

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Statement delivered in the closing plenary of the Resumed Fifth Meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-5.2) on the item on preparation of decisions and outcomes:

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Russia's assault on Ukraine is an unprovoked, premeditated and needless attack against a sovereign democratic state. The UK and our international partners stand united in condemning the Russian government's reprehensible actions, which are an egregious violation of international law and the UN Charter. We also condemn Belarus for enabling this attack.

Our thoughts are with all those killed and injured, and with the people of Ukraine.

The UK will not compromise on our commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

On the resolution on equitable geographic distribution, as has been said by others, though negotiators have worked hard over many days we do not feel that this resolution should be taken further by UNEA but should be taken forward by the 5th Committee as the proper place for issues related to staffing.

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