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Mr President,
High Commissioner,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks the High Commissioner for his remarks.
Since more than four years now the Order of Malta deplores the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The civil population endures intolerable human sufferings as loss of life, displacement, particularly the forced displacement of children, food insecurity, and the destruction of about ten per cent of the national housing stock.

The Order of Malta, as a humanitarian actor present on the ground in Ukraine since more than three decades, is guided by the only objective to preserve human dignity and alleviate suffering.
Our engagement has reached millions of people through food assistance, medical care, shelter and rehabilitation services. In the near future we will in particular insist on strengthening rehabilitation and psychosocial support for amputees.

We repeat here our call to all parties to respect the human rights and the international humanitarian law, to cease hostilities, and to engage into peace-oriented dialogues that can only pave way to a reconstruction process ending into a just and lasting peace.

In closing Mr President, as we know that until now access to the annexed territories was not possible. What kind of efforts could the High Commissioner undertake in order to obtain in a humanitarian perspective such an access?

I thank you.