



**AoB raised by Iceland on the Outcome of the Council of Europe Summit  
as delivered by Ambassador Kristín A. Árnadóttir  
at the 1423 Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council,  
18 May 2023, Vienna**

*Thank you, Mr. Chair,*

*Dear Colleagues,*

Yesterday marked the conclusion of the fourth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe. The Summit convened leaders in the capital of my country, Reykjavík, to stand united against Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to give further priority and direction to the Council of Europe's work.

We would like to share with you here today that the Summit was successful and concluded with the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe to adopt the *Reykjavik Declaration, United Around Our Values*.

The Council of Europe also established the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine through an Enlarged Partial Agreement. A historic achievement, 43 countries and the European Union have joined or indicated their intention to join the Register set up by the

participants of the Reykjavík Summit yesterday, 17 May. This is an important step towards bringing justice to Ukraine and ensuring accountability.

The Summit has reinforced our shared commitments to peace, security, democracy, and human rights and it is our hope that it will pave the way towards a stronger and more united Europe for the benefit of all Europeans, including future generations.

The participation of the OSCE Secretary General, Helga M. Schmid and the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Bujar Osmani in the Summit is also testimony to the importance of the long-standing, complementary relationship between the Council of Europe and the OSCE. A relationship that is grounded in the promotion of human rights, the rule of law and democracy. We believe this cooperation is more important now than ever before, when our values and the European Multilateral Architecture is under attack.

As yesterday the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir handed over the Presidency of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Edgars Rinkēvičs, I also take this opportunity to wish Latvia much success with their Presidency.

*I thank you.*