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OF GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITIES

Statement for Mediation and Dialogue on the Aggression in Ukraine

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, the indiscriminate attacks on civilians, the gravity of suffering of innocent civil population, the perpetration of mass atrocities including war crimes and crimes against humanity, the high risks of escalation and protraction of the aggression and the threat of cataclysm raise strong concerns.

The Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocities Prevention

condemns the aggression of Russia and expresses compassion with the population of Ukraine;

supports the recent initiatives that the International Criminal Court investigate both the current situation in Ukraine and the situation after the annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014;

invites all international actors to collect evidences of mass atrocity crimes with the view to hold to account the perpetrators of crimes and put an end to impunity; and

suggests the setup by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of a **Mediation and Dialogue Task Force** which will

- mediate between Russia and Ukraine to end the armed conflict and
- facilitate a dialogue between all concerned parties to help better hear and understand the views and emotions of the “others” and through that rebuild spirit of cooperation, sustainable trust, confidence, peace and security in the region.

The later the armed conflict will be stopped and dialogue on the future start the longer will last mass atrocity crimes, pain and suffering, the devastating economic, financial, political and human consequences, the rise of adverse sentiments and hatred, the divide of nations and the reconstruction of rules-based order across the globe.