

A Joint Statement from Canada, Georgia, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America at the 62nd Working Group on Strategies and Review

I will read a statement on behalf of Canada, Georgia, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

It is now over two years since Russia launched its full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine.

Russia's assault on Ukraine is an unprovoked, premeditated and barbaric attack against a sovereign democratic state.

We condemn the ongoing attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure and widespread destruction, caused by Russia's aggression against Ukraine. This includes significant environmental impacts and transboundary harm.

We stand united in condemning the Russian government's reprehensible actions, which are an egregious violation of international law and the UN Charter.

We call once again on Russia to comply with international law, cease all hostilities in Ukraine, withdraw its troops, and facilitate the rapid, safe, and unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to those in need in Ukraine.

Our thoughts remain steadfastly with the people of Ukraine.

Thank you Chair.