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NATO CONDEMNS RUSSIA'S ATTACK ON UKRAINE OF 24 FEBRUARY MORNING IN A STATEMENT

AND BELARUS FOE ENABLING THIS ATTACK

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USPA NEWS - NATO condemns « in the strongest possible terms Russia's horrifying attack on Ukraine, which is entirely unjustified and unprovoked. Our thoughts are with all those killed and injured, and with the people of Ukraine. » in an official statement issued by the North Atlantic Council Russia's attack on Ukraine, of this early morning attack. The statement also mentioned Belarus « We also condemn Belarus for enabling this attack. » Source NATO NATO Heads of State and Government will meet via secure teleconference on Friday 25 February 2022, to discuss the security situation in and around Ukraine. The meeting will be chaired by the NATO Secretary General, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg. He will brief the press after the meeting, from NATO Headquarters." Source: NATO. We publish the full text of statement issued by the NATO

STATEMENT BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON RUSSIA'S ATTACK ON UKRAINE------

« We condemn in the strongest possible terms Russia's horrifying attack on Ukraine, which is entirely unjustified and unprovoked. Our thoughts are with all those killed and injured, and with the people of Ukraine. We also condemn Belarus for enabling this attack. This renewed attack is a grave violation of international law, including the UN Charter, and is wholly contradictory to Russia's commitments in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris, the Budapest Memorandum and the NATO-Russia Founding Act. It constitutes an act of aggression against an independent peaceful country.

We urge Russia in the strongest terms to turn back from the path of violence and aggression it has chosen. Russia's leaders must bear full responsibility for the consequences of their actions. Russia will pay a very heavy economic and political price. NATO will continue to coordinate closely with relevant stakeholders and other international organisations including the EU.

Russia's actions pose a serious threat to Euro-Atlantic security, and they will have geostrategic consequences. NATO will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and defence of all Allies. We are deploying additional defensive land and air forces to the eastern part of the Alliance, as well as additional maritime assets. We have increased the readiness of our forces to respond to all contingencies. Today, we have held consultations under Article 4 of the Washington Treaty. We have decided, in line with our defensive planning to protect all Allies, to take additional steps to further strengthen deterrence and defence across the Alliance. Our measures are and remain preventive, proportionate and non-escalatory.

Our commitment to Article 5 of the Washington Treaty is iron-clad. We stand united to defend each other. » Source: NATO

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