

Statement of H.E. Jan LIPAVSKÝ,
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- The Czech Republic **strongly condemns Russia's unprovoked and unjustifiable act of aggression** against Ukraine.
- Russia has chosen **the path of violence against a sovereign, independent and democratic country.**
- This attack represents a **flagrant violation** of fundamental principles of international law and OSCE principles and commitments.
- This is **an attack on the rules based order** and a **serious threat to Euro – Atlantic security.**
- We **urge Russia to immediately stop its military aggression** and respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- We **stand firmly with the people of Ukraine.** Our Government will provide additional material and humanitarian help in the amount of 12 000 000 EUR to **support Ukraine.**
- **Russia will face the response of the international community** and most severe consequences of its acts and behavior.
- **All OSCE personnel** currently present on Ukrainian ground, as an impartial international element, **must be granted safety and security and must be treated accordingly.**
- Mr. Chairman, I kindly ask for this statement to be attached to the journal of the day. Thank you.