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Mr Speaker Norlén,

Mr Chairman Stefanchuk,

Excellencies, dear colleagues,

First, thank you for the excellent organisation of this important summit and for the valuable contributions.

As President of the Swiss National Council, I had the opportunity this year to visit Ukraine, Sweden, Finland and other European countries.

Such encounters are more than symbolic gestures – they are essential to better understand how Russia's war against Ukraine has affected European security across our continent.

In Ukraine, in July, I met people whose daily lives are marked by hardship – but I was deeply impressed by their extraordinary resilience.

Here in Sweden, I witness how Russia's aggression on Ukraine and the changed security landscape in Europe have led to a profound shift in national priorities.



More than eleven years have passed since Russia illegally annexed Crimea. For almost four years now, Russia has been attacking the whole of Ukraine – in blatant violation of international law.

Switzerland has consistently expressed its position: We call on Russia to fully respect international law and to recognise and respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It goes without saying that a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine must be based on the UN Charter, and there will be no peace in Ukraine without Ukraine at the negotiation table. Switzerland is happy to provide its good offices.

Please allow me to raise another topic that is dear to me. And let me say this not only as a politician, but also as a mother:

I am deeply moved by the fate of the Ukrainian children who have been unlawfully deported by Russia. These children were taken from their homes, from their families and communities. The abduction of children is not only a grave injustice – it is a crime against the future of a nation.

I want to underline that the Swiss National Council has adopted a motion calling for our country to join the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children.

Dear colleagues,
the people of Ukraine are paying a heavy price for defending principles that matter to all of us. As parliamentarians, it is our responsibility to remain engaged. Through our interactions, through our parliamentary



work, and by shaping the policies of our respective countries we can give concrete expression to our solidarity.

Thank you.