repeat the crucial importance of international humanitarian law, and promote its respect by all parties to a conflict. For a humanitarian institution like our Order, we insist in particular on the vital protection of humanitarian aid workers in conflict zones.

Ukraine continues to be at the center of our attention. Together with Malteser International, our worldwide relief agency, and our volunteers on the spot, we provide relief since the beginning of the war. The Order has assisted more than 300.000 people at the borders, distributed 6.700 tons of humanitarian aid in 71 different cities of the country and provided psychological assistance and first aid training. We will pursue our efforts as long as needed.

Thank you