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Statement of Federation of Poles in Great Britain on the anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion on Ukraine

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Today marks the one-year anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, a tragic event that has caused immense suffering to the Ukrainian people. On this solemn occasion, Polish people would like to express our support and admiration for the bravery of the Ukrainian people in opposing this aggression.

Together with the whole world, we are deeply shocked and appalled by the atrocities committed by Russian forces against innocent civilians, including women and children, during the ongoing war in Ukraine. The deliberate targeting of non-combatants and the use of indiscriminate violence is a violation of international law and a clear violation of human rights. We call for those responsible to be held accountable for their crimes.

The Ukrainian people have shown incredible resilience in the face of adversity, and their unwavering determination to protect freedom and democracy is an inspiration to us all. The Polish people, in the UK and all over the world, stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. We want the Ukrainian people to know that they are not alone in this struggle. We support their efforts to defend their freedom and independence and territorial integrity, and we hope that the war will end soon with Ukraine liberating all its territory from Russian occupation.

On this anniversary, we remember those who have lost their lives in the conflict, and we express our heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones. It is in times like these that we must strengthen this bond between our nations even further. Let us continue to work together towards a peaceful and prosperous future for a free Ukraine.

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