



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER  
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PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE  
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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 Human Rights for his update on the situation in Ukraine.

Since more than three years now we deplore the ongoing war in Ukraine and the immense suffering the people have endured. We have repeatedly appealed to all parties to the conflict to respect Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

With hundreds of volunteers in more than 60 centers throughout Ukraine the Order has provided humanitarian assistance in terms of material, psychological and spiritual support to affected people, as well as to the refugees in neighboring countries. Our humanitarian action in the country will be pursued as long as necessary.

As a politically neutral institution we pray that trust, which is an essential condition for common understanding and ultimately for peace, can be reinitiated and comforted among actors with the assistance and support of the international community. This is the only way in which to ensure that reconstruction of a devastated sovereign country and a long-lasting peace becomes possible and acceptable to all parties.

In this spirit, the Order supports all peacebuilding efforts.

Thank you.