



Statement by H.E. Helga Hauksdóttir
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iceland
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Thank you, Madame Chair,

Iceland fully aligns with the statement of the European Union and would like to add the following remarks in national capacity.

Iceland strongly condemns the Russian Federation's provocative behaviour in the Baltic Sea region and its ongoing malign activities across Europe.

The Russian Federation's unilateral removal of over 20 light buoys from the Narva River, placed by Estonia to demarcate the border with Russia, is unacceptable. We echo the demand for an explanation and their immediate return.

Iceland is following the situation closely and urges the Russian Federation to immediately cease its provocative and belligerent behaviour.

Iceland firmly stands in solidarity with our Nordic-Baltic friends and allies, Estonia, Finland, and Lithuania.

I thank you.