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Brunei Darussalam expresses concern over the escalation of tensions and military actions in Ukraine, and continues to closely monitor developments in the country. Brunei Darussalam condemns any violation of sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of any country, and reiterates the importance of upholding the principles of a rules-based framework and respect for international law. Brunei Darussalam calls on all parties directly involved to de-escalate tensions and refrain from acts that may aggravate the situation further, and settle all differences by peaceful means, without resorting to the threat or use of force, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law, in the interest of maintaining international peace and stability. (1)

This is our statement from Brunei Darussalam, which condemns the use of force and underlines the importance of sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. it is exactly these principles which have been violated by Russia's annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol in 2014, and by the decision to send Russian troops across the border in an unprovoked act of war. all of our countries have substantial Ukrainian populations, living and working peacefully alongside their neighbors – also with the substantial number of their Russia-born neighbors. They now live in horror and fear for their parents, siblings and friends back home.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Russia has ignored multiple offers of a diplomatic way forward, including through the Minsk Agreements unanimously endorsed by the UN Security Council. It attacked Ukraine literally during an UN Security Council meeting, and while the UN Secretary-General was appealing to President Putin to maintain the peace. we condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and call on Russia to stop the attack. We wholeheartedly support UN Secretary-General Guterres's request for Russia to withdraw from Ukraine before this develops into a global crisis. no one country can rob another of its history, independence, and principles. What happens in the next weeks will have lasting consequences for Ukraine and for all of us. we stand by Ukraine and reiterate our unwavering commitment to its territorial integrity and sovereignty. With the Government of Brunei, we underline the importance of upholding the rules-based framework and respect for international law.

1 http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Lists/Press%20Room/news.aspx?id=969&source=http://mofat_prod.egc.gov.bn/site/home.aspx

Also, we believe that there is still room for a peaceful dialogue to prevent the situation from getting out of control. For peace, security, and harmonious co-existence to prevail, it is the responsibility of all parties to uphold the principles of mutual respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and equal rights of all nations.